

BCA Officials' Committee Reports
January 2008

The Committee meeting scheduled for January 2008 was cancelled due to weather conditions. This document is a summary of committee members reports, submitted electronically.

Actions - Jackie

Recruitment through web pages

The following Clubs have been contacted:

- Surrey Athletics – an email was sent, followed with a call to the President who promised to put a link on BC Athletics' website.
- An email was sent to South Fraser, followed with a conversation with Keema Baysinger who promised to talk to the webmaster and put information on their website.
- An email was sent to Universal, followed by a phone call with a promise to put a link
- Andrew Lenton called and promised to put information on Golden Ears website as well as the Fraser Valley High School website.

Actions - John

- Minor updates and corrections to the web page
- Contacted meet directors and others to obtain information for the officials schedule. The BCA Track and Field Schedule is not yet posted. Officials schedule updated and published on the web page
- Received a query from the Road Racing Committee regarding officials' responsibilities for determining competitors eligibility to compete (particularly Masters Age Groups). My response is that field of play officials have no responsibility in this regard. If there is not a technical delegate, the the Competition Director is responsible. Recommended that they ask BCA to appoint Technical delegates for Road Race or X-C Championships, if there are frequent problems of this type to resolve.
- Received a query from South Fraser T&F Club regarding acceptability of the "Eagle Eye" automated timing system for records. I consulted BCA staff, and was asked to refer the question to "the authorities". I referred the question to David Weicker, who solicited opinions from NTOs, ITOs etc. The general response is that "cheap and nasty" is "cheap and nasty". For \$5,000 you don't get a reliable and acceptable F.A.T system. SFTC had already decided to look for a consortium purchase of a FinishLynx system, so the problem has gone away for now. However, the Eagle Eye and Pyrobrite issue keeps coming around. The responses from "authorities" should probably be digested down and posted on the web page...so we don't have to go this route again. **Alice has agreed to do this job.**
- Received a query from NOC Member Philippa Fairburn regarding electronic publishing of NOC NOC. Consulted with BCA staff, and we agreed to post a link to the electronic publication, and a notice for each issue in the BCA Bulletin. Maintaining the print mailing list, and dealing with returned mail has been another

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annoying little job. Phil's follow-up question is: -are there any BCA members who do not have e-mail and require mailed copies? My intention is to say NO. let me know if this is incorrect.

- Reviewed correspondence from NOC: **Upgrading letters.** Janice Loewen's upgrading to U4 was returned. She had only 7 credits subsequent to attending the National Workshop. One more credit is required before upgrading. All others were approved. **Upgrading credits for R/W.** requirements have been reduced to reflect the difficulty of obtaining credits and evaluations. This is welcome. Call for Nominations. Two positions on NOC are available - V/C Communications, V/C Directory Deadline is February 15.....nomination form available from me, if you have any ideas.
- Prepared and printed material for the January 27 committee meeting, including - revised roles and responsibilities document, action items and agenda - schedule, budget etc. I have not received any responses to the committee documents distributed with the agenda, so i will assume that we are all happy, and are getting on with our jobs.
- Arranged a meeting with BCA staff for Jackie and myself to discuss the draft of the Meet Directors Manual...to take place on February 15.
- Attended the BCA Annual General Meeting, and presented the Officials Annual Report.
- Found the **nomination form for the NOC Wall of Honor.** This nomination was sent to BC Athletics in error. My understanding is that Anne and Alice have agreed to complete this nomination. The form is to be found in the NOC Handbook Appendix 7B...sorry, direct links to the document are no longer possible due to the structure of the AC Web page. Go to the officials section and scroll down to the NOC Handbook. The other Awards item to be completed (very soon!) is the nomination for the NOC Official of the Year. This is (as always) our own official of the year...the form is also in the NOC Handbook. I am assuming that Shirley will look after this.....or ask for a volunteer to help if needed.

Actions - Carol

Summer Games / National Juniors

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Meet</u>
July 24 – 27	Kelowna	BC Summer Games
July 25 – 27	Abbotsford	Canadian National Junior Championships

- I have spoken with Diana Hollefreund re: Officials for the Summer Games. She has already approached the following Officials who will be attending the Games: Dave Hopkins, Lin Hopkins, Florence Dingle, Tom Dingle Brian Beck, Dawn Beck.
- We have had preliminary discussions about which other Officials from the Interior would probably like to attend the Games and whose expertise would be of benefit.
- I have spoken with David Weicker to ask if he could work with Jason Swan at Photo Timing at the Juniors. He has agreed and this relieves the problems we could encounter because Kevin and Sue Kydd may be absent from the country during the time of the Meet. If Kevin is able to attend on one or two days of the Juniors then this would free David to do some evaluations for us.

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- I hope to increase the number of Officials who will be attending the Juniors this year. I have made a request to Gerry Swan for an increase in the number of rooms available (space for 30 this year – up from the 25 spaces that we used last year). I also hope to include more Level 2's from outside the Lower Mainland. This is a good opportunity for us to provide the experience of attending a higher level Meet (something we don't frequently have the chance to do) for newer Officials. Obviously – more on all of this later.

Action – Alice

- Greg Bush is interested in finishing his level 5 upgrading and evaluations, but will let me know in the next month or so if he can be present at the Can. Jrs.--it is his last year of employment so will definitely be doing much more in 2009!
- I have the contact name for the Indigenous Games in Duncan and will try to contact her in the next few weeks.

Action – Sue

- I emailed Greg Bush about the possibility of becoming a Level 2 presenter, and have not heard back from him. Will send him another email, see if that helps.
- I have sent out several cards to officials recently. The latest to a Lower Mainland official who is under going some real health challenges. Please send me any other requests for cards, some happy ones would be a plus!
- Kevin and I have had conversations/emails with Tom Hastie. He is trying to organize the BC Masters Championships. Dates have been an issue, he is still confirming, but may be back to the June 21 weekend, teaming with the JD Pentathlon. We have given him some scheduling ideas to try (and some to be sure to avoid) so that may be useful. The Masters will go on Friday night, Saturday and Sunday. The Pent will just be Saturday.
- We have also been talking with people as to rounding up some new Lower Mainland keeners to learn the photo timing system. This will be Kevin's last year to run the current system. He is willing to remain as an official, but is retiring from storing, maintaining, and developing the equipment. Not to mention getting up before dawn to be at meets two hours before the start, and always being the last one to leave. (We are quite looking forward to arriving 30 minutes before start time, with an empty car!) He will train people this season, and then after that will come to meets as the Chief Photo Judge if he is needed. Or as a tourist.

Actions – Laurel

- I have the application form (one pager) for Volunteer BC. Membership is based on the calendar year. Question still as how to proceed- should I go ahead and submit and be reimbursed or does someone at the office need to do this? If I am given the OK to do this then I assume I should also submit who our "Affiliates" are? I am also happy to draft up an introductory paragraph or so for posting once we have been confirmed as a member so that the clubs are up to date and I will continue to submit updates as opportunities arise as contained in our proposal.

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- I have created a spreadsheet for tracking of workshops and have entered the information that I have to date.

Actions – Anne

- As the Assignments/Upgrading Committee hasn't met, I don't have anything to report

Actions- April

- I have updated and circulated the data sheet
- Also, a sad note.....Madison's is now closed (Owner sold it and just kept the catering end of it), so I think we may need to put our heads together about choosing a new venue.....

Priorities for February - Jackie

Meet Director's Manual:

- The second draft has been edited and John and I will be meeting with Brian McC Calder and Sam Collier on February 15, 2008 to discuss the procedure for sanctioning.

Priorities for February - John

- Update Level 1 material and collaborate with Carol on updates to the Level 2 material.
- Distribute Level 2 workshop material to Greg Bush for the Nanaimo workshop
- Revise workshop evaluation form.
- Co-Present Level 2 workshop in Kamloops
- Complete National Jumps workshops (2)
- Finish painting the house (woops, sorry, wrong list)
- Post updated committee information on the web page, including the corrected date for the Officials AGM (Sunday, October 19)
- Collaborate with April on the Officials registration package....basically an overhaul of the news section of the web page...and updates to the various documents and forms.

Priorities for February – Carol

The BC Masters Track and Field Championships

- We have had ongoing discussions with Tom Hastie who is attempting to organize the BC Masters Championship Competition. We and he have looked at a number of dates but the conclusion is that the only suitable date appears to be the weekend of June 21 and 22. The Masters Competition would be held at the South Surrey facility. Ocean Athletics is also hosting the JD Pentathlon Championships at the same venue on the 21st so the Masters would piggyback onto this Meet using many of the same volunteers, timing system etc. This date does pose some problems because the Harry Jerome is also being held on June 21st at Swangard. This Meet, however, does not begin until 3:00pm allowing those Officials who are willing, the opportunity to volunteer at least some morning and early afternoon hours at the Pentathlon/Masters before heading to the Jerome. The Masters

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Competition will also be held on Sunday, June 22 and may also have a limited number of events on the evening of Friday, June 20th. More on this, too.

Priorities for February – Kathy

- Regarding the Nov minutes: Brian Beck should go on our priority travel list...Summer Games will be OK
- Aileen Lingwood has her upgrading, does she need to travel? I don't think we have sent her away yet.

Priorities for February- April

- 2008 registration package - I am ready and willing to go - at any time.....

Priorities for February- Anne

- I have a copy of the 2007 Island officials list and will check for those who would like upgrading and will also check for errors and omissions, deletions, etc. on the list.

Information items - Jackie

Education/Recruitment Sub-Committee

- Will new brochure be ordered with testimonial?
- Will take brochures to the Running Room
- Will attend upcoming Cheetah AGM and give my annual speech on the need for at least one or two members to become officials.
- Continue to take display board to events
- Would the Sun Run organization allow the display board at the Sun Run?
- Will continue to send information to the Bulletin

Information Items - John

Notes from the BCA AGM.

- The BCA Insurance Report was discussed...surprisingly, this is always a hot item. We are reminded that BCA accident and liability insurance only covers officials at sanctioned events. Officials that are participating in other events should enquire from the organizers about coverage...or check on coverage in their personal insurance.
- There are changes in AC Direct this year. All results will be uploaded to the National ACDirect database...this will allow rankings to be frequently updated.
- Presentation of the Officials Annual Report was definitely a highlight of the afternoon. They laughed, they cried, they wondered where the time went. They also asked what we are doing to inform meet directors about important rule changes...such as the change in seeding for lanes....i ducked that one. They were fascinated to hear about our membership in Volunteer BC....i advised them to contact Laurel for information and counseling.
- The new Technical Manager for Road and X-C (Maurice Wilson) was unveiled. Maurice wheeled out his annual report (based on 3 days in office). His goals for the year include: "develop an officials program for off-track events" and so we have several questions to answer: -who will be the best link between the officials

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committee and Maurice for this effort?

-what else do we need to do to prepare for this

- The CEO promised to fill the vacant Technical Director for Track and Field position by March 31....meanwhile, Ron Bunting works remotely in Kamloops on Coach Development and some Team projects. Nothing was said about the impending move of the BCA Office....to be vacated by March 31. No new location has been announced.

Information – Carol

Kamloops Indoor Championships

- There is the possibility that Kamloops may require some additional Officials for this Meet which is to be held in Kamloops on February 15 – 17. We have spoken with both Dave Short and Maureen de St. Croix from Ocean Athletics. Their club is chartering a bus to transport their athletes to Kamloops for this Meet. They will have some extra seats available (at a cost of \$65, return). If Judy Armstrong and Alwilda van Ryswyk determine that they need the help and are also able to provide accommodation and meals we may be able to save some money by having Officials from the Lower Mainland travel to Kamloops by this means. Back to you all on this.

BC Seniors Games

- We have spoken with Tom Masich about this Meet and about the need for Officials, additional to those residing in the Prince George area, to attend this September 10 – 13 Meet. Tom believes that he can provide accommodation and gas money though he is not yet sure about meals. He will get back to us with more information in the next short while. And I will be back to you.
- I hope that the Upgrading sub-committee will be able to meet soon in order to draw up a list of those Officials who are requesting upgrading / mentoring. We should make at least a preliminary attempt to assign mentors and mentees and to ensure that we are looking after those who simply require some additional credits at N level Meets.

Information – Alwilda

- Thanks Carol for all your information. I heard a rumour that the Masters might be going back to Langley. I guess you all know that we have a conflict on July 11,12,13 weekend as we have the J.D. Championship in Nanaimo and the 15, Juv., Jr., Sr. In Kamloops. Yes, I am sending a list of Kamloops Officials who have said that they will go to Kelowna for the Summer Games to Diana- e.g. Ken Serl, Wally Smeaton, Cliff Weathermon, my self.
- Did you know that Dawn Copping is now the chairman of the J.D. Committee and Rob Kragelj- secretary, and Peter Maryschuk Vice-chair. We are still discussing the height for 14/15 year old boys steeple chase barriers. Since the girls started steeple chase And the barriers were lowered to 30", we could now have the boys use the same height and possibly have more boys participate. More on this later. The J.D. Awards Banquet is scheduled for Oct. 28 in Vancouver as the Cross

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Country will be held on Oct. 27 in Vancouver. Could we hold the A.G.M. for Officials on Oct. 21?

Information - Alice

- The only other thing that I have--Ken Porter (who has forgotten more than most of us know!!) was really disappointed not to be assigned to the Jury of Appeal in 2006 for the Legion Meet, and in 2007 for the Nat. Jrs. I would like to request that he be assigned as Jury for the Nat. Jrs. this year. We really need to use these venerable officials while we can (and they can!!).

Information – Sue

- Kevin and I are probably going to be away most of July. Emily is in New Zealand going to school. Our plan is to go there to meet her, travel a bit, and then the three of us will go to Fiji for 10 days on the way home.
- Kevin is also not available the weekend of the Masters/JD Pent/ Harry Jerome, as he will be at meetings in Ottawa. And I will not be available on June 21, as it is the WGSS grad. I will be able to do the Friday night and Sunday if I am needed.
- This all said, I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the next meeting and then getting the season going. Everyone remember to sign up with BC Athletics!

Information – Kathy

- **Upgrades for 2008 - Level 1**
Cheryl Elke January
Wayne Elke January
Vera Swaine January
- All the upgrades are from Kamloops!

Queries and Issues

Parking Lot – Question from Stephen Barrington?

- If someone is a spectator at a meet and notices that the Official made a wrong placement when spotting a throw, what should the spectator do? Point out the correct placement and hope that the official is not offended, or let the athlete get an undeserving result? This will be added to the list