

Minutes Committee Officials' Meeting
April 10, 2010

Members Present: Shirley Young John Cull (Chair)
Sue Kydd Carol Cull Kathy Terlicher
Bob Cowden Lin Hopkins April Arsene
Alwilda van Ryswyk Jackie Barrington (Recorder)
Diana Hollefreund (BCA Board Member)

Regrets: Alice Kubek Laurel Wichmann

Approval of Agenda – approved as given

John shared card sent by Sue and the trophy he received for Provincial official of the year award – congratulations from all

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Clarification needed on item from Assignment/Upgrading

Chair's Report

Committee timelines reviewed – actions done as listed for March

- Schedule updated with correct dates – some date changes; Reference to Run – Jump – Throw meet in Kamloops is a “participation” event.
- Service pin requests have been sent in to NOC
- Nominations for NOC official of year and Wall of Honour sent in by Anne Lansdell
- Officials inventory not yet requested by BCA
- annual report sent to NOC
- List of Level 3 upgrades sent by Kathy to NOC

Budget Update

- Main items from 2009-2010 budget, money spent
- Some funds left for equipment and officials' meetings
- As of date no budget request made for 2010-2011
- Deferred donations available approximately \$4000; donations by South Fraser T&F and BC Secondary Schools T&F
- Cost of arm bands for level 3-5 officials donated by Anne Juteau

Review of Tracks

- John and Carol reviewed proposed renovations at Percy Perry Stadium; City is resurfacing the track after summer events, possibly with Mondo, would be first in BC
- Track at Langley will also be reviewed
- No news on what's happening at Swangard

Action: John will send the review notes to Diana Hollefreund

Rule Books

- Rule books given to all Level 2+ officials who were registered by March 31, 2010
- Many books were defective, producers will be notified; If problem persist, these books will no longer be ordered
- Start referee proposal will be taken to NOC meeting, April 16-18
- NOC Mentoring form was ambiguous. John and Jennifer Campbell edited the form. It should be easier and simpler to administer.

NOC Level 5 Recertification from Serge

Most Level 5 officials received an email with an attached quiz . Answers were to be completed and an 80% success score was needed to maintain Level 5 status. Failure to achieve 80% was threatened with decertification or demotion. Results were to be returned to officials within ten days, as of date, this has not been done. Many officials who received this email were outraged and offended. While many officials see the need to remain current with rules, many found this attempt to keep officials current to be offensive. John will request that NOC focus its efforts on support and send a letter of apology to Level 5 officials

Awards/Recognition/Retention (Shirley/Lin)

- 2010 recognition item might be a jacket
- Shirley will send a letter to Spratt Shaw thanking them for their support in the past and hopes for continuous support
- Cost of jackets is between \$26 - \$36, Shirley will check the cost of ordering 60 jackets
- Pins/Shirts – Shirley needs a list of officials who upgraded to level 2 in 2009
- No officials from the Island needs shirts but Diana needed about 20 pins

Action:

Kathy will send a list of Level 2 upgrades to Shirley

Recruitment/Retention

Laurel sent an email to officials to get ideas of reasons why officials remain in the sport. This will provide some useful information, and allow Laurel to expand on the ideas in the document that she has developed on recognition and retention of volunteers. Further discussion of ideas and projects to support retention of existing officials:

- opportunity to travel and work at higher level meets motivates some officials
- use of news letters, social functions etc.
- Encourage clubs to continue to provide gifts – pins, gas cards shopping certificates etc
- having floaters at meets to shorten the length of day officials work

Anyone with ideas can pass them on to any member of the committee.

John reviewed the recruitment strategy already determined by the Committee. Primary recruitment is through liaison with BCA member Clubs (and the VIAA). The Committee had agreed to emphasize support for senior officials as recruiters. The task which he considers important (for Laurel) is to assess the effectiveness of this effort, e.g.:

- has this message been communicated clearly to senior officials; do senior officials know that they are part of the strategy for recruitment? Some officials are very effective, others are not.
- what can we do to support senior officials in this recruitment effort?
- Are the items that we provide, like business cards useful?

Assignments/Upgrading Sub-committee (Carol, Kathy, Bob, April, Alice)

World Masters Meet in Kamloops was a success as seen by correspondence from athletes and officials – local and visiting. Bob noted that correspondence was received from all over the world attesting to the success of the games

- The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) originally requested 200 officials. 138 officials participated
- Bob noted that the initial contact athletes had with officials made a lot of difference to their feelings about the event. The friendliness, respect and knowledge athletes received in the call room made that initial contact crucial for the meet
- Carol noted that it's difficult to record the success of this meet to pass on to the next LOC of a major event
- Problems are often regional, for example, transportation
- She noted that officials were outstanding in their duties

- She felt that the food/transportation/accommodation were not dealt with adequately but overall hosting this meet was an excellent opportunity for the LOC
- Diana received complaint(s) from the Masters Committee (or the Road running Committee?) at the BCA Board Meeting. Someone noted that the half marathon officials didn't seem to know the rules. Unfortunately no one seems able to identify the problem.
- 12 evaluations completed in Kamloops, 11 were successful
- Teams were confident and worked well
- **Medical Services** (Lin) wanted to know what is the medical protocol at meets with the status of World Masters, she believes a standard policy is needed
- An official became ill while at the Hotel, and the cell phone for medical went to voice mail
- Diana noted that at the Summer Games emergency numbers are given to officials
- Carol had a cell phone but she received no call from anyone with a medical emergency

2011 Western Canada Summer Games – Kamloops

The Officials Managers (John and Carol) estimate that 25 officials from outside the local area will be invited, including 4-5 from the other western provinces. Travel costs for BC Officials will be covered by the Local Organizing Committee. This will be an opportunity for mentoring and upgrading

Officials' travel/mentorship (Kathy)

- A number of officials are on the NOC list to travel for experience and to upgrade to Level 4 and higher. Dave Short will be added to the list Alwilda noted that Martha Belicka is now available to travel
- Officials needing mentorship for Level 3 will be prioritized for the Jamboree in Abbotsford
- Any official who wants to upgrade or to be mentored should contact Kathy Terlicher

Travel Grant Program

Only one official used this program in 2009. This program allows Level 2 officials to travel to work at higher level meets to upgrade to Level 3

Action: April will post information about this program on the web page, with a list of eligible meets. Bob will review applications.

Education/Recruitment (Sue, Laurel, Jackie, Alwilda)

Interactive IAAF Rules project (Jackie)

- 40 multiple choice and true/false questions were received from officials who attended World Masters
- Questions were from all disciplines in track and field
- These can be sent to the technician who has offered to create an interactive web site with the rules for a fee
- The following information is needed – can the files be hosted on BCA's website
- Will we have access to software to update files/change rules/add new questions, and how difficult will this be
- Can we use the officials blog or write to word press

Action: Jackie will obtain information and report to the committee

Templates – Reports

Lin filled out the report for her recent mentoring in Saskatchewan. Comments:

- Form needs to say if the mentorship was done, and whether it was successful
- Form should be returned to Kathy Terlicher. If there is need for discussion she will bring it to the committee meeting
- Name of mentor should be listed.

Regional Development Reports

- **Zone 1** – Bob has contacts and he will see if they can attend the Jack Brow. Travel grant can be used
- **Zone 2** – April 27, Bob is going to Kelowna with a team from Kamloops to present a Level 1 workshop. He may also train a local clinician for Level 1
- Kathy needs the information from the Level 1 workshop which Alwilda conducted in April
- **Zone 7/8** – Tom Masich will be or has retired from coaching at Prince George T & F Club. Tom will be missed. Sue will send a card of congratulations for a long and illustrious career in track and field. John noted that Tom is almost old enough to act as an official.
- Jackie will contact Judy Gaiesky to find out the dates of the district school championship meet
- John is willing to send another team to upgrade officials for the north
- There is no longer a track and field club in Zone 7

- **Zone 6** – Level 2 officials not yet ready for travel
- Some senior officials attend school meets but some officials are not very active
- **Zone 3-4-5:** Level 1 workshop will be held in Langley on April 18, 2010
- Summer Games will be an opportunity for further recruitment
- An additional Level 1 workshop may be held in June around the time of the Mustangs Meet
- Display boards will continue to be used for recruitment

New Business

BCA Board has posted a document regarding changes in age class events. Changes for 9-13 age class will be delayed until 2011.

Action: John needs to send the names of committee members to BCA

Directories

NOC Directory and the BC Directory were discussed

Kathy keeps a second separate list of "inactive" BC officials in case they decide to return or their info is needed for some reason.

John and Carol will give Kathy some old historical lists to look over and see if there are some folks that she could add to her inactive list.

Annual General Meeting

- Date will be Sunday October 17 ?
- April and Sue will scout locations and caterers ?

Meeting adjourned at 2:15

Next Meeting

Saturday, September 11