

Minutes of BCA Officials Committee
September 20, 2008

Members Present: Carol Cull, John Cull, Kathy Terlicher
Sue Kydd, April Arsene, Laurel Wichmann, Anne Landell Alwilda van
Ryswyk, Jackie Barrington

Regrets: Shirley Young, Bob Cowden, Alice Kubek
Items added to Agenda – Fixtures, NAIG, BC Seniors Games
Agenda approved as amended

Business arising from Minutes

Kathy – Gene Sanderson's upgrade was correct
U-18 officials program description submitted by Bob
Minor corrections made, the corrected draft will be posted on BCA
webpage, will be sent to Clubs, newsletters and promoted by word of
mouth
The contact information for the U-18 program will be through regional
coordinators or any senior official in regions
Will be distributed at BCA AGM as a handout
Included in the Official's annual report
A revised copy is attached to the minutes

Action Anne will send a revised copy to BC Secondary Schools Sports
office

Recommendations on "external" awards nomination

Action Anne will prepare a list nominees for Provincial Sporting Awards –
Daryl Thompson Award, True Sport Award, Sport Canada Fox 40 Award.
She will suggest eligible officials and send names to committee members
for approval.

Active Officials in Zone 6 (clarification)

Anne has 32 officials from the Island on her list
10 worked actively at VIAA meets
Kathy has 76 officials from the Island on her list, 12 are inactive
64 should be available for meets

Chair's report/correspondence

Budget – total expenses to date \$10,040, proposed budget for 2009 -

\$15,000.

The bulk of the budget is spent on Officials competition expenses
John will try to shift budget items around to try to reflect where funds are needed most.

Draft Schedule 2008-2009

John distributed a list of the 49 meets attended by officials from April 2008 to August 2008.

Because of the conflicting dates on several meets over the past year, a fixtures meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2008.

John has 20 minutes to present to fixtures attendees.

He will emphasize - hosting committees need a Jury of Appeal;
complying with protests in accordance with IAAF rules; conflicting dates of meets are not in best interest of the sport.

BCA Committee meeting - fixtures

Some dates not yet known

Carol and John attended a meeting in May with Committee chairpersons and BCA board members

The meeting was held to discuss the possibility of making road racing Championships more viable.

The road racing committee wanted to open Championships to recreational athletes to compete for medals

This proposal was defeated

There will be another meeting of Committee chairpersons and BCA board members before the AGM to address resolutions

Web Updates

News, upgrading and other sections have been updated on the BCA website

National Clinicians and Evaluators Zone 6

No information forthcoming to date

Anne will follow up with Keith and David

John has sent digital copies of material for clinic to all clinicians in BC.

Display Boards

Action – John will buy peel and stick numbers to change the phone number on the display boards. These numbers will be sent to the Island

and to Kamloops.

Brian would like to know the name of officials, their level and their region and meets they attended in 2008. This information is needed by Sport BC.

After much discussion it was agreed that the region and name of the official will be listed annually on the BCA webpage. 8 committee members agreed, one member opposed.

U-18's names will not be published

Action – John will check with Brian to see if posting the above information will conflict with the Provincial Freedom of Information and Privacy Act.

Action – John will send Anne a hard copy of NOC directory.

Review of action items from chair's report

Most items on the list have been completed

Some items have been deferred for 2009

Some items have been shelved

Sub-committee Reports

Assignment/Upgrading committee (Carol, Kathy, Bob, et al.)

Kathy distributed list of upgrades for 2008

Level 1 – 20; Level 2 – 7; Level 3 – 1 and 1 provisional, exam not completed (exam now completed); Level 4 – 1; Level 5 – 0; National – 1

Level 4 upgrades need approval from NOC

There were 194 active officials in 2008; 30 were inactive

Officials by region: Lower Mainland – 76; Vancouver Island – 76;

Interior – 55; Northern BC – 17

Alwilda submitted more names from the Interior for upgrading. Alwilda noted that an upgrade was missing from the list for an official from the Interior

Action – Kathy will check to see if she has the information for the Level 2 official from Kamloops. (in my file)

Prince George needs Level 2 workshop

Officials from the Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island and Kamloops attended the BC Seniors Games in Prince George.

Level 1 clinics were given

John noted that the model of taking experienced officials to meets to present workshops and mentor new recruits worked well as a development strategy.

Action- John will follow up with Prince George officials group and organize a Level 2 workshop for April/May 2009

Action Items from Assignments/Upgrading committee

Greg Bush not yet available for upgrade, Anne will contact him again. The committee will meet after the Fixtures meeting in November to select officials for travel and mentorship

Alwilda would like to see more opportunities for mentorship at Club meets

Discussion

John noted that Club meets allow for mentorship, when there are no travel or accommodation requirements. The officials committee does not pay for accommodation, and anyone wishing to travel to a Club meet outside his /her own region would be responsible for his/her own accommodation. Sue noted that billeting is sometimes available. A Level 3 evaluation could be done at a club meet, but one evaluation must be done at a championship meet

There are also experienced officials who would like to be evaluated.

Some requests from this year have not yet been fulfilled.

Action – The Committee will meet later in the year to prioritize opportunities for mentorship and travel for both newly upgraded and experienced officials.

Education/Recruitment sub-committee – (Sue, Jackie, Laurel, Alwilda) - Level 1 and 2 workshops

5 Level 1 workshops were held in Prince George, Kamloops and Langley for 32 participants

3 Level 2 workshops were held in Kamloops, Nanaimo and Langley for 21 participants

John needs to know the dates of these workshops

Action: Alwilda will send the information from an additional Kamloops workshop to Laurel and Laurel will update workshop information for the AGM

Bert Engelmann will conduct a Level 1 workshop on the North Shore.

Recruitment through web pages

Not an overwhelming response from Clubs. Langley Mustangs Club has added information on officials on their web site

Action: Jackie will continue to ask Clubs to place a link to the BCA Officials web site in order to recruit new members.

Volunteer BC

Communication with Volunteer BC (VBC) inconsistent

One posting was sent for Junior Championship

Laurel was unable to find the posting on VBC site

Action: Laurel will try to log into Volweb.ca to see if she can find information.

Meet Manual:

Draft copy posted on BCA website

Responses received from several BC Athletics members.

Action: Jackie will see about reformatting the manual in color.

Action Items for Education committee

Sue contacted Maureen at Ocean Athletics regarding the starting height for High Jump at the Pentathlon championships

A reasonable starting height needs to be established

Carol suggested a practice height should be set and the bar lowered for any athlete who is unable to make the practice height. All other athletes start at the practice height or higher.

JD handbook is being updated by Tom Dingle

Officials must be prepared to tape in a 1 metre long jump board for 9 year olds and Masters in facilities such as Swangard

Consistency in height needed for boys and girls in steeple chase. No height is listed in BCA specifications, or JD Manual

Action: Anne will contact Maureen Parker to conduct a Level 1 workshop in Zone 6.

New Business

Reports on BC Championships – BCJD

Anne noted the meet was a success despite shortage of officials in some areas

2 new starters and starter's assistant did well.

NAIG

Level 1 and 2 officials attended

No accommodation for officials

Travel was reimbursed at \$0.45

Free delicious meals.

BC 15 yr., Juv., Sr. Championships, Kamloops, July 11-13, 2008

Scheduling done by BCA

Equipment and technical support provided by KTFC

Officials attending – Vancouver, 7; Kelowna, 2; PG, 2; Kamloops 25;
Volunteers 15

Mentoring done for 5 officials

Tents provided, warm up for athletes done in indoor track

Hospitality BBQ hosted by the Becks

Help from all officials greatly appreciated by KTFC

Summer Games

Many officials and upgrades done.....? JNC's note ?

Well organized, good accommodation

Seniors Games

Well organized

New Draft on Travel Guidelines

John has developed a simplified document on guidelines for travel expenses which will be posted on BCA website. Discussed and approved. There was support for offering a flat rate or gas money for approved out of region travel to non-Championship events....as a way of increasing opportunities for mentoring/upgrading.

Officials' AGM

The AGM will be held in Abbotsford at *Pacific Nights* restaurant, 102-31549 Fraser Highway, Abbotsford, on Sunday October 19, 2008 from 10 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.

Donations for door prizes from Clubs or any other source greatly appreciated

April would like ideas for a theme for this year for the picture show

John needs information from all sub-committees for his annual report

Action: Alwilda will ask Judy Armstrong to speak on her recent trip to Beijing

2008-2009 Goals

Active recruitment to increase officials to 250

Contact member Clubs early in 2009 to offer training; emphasis on Clubs that host events. Some further discussion of the value of this effort is needed

Create a promotional power point show and use it

Effective use of Volunteer BC

Create basic self-sufficiency in each region

Flexible and effective training delivery for Levels 1-3 throughout the Province

- Recruit Level 1 trainers in every region
 - Ensure a quick response to Level 1 training opportunities
- Create a training plan for South Okanagan, Prince George
Recruit and train Track Referees and Field Referees in each region
- Discuss and develop priority list for disciplines in each region as a guide for “career choices” by new officials...critical needs.
Develop event specific Level 3 workshops

Provide leadership at ALL athletics events in the Province. Use every event as an opportunity to promote officiating

- Respond to all requests...send a team or at least an ambassador
- Provide announcer with a text for public recognition of officials services
- Place acknowledgement text in all programs and advertising for events, print and electronic
- Display the sign

Action:

Sue will develop a script that can be used at all meets, bulletins etc. for recognition of officials

Umpire Manual

Action: Kathy will contact Diana to clarify content of document. When completed, a single, standard version, including the “common rules” will be given to all regions to include in the Umpires Folders.

Next Meeting: Saturday November 15, 2008 from 1-5 P.M., Surrey

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 P. M.

BC Athletics U – 18 Officials Program

Being a part of the BC Athletics and volunteering athletic events as an official builds a better community. BC Athletic officials are an enthusiastic and positive group of individuals. They support the development of athletes and enable them to pursue their athletic goals. As officials, we enjoy the camaraderie within our group of volunteers. We work hard to assist in organizing quality events and we take pride in our achievements.

As officials, we wholeheartedly support the U – 18 Program and we know that the youth involved in this program will make a positive contribution to the BC Athletics program.

The BCA U- 18 Program is consistent with the Canadian National Junior Officials Program.

Who are the members of the U – 18 Program:

- Officials ages 13 – 17
- They are registered with BCA and will wear BCA name badges, use the BCA Meet Cards, will receive other benefits as determined by BCA and are covered by the BCA insurance policy
- They will wear the same uniform as Senior Officials
- They will work as Level 1 and Level 2 Officials
- Certification (level) will be retained when they become adult officials at age 18
- All U – 18 Officials will be supervised by Senior Officials

Important U – 18 Officials' Attributes:

- Enjoys a challenge
- Likes to work as a team member
- Likes to make new friendships
- Likes meeting volunteers from other provincial divisions and regions of Canada
- Likes the spirit of volunteerism and community building
- Has an interest in athletics

Your membership in BCA U – 18 Program is important to us!

- Upgrading and certification will be the same as other officials
- Information is available on BCA web page
- Over 18 officials will follow the same protocol for all officials