

Minutes of the BC Athletics Officials Committee held September 11, 2010

Present: Kathy Terlicher, Shirley Young, Alwilda van Ryswyk, Carol Cull, John Cull (chair) Laurel Wichmann (recorder)

Regrets: Sue Kydd, Bob Cowden, April Arsene, Lin Hopkins, Alice Kubek

Approval of Agenda:

Additions to Chair's report on facilities, under assignment add meet schedule, Fixtures Congress and photo judges

Chair's Report:

Facilities-

1) Coquitlam: resurfacing and line painting may be complete- an underground stream impacts the stability of the track surface. Horizontal jump runways to be relocated- soccer shelters are being moved-Peter is following up.

2) Langley- resurfaced and painting done- - Ocean Marker doing all the painting of facilities, but has not replied to the request for a plan showing markings.- a meeting with the recreation department is scheduled, looking at renovation of the throws cage- developing tie downs for Paralympic throwers

3) Mercer Stadium- resurfacing started- quality of work is unknown- There will be no throws facilities, at least for several years.- The area for jumps runways is very tight. Peter has suggested some changes.

4) Bear Creek- upgrade expected for 2012 Summer Games

Committee Timelines:

April 15- Web update done, list to NOC complete, directory listings done, FOX 40 award applications may not have been done. Shirley will follow up with Anne

August 30- third quarter update to web page complete

September 30- upgrading applications- some submitted but more to come and Annual Report in progress

October 15- Officials' Awards nominations in progress

Budget:

Competition Expenses and Mentoring are the major items to be settled. budget of \$17,000 reduced by \$700 from previous year. Only \$270 spent for workshop expenses

therefore there is some money for travel before March and for equipment- a wind gauge was purchased- a trundle wheel and race walk paddles were suggested as purchases. John will consult with Peter about the wheel and Kathy will look into the paddles. New donations received over the summer from Spartans, BC Secondary Schools , Achilles, and potentially from Sprott Shaw.

Correspondence:

BC Athletics has requested periodic blog postings about officials' activities at meets/events. Items from Zone 3,4,5 have been useful (basically posting of Carol's e-mail updates). Coordinators in Zones 2 and 6 have declined. Consideration to be given to delegating to someone within the Zones.

BC Summer Games- some organizational issues were identified at the Finish Line with the Photo Finish.- otherwise the Games went well- John is to attend a debriefing to discuss the issues.

Jamboree- complaints received about the schedule especially when additional events were added- some issues with accommodation for officials- meals and rooms not used still had to be paid by the HOC.

Q Series- new twilight series in Victoria- feedback very positive with potential for training of officials- this is supported by the Officials Committee. Tabled until the October Meeting.

Program Statistics- request from BC Athletics for statistics- twice each year BCA has to submit reports to Legacies Now Program for funding- summary sheets of workshops is requested and John will develop a template- workshop presenters need to submit reports promptly to BCA and copy to Laurel for recording- VIAA have been asked to register participants and submit reports.

The Committee should also submit regular report summarizing mentoring/evaluation sessions. mentors will need a form to record this, similar to the Workshop registration form- The Committee will need to develop a procedure, to ensure the information is collected and distributed. A Committee member will be assigned at the January meeting.

John will be meeting with Brian to discuss both types of reports.

Achilles Meeting- officials were heartily thanked for their participation at the Harry Jerome meet

Awards and Recognition

Shirley reported that the jacket order is on hold. Shirley is waiting for incentive forms to be received- required orders will then be placed- Kathy will send Shirley the list of upgrades for level 2 for golf shirts

Shirley will ask Lin and Anne to assist with nominations.

The Honour Roll is up to date on the website.

Suggest next year that smaller items are considered such as a pin upgrade (nice name badges for Senior officials). It may be possible to shift savings in this area into an expanded travel budget

Meet Schedule

The meet schedule was reviewed and noted that the National XC Championships 2011-2015 will be held in Vancouver. 2011 events will be discussed under Mentoring.

Assignments and Upgrading:

Three travel for mentoring reports were reviewed for feedback to the Officials Committee. The committee would like this form to be available as an on-line fillable form and Laurel will follow up on this.

Evaluations/Mentoring- list reviewed and updated

Noted that some senior BC Athletics Officials attempted to interfere with evaluations at the World Indoor Masters. This interference was not appreciated by the mentor and John will follow up with those involved.

Motion: to place a high priority on training and upgrading photos officials including supporting a National workshop at the BCA AGM; to include the entire photo timing and results process and in particular a review of best practices to create uniform procedures in the Province; and to support travel opportunities for upgrading. Passed.

An e-mail was sent to requesting corrections to the listings of BC Photos Judges in the National Directory. This is being considered by the NOC Vice Chair.

John will approach some BC photos judges with respect to availability for travel for mentoring and establish whether Terry Armstrong (Manitoba) would mentor.

John will request a National Mentors Workshop for BC in 2011.

Refresher list for travel compiled by Kathy and Carol for levels 4 and 5 who have not travelled for a long time. These names will be added to the travel list.

Name tags- a new source for tags is being looked into. however Kathy will order soon if no new source is found.

Fixtures Congress- to be held on October 24 at Sport BC- Kathy and Carol will attend. A key message is Clubs need to assist with recruiting, to create self-sufficiency at the community level

Reinstatement Requests- two requests received- one needs an evaluation and experience and the other needs credits. Policy developed to support decisions is

“If an official is requesting reinstatement after an absence of up to two years, the Officials Committee requires: 8 credits of work. If an official is requesting reinstatement after an absence of more than two years, the Officials Committee requires: 8 credits of work, and one of the evaluations that would usually be required at that level, and successful completion of the National Open Book exam

Travel Grant Program:

No requests received in 2010?. Tabled to October meeting for an update from Bob Cowden.

Recruitment, recognition and retention:

Expansion of previous ideas to implement include socialization time at the AGM; continued encouragement of recognition items from the Clubs for Officials since these items are very much appreciated; plan to support selected senior officials and Club contacts with a package of resources to support and encourage them to recruit new officials. This package may be distributed to some Officials at the AGM and the Clubs in the New Year when the season starts up.

Education:

Plans for a level 2 in the Fall in the lower mainland. Level 1 planned for the Seniors Games in Comox.

National level workshops- many were held at the Worlds in Kamloops. Plan to offer a Photo Finish workshop at BCA AGM.

Mentors- the committee will generate a list of potential mentors at the October meeting and John will then take to NOC.

New Business:

Restructuring of the Officials Committee- Motion to reduce the number of members of the committee to 9 by attrition. Eliminate the sub-committee structure and assign tasks to committee members.

To form an Advisory Committee to review agendas and minutes and to provide feedback and input to the Officials Committee but without the need to attend meetings. For example, AGM planning, awards, recognition items and mentoring. Laurel will draft a purpose for the advisory committee.

Budget:

Travel guidelines reviewed and motion made “to reduce travel funding for Provincial Championships and National Championships held in BC, when travelling to another zone. Funding to consist of repayment of expenses (gas bills, tolls etc) plus \$20 per passenger when car pooling. This will provide expanded funds for travel out of the Province. There will be few N or NC meets in BC over the next 4 years. Application of this formula to Committee members to be discussed at the October meeting.

AGM Planning:

Confirmed for Sunday November 14, 2010

10am to 2pm

Encore Restaurant Lounge

27279 Fraser Hwy, Aldergrove, BC

Agenda will include the Chair’s Report, nominations and election for 5 positions and a Long Term Athlete Development Presentation. John will follow up on the presenter. Shirley usually organizes a raffle of items. This is to be confirmed.

Propose that a resolution be presented and voted on for forwarding to the BCA AGM “to amend the BCA Bylaws sections 4.5 (c) and 4.5 (i) to include respectively “ A delegate representing the officials members shall also be entitled to vote (at the BCA AGM) and “An officials delegate shall be elected at the officials AGM.”

Next Meeting: October 17, 2010