

**Minutes: BC Athletics Officials'  
Annual General Meeting**  
Sunday, November 19, 2006

Abbotsford, Madison's Restaurant

Present: Wally Smeaton, Laurel Wichmann, Neil Chin-Aleong, Penny Roze, Gary Bell, Gary Tayler, April Arsene, Sue Kydd, Shirley Young, Janice Loewen, Dale Loewen, Peter Fejfar, Kathy Terlicher, Irene Hanson-Monnie, Jason Swan, Gerry Swan, Al McLeod, Connie Morgan, Mark Lillicrap, Bert Engelmann, Brian Hawksworth, David Hopkins, Sanda Turner, Karen Davidson, Alwilda van Ryswyk, Alice Kubek, Iain Fisher, Sandra Herd, John Cull, Carol Cull (recording secretary)

1. **Call to Order** – John Cull at 10:00 am

Many thanks were extended to the Achilles International Track Society and to the Valley Royals Track and Field Club for the very kind and generous support which they have again given to the BC Officials Committee in holding this AGM.

2. **Approval of the Agenda** (with additions and correction)

Note: Forms for nomination to NOC are available from John Cull or from the NOC website.

3. **Farewells**

Fiona Clarke is retiring from her position on NOC as well as from all officiating duties. We send our kindest regards to her and heartfelt thanks for her many years of dedication to the Sport of Athletics. Inky Klett – it is with sadness that we recall Inky's passing on October 20, 2006. He will long be remembered as a kind, gentle and most inventive of Officials. His mentorship and contribution to the Sport of Athletics are legend.

4. **Minutes of the 2004 Agenda**

Errors, Omissions, Additions: spelling corrections (none)  
Moved to accept: Peter Fejfar / Gary Bell

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

All items are covered in the 'BCA Officials' Committee Report 2006' (attached)

6. **Annual Report of the Branch Committee** (attached)

An explanation of the Roles, Responsibilities and Affiliations of the Branch Committee was given with respect to BC Athletics and to the National Officials' Committee (NOC).

Many thanks to our departing Committee members – Karen Davidson and Ina Wallace. We particularly acknowledge the contributions that Karen has made toward creating the recruitment brochure as well as our new sign-boards.

A Query was made by Neil Chin-Aleong concerning the possibility of incentives offered to clubs who increase their numbers of registered Officials.

The report focused on the following areas:

\* Competitions (Assignments, mentoring and upgrading)

It is the job of the Committee to:

appoint,  
assign,  
arrange for mentoring opportunities and  
upgrade Officials to Levels 1 to 3.

An attempt is made to provide Officials for all sanctioned meets. Our allocated funds are used to support and upgrade Officials. The following 'Partners' were acknowledged and thanked for their support:

Achilles International Track and Field Society  
Victoria International  
Valley Royals Track and Field Club  
The Royal Canadian Legion  
Kelowna Track and Field Club  
Marion Crowley  
Alex Reid on behalf of the BCHS Multi-Events Meet

Many individuals were upgraded this year (see attached numbers)

\* Recruitment and Education

(see attachment for a list of initiatives, workshops and clinics presented - including numbers of participants in attendance). The presentation of Workshops and Clinics is a part of the stated Goals of the BCA 5-year Strategic Plans. The target for 2001 – 2005 was to increase the number of Officials by 60 – 120 persons. The 2006 – 2010 Strategic Plan states as its goal, the need to expand our numbers further which will involve continued offering of clinics and workshops throughout the coming year(s).

An effort has been made this year to reach out to the Road Running Community through personal contact as well as by the inclusion of more event specific information included within the new Levels 1 and 2 Officials' Workshops. Representatives from Vancouver Island noted that a mentoring program for VIAA Officials has been initiated. While yet in its early stages this program is expected to continue.

\* Communication and Liaison

(see attachment for detailed list of past and proposed initiatives). We expect there to be an extension and expansion of communication through the means of email and the BCA Bulletin.

Individuals may increase their awareness of issues, information and upcoming events by:

- ensuring they are registered to receive the BCA Bulletin
- visiting the NOC web page

The Officials' Incentive Programme will continue, though some changes are expected for 2007. Sue Kydd requests that all Officials, please, keep her aware of events that should be acknowledged.

\* Technical Standards and procedures for Competitions

(see attached for initiatives and continuing activities in this area as well as a review of the positive aspects of competitions and venues and those areas where further attention is still required). Many thanks were extended to Peter Fejfar for his ongoing effort and expertise in assessment and review of stadia in several areas throughout the Province.

Thanks also to Ron Bunting for his very positive association with the Officials' Committee and his tireless efforts to assist the ongoing goal of providing superior competition opportunities. It was suggested by Bert Engelmann that the Meet Directors' Package should include information on scheduling as well as on the need

for volunteer staffing and training. David Hopkins noted that work has begun on a Meet Directors' Manual authored by Diana Hollefreund, Tom Dingle and David Hopkins. Laurel Wichmann suggested that the Level 1 workshop be posted on the Officials' page.

\* The Committee's Objectives for 2007  
(see attached)

Motion to accept the Annual Report of the Branch Committee  
Connie Morgan / Sanda Turner

## **Lunch**

Followed by a most entertaining and cleverly produced Slide Show of Officials throughout the 2006 competition season. Thank you, Thank you, April Arsene!

## **7. New Business**

### Elections

Acclaimed to the (2-year) positions to be filled:

Kathy Terlicher  
Shirley Young  
Laurel Wichmann  
Alice Kubek  
Jackie Barrington  
April Arsene

Those completing the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of their terms in 2007

John Cull  
Sanda Turner  
Sue Kydd  
Alwilda van Ryswyk  
Carol Cull

As the Committee usually has 12 members an additional person may be appointed by the Chairperson.

### Amendments to BCA Operating Policies regarding Officials

Motion to approve

Gary Bell / Alice Kubek

It was suggested that the Officials' AGM be moved to an earlier date (ie. September or October). This suggestion will be discussed by the Committee.

A plaque to commemorate Alwilda van Ryswyk's inclusion on the National Officials Committee Wall of Honor for 2005 was presented to her by Sue Kydd.

## **8. Adjournment**

Alice Kubek / Al McLeod