

Minutes BCA Officials' Meeting
March 2, 2008

Members Present:

John Cull	Carol Cull	Sue Kydd	Bob Cowden
April Arsene	Anne Lansdell	Alwilda van Ryswyk	
Kathy Terlicher	Shirley Young	Laurel Wichmann	

Jackie Barrington (recorder)
Regrets: Alice Kubek

Business arising from November Minutes:

- Throws meet in Kamloops, April 26-27 added to 2008 schedule.
- Approval for Agenda change of order.

Junior Development:

- JD technical issues not yet resolved; no change to steeplechase heights for boys. The JD Committee contacted Brian McCalder re: changes, no response as of date.
- Track and Field committee needs to look at height of steeple chase for 15 Youth boys. Clubs need to know that High Jump starting heights in handbook do not apply in Pentathlons.

Action: Sue will contact Maureen at Ocean Athletics to ask her to inform Clubs that the heights for High Jump in the handbook do not apply for Pentathlons; height will be determined on site.

Long Jump boards: necessary to inform Clubs that a 1 meter board for 9 and 10 year olds (and older Masters) must be taped at some venues (e.g. Swangard).

Volunteer BC – Laurel – no response from Brian McCalder.

Action: Laurel will call Brian first thing Monday morning to see if she can proceed with this venture.

Fridge magnets: Carol – more magnets needed for Regional contacts
Recruitment through web pages – some Clubs have placed links to BCA's website.

Action: Sue will send a note to BCA bulletin reminding all Clubs to encourage members to become officials.

Anne noted that Diana has a well-designed newsletter that she sends to Clubs in Zone 6.

Meet Director's Handbook – A draft edition will be sent to experienced Meet Directors for comments, and then placed on the BCA's website in pdf format. Jackie was referred to the latest BCA Bulletin for information on the results submission process.

Junior Officials' Program –

Action: Bob will examine the NOC Junior Officials handbook, and make suggestions at the April meeting on the next steps for BC and how the program will be promoted.

- The Level 1 workshop can be done on one on one with a certified official, since it might be difficult for Junior officials to sit through the current Level 1 workshop.
- Anne suggested that Bob can check Manitoba's website to examine their Junior official's program
- John will see what other Provinces are doing at the next NOC round table meeting.
- Clubs will be encouraged to develop Junior officials
- Officials may be involved in local school programs if requested
- At age 18, Junior officials can become senior officials.
- Sue suggested that they could also be considered for the Mary Temple Award.

Officials' Manager's duties: - officials' coordinators will keep a list of officials who attended a meet. This is necessary to verify results that may be needed for certification at future dates.

Information from Sue:

Kevin and Sue will be away for most of the summer. Jamie Houlton from the Langley Mustangs is interested in learning how to operate the timing system. He will attend a Level 1 workshop, and continue to work with Kevin Kydd. He has substantial experience that can be used for credit.

Education/Recruitment Sub-Committee (Sue, Jackie, Laurel, Alwilda)

- Recruitment strategy for Zones 3-5 will proceed with distribution of brochures. Avery labels with new BCA address will be placed on the existing brochures.

Action: Sue, Laurel and Jackie will meet to discuss the revamping of the current brochure to include testimonials from colleagues stating why he/she enjoys volunteering. A draft of a new format for brochure should be available for April meeting.

- Laurel would like to know, when workshops are held, where the workshop was held and the numbers that attended

- Kathy also needs to know the names of persons attending the workshop for upgrading purposes.

Chair's Report:

- Budget – John submitted a 2008/2009 budget for \$16,000.
- Actual expenses for the current year, \$11,199.59
- Draft expenses \$12,700, with outstanding bills, budget will be depleted by the end of the budgeting period
- Recognition program cancelled this year because of lack of funds. Money was spent on competition program
- The request for \$16,000 will accommodate the increased cost of training the new Level 1 officials, costs of travel for National Juniors, and restore the recognition program.
- Record cards, business cards and the volunteer brochure will be reprinted with the new BCA contact information
- Brian McCalder would like BCA to be involved with Sport BC Power of Sport Tour in Kelowna; April 21-27, 2008

Action: Alwilda and Bob will organize a Level 1 workshop in Kelowna. John will send an updated Level 1 package (to all committee members).

Chair's Action Items:

- Parking lot item – “what should someone who is a bystander do, if he/she notices an official making an incorrect call.” This requires much diplomacy and would also depend on who the official was and the relationship a referee might have with the official.
- Event feedback form has been simplified with a simple “yes” “no” answer to feedback questions.
- Level 1 workshop not yet updated. Level 2 updated and improved. New handout with list of recommended personal equipment is included. National Jumps not yet done.

Action: John will send a Level 2 instructor's kit to Bob Cowden for Zone 1,2

Action: John will send the current BCA members' list to all committee members

Assignments/Upgrading Committee (Carol, Kathy, April, Anne, Alice)

- Anne sent a list of Zone 6 officials to Carol indicating some upgrading needs.

Action: Anne needs to contact some officials on the Island for upgrades. Anne will contact Greg re: upgrading

- Carol met with Kathy and went through the list of officials who would like to upgrade.
- When upgrading to Level 4, NOC requires 8 credits after taking a National workshop
- This is difficult for officials in BC since there are no indoor meets in the winter
- Anne suggested to keep the rule as is
- Kathy suggested that discretion needs to be used if rule is to be kept as is
- Bob noted that if the rule remains, it should state “at a designated time and place”
- John will try to get the NOC committee to soften the language, e.g. reduce to 4 credits
- Competition schedule was corrected to show the Kamloops Centennial being held on May 10-11, 2008
- Kamloops throws Meet on April 26-27, 2008 needs to be added to list
- Alice is currently the officials coordinator for the Dogwood meet

Subcommittee Reports:

- Carol reported on the Long term athlete development program – Sport for Life Committee
- BCA needs a member for this committee, which is an advisory body. There will be 4 meetings – April/May; October/November; April/May, 2009; and July/August, 2009
- Process began in 2007 when changes were made to the 14-15 year old and 16-17 year old programs
- Information for this committee is on Athletic Canada’s website
- Anne is interested in joining the committee

Action: John will contact other officials to see if anyone would like to join the committee

Carol – Summer Games

- 12 Officials are usually funded for Summer Games from Summer Games budget
- There is a conflict with the JD Pentathlon and Harry Jerome.
- If the Pentathlon starts at 10 A.M., this might allow some officials to attend both venues
- BCA is offering a Road Race Measuring workshop. Participants will be encouraged to join BC Athletics as officials.
- At the present time, the Feedback form cannot be attached to the Sanction application form.
- “Lost sheep list” – each region can be responsible for locating members and checking up on them
- John will list officials with discipline on the website without contact information.
- For the Canadian Juniors, Officials from Zones 3-5 will be contacted to see who is available. Qualified officials in other zones will be contacted. Valley Royals have given space for 30 officials, up from 25 last year
- Anne is the officials coordinator for the North American Indigenous Games and has a list of officials who will be attending
- BCA officials’ funds will cover expenses for Championship events, and local sanctioned events
- Valley Royals is bidding for the 2009-2010 Canadian Track and Field Championships.
- Kamloops is bidding for the World Indoors Masters, 2010

Registration Package: - April

- Package has been reworked. Link added to expenses form
- Handbooks will be given to current BCA members, Level 2+
- Information will go to everyone on current membership list

Awards and Recognition:

- Shirley will contact potential sponsors.
- Awards nomination forms have been posted.
- New Level 1 officials with BCA membership will get a name tag
- If the 2008/2009 proposed budget is approved, member officials upgrading to Level 2 in 2008 will receive uniform golf shirt.

Motion: To present a uniform golf shirt to member officials who upgraded to Level 2 in 2007

M/S/C. Anne Lansdell/Alwilda van Ryswyk

Discussion:

- Laurel felt that this might be setting a precedent for the recognition program
- Will Junior officials receive recognition items? Bob will make a recommendation at the April meeting.

Action: Shirley will look into possible items that will cost approximately \$30 for Level 3+ officials for 2008.

Technical Committee:

Nanaimo Track and Field Club needs a shopping list to upgrade their stadium.

Action: Anne and Alice will discuss needs with Al Johnston, and prepare recommendations.

Other Business:

- Officials need to find out about insurance at school meets.
- Anne noted that Victoria has school volunteer insurance. However, what is the level of coverage in individual school districts for officials attending school meets

Action: John will contact Maureen St. Croix and Andrew Lenton to see what coverage is available at school meets in Zone 3,4,5.

Action: Bob Cowden will contact Kamloops School District to enquire about volunteer coverage.

- No further information is available for BC Senior Games, which will be held in Prince George. The Senior Games Society does not provide funding to the local organization hosting these games. Prince George will provide accommodation and gas
- AGM will be held on October 19, 2008
- Venue is needed for AGM. A budget of \$630 is available
- Kathy will check the cost at the Italian Cultural Centre
- Laurel will investigate a restaurant in Langley
- Jackie will contact the John B Pub in Coquitlam
- Attendance is generally around 40 people
- Anne would like to see officials nominated to some of the many awards that are available, e.g. Sports Officials/Fox 40 National Officiating Award. Anne will make recommendations.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 P.M.