

MINUTES OF THE BOC MEETING NOVEMBER 17, 2007

Present April Arsene, Bob Cowden, Carol Cull, John Cull, Alice Kubek, Sue Kydd, Anne Lansdell, Alwilda van Ryswyk, Laurel Wichmann

Regrets Jackie Barrington, Kathy Terlicher, Shirley Young

The agenda was approved as circulated

Business arising from the September 2007 meeting minutes:

The feedback form that Laurel has developed for Meet Directors was discussed. This form is for meet directors/organizers to give back to us. It should be given to them at the meet by the Officials' Coordinator (or Regional contact). It will also be included in the Sanction application form for their information. Regional contacts will forward completed forms to the Committee chair.

J.D. issues:

Recommendations from the Officials Committee were discussed by the JD Committee. Alwilda will advise Diana Hollefreund that officials would like to see the decisions reflected in the JD Manual.

- . steeplechase hurdle heights will be 30" for both boys and girls 14/15.
- 1. high jump starting heights for pentathlon will be decided at the event, based on athlete needs
- 1. long jump boards –age 9/10. a 1 metre board should be offered, using tape if necessary. Some stadiums have a 2m. board, e.g. Swangard.

Fridge magnets

Carol will make them and distribute as budget allows—we hope to be able to give one to every registered official.

Recruitment through Club web pages

Jackie had reported some progress. This will be an on-going effort as Club webmasters frequently change.

Meet Director's Manual

This project is on hold as not enough staff at present at the BCA office to assist with some necessary components. John hopes to get it finalized in 2008.

Distribution of B.C. Official's Directory to Regional Contacts

All contacts have a printed copy. Peter Hesketh and Peter Francis to be added. John will send BCA Registered Members list to April.

Review of AGM minutes

John will send the minutes to Committee members after corrections are made.

Assignments.

BCA officials were active in all three BC Secondary Schools Championships in 2007. Keith Newell was invited to organize some officials for the X-C Championships in Victoria. Anne will call Keith and find out if B.C. Secondary Schools Association wishes to request B.C. officials for the X-C Champs each year.

Equipment

Officials will be encouraged to provide their own "small equipment", e.g. clipboards, flags, tapes. This will be noted in the Level 2 workshop.

Awards

Deadline for nominations was November 17. Shirley Young, Kathy Terlicher and Alwilda van Ryswyk will review nominations and select award winners.

Officials' lists

John will put a list of officials on the Web site; with their credentials, but without the Contact information. April will send John an updated list to work from. One member suggested that the Committee circulate a list of officials' cell phone numbers. A sign-up sheet for this purpose was circulated, but results were sparse. The Committee resolved to abandon this idea, due to practical difficulties in collecting numbers, and limited usefulness of a Provincial list. Numbers may be exchanged within each area.

Chair's Report

Committee Rules, Roles and Responsibilities

The document was approved as distributed, except for the proposed meeting dates. Sue Kydd will continue to chair the education/recruitment sub-committee. All meetings (except the AGM) will be in Surrey. The meeting schedule will be

Sunday January 27	Sunday March 2
Saturday April 12	Saturday September 20
Sunday October 19 (AGM)	

Budget

The budget is over-spent in all categories related to competitions and upgrading. Some funds remain for committee meetings and equipment. Costs of travel for National Juniors were high, as expected. The high rental costs of digital projectors for the National Juniors was a complete surprise. Any cost items for officials' expenses (e.g. travel to indoor meets) will be submitted to BCA staff for individual approval. The Chair has recommended purchase of a digital projector, to avoid on-going rental costs.

2008 Draft Competition schedule

The Committee noted another apparent conflict in the proposed schedule, with BCJD Championships (Nanaimo) on the same weekend as the BC Youth, Junior, Senior Championships. The high costs of servicing this kind of schedule will be reflected in the proposed budget for 2008-2009.

Sub-Committee Reports

Assignments/Upgrading Sub-committee

Haney to Harrison Relay. The Chair was asked to convene a jury to deal with a protest that arose subsequent to this event. No officials were requested to participate in the event itself. Hopefully more non-stadium events will ask for BCA Officials in the future.

The X-C meets in Victoria (BC Championships, CIS, BC High Schools) requested officials through Keith Newell. The Committee should be kept informed.

Upgrading applications (since the AGM). Riley van Ryswyk upgraded to Junior Official, Level 1.

Indoor meets. Alwilda reported that Kamloops has an All-Comers meet Dec. 15, and an Invitational all-age meet Feb. 15-17, which may be a National level event. Local officials will conduct the December meet, and no expenses are anticipated. Alwilda will contact Carol regarding any officials required for the February meet. Expenses will need staff approval. The draft schedule will be amended and posted.

Priority travel list (requested by NOC).

Brian Hawksworth—for level 4 Umpire

Neil Chin-Aleong—for level 4 Starter's Assistant

Steve Martin—for level 4 Throws

Aileen Lingwood

Other upgrading

Alice to contact Greg Bush re availability in 2008

Anne to contact Lin Hopkins and Warren Weicker re upgrading.

Action items

Items relating to the Junior Officials program were deleted from the list.

Supporting students efforts to get CAP credits through officiating will be entirely the responsibility of officials involved in School District events. Recruitment of Junior Officials will be done through contact with BCA Clubs.

Education/Recruitment Sub-Committee

Workshops—

Level 1 in October (Langley) was postponed—not enough participants. The session will be offered to local Clubs in February or March.

Level 1 in Kamloops November 21 will go forward as advertised

Level 2 on February 9 in Kamloops. John and Carol have been asked to present.

Level 2 in Nanaimo in February—Sue to contact Greg Bush

Resolved that the instructors will make up Level 1 packages, for the present.

David Weicker gave a compacted clinic at Malaspina College at BC Athletics expense. Resolved that workshop requests must be approved by the Committee; especially those where expenses are involved.

Alice to check with Maureen Parker (or possibly, T. Fougner) to see if Pacific Athletics would like a Level 1 clinic. Alice to contact Keith Newell to find out when he is going to do the refresher course for mentors and clinicians.

Junior Officials program. Discussion of alternatives for training Junior Officials. The current Level 1 workshop is not suitable for young people. The VIAA mentoring program produced several new J.Os without classroom instruction at all. Resolved to accept “sponsorship” of prospective Juniors by an adult official, who agrees to review essential training materials (Code of Conduct etc.) with the candidate and supervise practical training.

Action items

A Sub-committee member will be appointed to track and register for workshops. Recruitment items will continue as listed with one exception. Items regarding recruitment from retired persons groups will be deleted. This strategy has produced very few results. The Club Contact lists have been revised.

Awards/Recognition

Sponsors—no success so far

Awards for 2007 will be completed soon

Volunteer B.C. Membership. Recommendations have been forwarded for consideration by BCA staff and Board.

New Business

How do meet directors know who is officiating at their meet?

Officials Chair or regional contact should email them the list prior to the event, and also prepare a check-in sheet. This information is sometimes required for record applications.

B.C. Seniors Games in Prince George in 2008

Officials' expenses for Seniors Games are the responsibility of the Host Organizing Committee.

The next meeting will be at John and Carol Cull's at 9:15am Sun. Jan. 27, 2008

The meeting was moved adjourned by April Arsene.