

MINUTES OF THE BOC MEETING APRIL 1, 2007

Present were: Jackie Barrington, Carol Cull, John Cull, Alice Kubek, Sue Kydd, Hugh Morrison, Kathy Terlicher, Sanda Turner, Alwilda van Ryswyk, Laurel Wichmann, Shirley Young.

Regrets: April Arsene

Recorder: Alice Kubek

The meeting was called to order at 9:15am and the agenda was approved.

Previous Minutes

Minutes of March 1, 2007 were approved as posted.

Business arising from the minutes:

-Alwilda requested that mentoring also be in place at the B.C. Championships and the Centennial meet in Kamloops—approved.
Volunteer recruitment ideas (Laurel)

Laurel researched and presented ideas for recruitment and retention of volunteers—adults and youth. The following were discussed and approved as a way of strengthening our own program:

1. Revise the current volunteer pamphlet and include quotes from officials. Ask officials what they think of their officiating experiences
 - what made them start
 - what do they enjoy about officiating
 - would they recommend officiating to their friends
2. Continue the recognition program, adding some small items—those that would be inexpensive—fridge magnets, bookmarks, etc.
A **motion** was made by Alice, Jackie that we procure enough fridge magnets to give them out to every official in 2007. Also to any volunteers if we wish. Passed unanimously.
3. It was suggested that all of the Committee try to get our own experienced officials to encourage newer and less experienced officials to continue and stay in officiating.
4. We should all acknowledge the help of the Clubs in providing recognition at meets; e.g. raffles, and recognition gifts.
5. Laurel also suggested approaching schools, clubs, recreation centres, etc.
6. John has begun investigation of the benefits of joining Volunteer B.C. The annual cost for B.C.Athletics would be \$125. We could

have officiating opportunities posted on their website—John to pursue with Brian McCalder.

--Laurel will do up a feedback form to give to Event Directors\Club Presidents, to be filled in and returned to us.

CHAIR'S REPORT

-John reported that there were some concerns with the Kamloops facilities. Peter Fejfar travelled to Kamloops to check out both indoor and outdoor facilities. He had some concern with the throws areas. There was a safety issue which will be resolved—mostly with the shot and javelin areas. The Steeplechase will also be corrected. Recommended that the meet director of the JD Championships should produce a schedule soon for approval so we can schedule officials.

-the indoor facility is good and should be sanctionable which means that we can have some high level meets there.

Bear Creek Park—the throws cage needs new or improved netting
South Surrey –work has begun on the horizontal jump and shot facilities.

Nanaimo—as there is a B.C. Championship meet there we need to check that improvements have been done—Alice to follow up.

The event feedback process will begin in the Interior and on the Island this year. Forms are available on the BCA web site.

Kelowna Track and Field Club is making good progress in recruiting and training officials for the 2008 Summer Games.

John passed on to NOC the nomination of April Arsene for the National Official of the Year.

The National level mentor/clinician clinics—Vancouver was held Feb. 6th, Kamloops scheduled for April 14, Vancouver Island yet to be scheduled.

ASSIGNMENTS/UPGRADING

Junior Officials

--the student certificates will be out soon. It is difficult to track student hours and workshop participation as they go to different areas. Sanda and Kathy will prepare an outline (point form) for development of a

schools based Junior Officials program. Sanda to do an outline for the Junior Official's Workshop.

BC Athletics Membership

--after much discussion about costs and benefits of payment for registration it was decided that Hugh will come to the next meeting with some suggestions and motions to pass on to B.C. Athletics.

Officials Registration Package

John to complete an e-mail list for officials, send out the package, and post on the BCA web site.

--Alice to contact a few specific Island officials re meet availability.

--Alwilda to identify needs for B.C.J.D, B.C. Jr/Sr meets and let Carol know.

--grandfathering—to level 2 or level 3?—may be considered if requested—the Committee will decide on specific cases. At a minimum all must have taken and passed the level 3 exam.

--Kathy to review the NOC directories.

--April to revise the BC upgrading directory.

--Pacific Canada Series—Carol reported that she will know soon if there will be some representation from China. Most of the meets start between 4pm and 6pm.

--National Junior Championships—Carol will get the letters out this week to officials inviting them to participate. There is a reception at the Inman's on the Saturday evening.

EDUCATION/RECRUITMENT

—Hugh will track registration for workshops, and take registrations for Lower Mainland workshops.

--club contacts by the Committee—most going well, some glitches being worked on, most under way.

--Sue contacted the Langley Retired Teacher's Assoc.—there is one person interested so far.

--Alwilda contacted the Kamloops Retired Teacher's Assoc.—she had a couple of responses.

BUDGET

Draft officials budget for 2007-2008 was distributed. The Board of Directors has indicated that the proposed increase is to be discussed with staff. We have requested more money for travel in B.C. this year as we have the National Junior Championships and will need more officials from out of the region.

AWARDS/INCENTIVES

--Shirley is looking into a lapel pin about the size of a quarter for level 2 to level 5 officials who are registered with B.C. Athletics.

--we will probably have the good quality ponchos for our 2008 incentive.

--Shirley is to send letters to some corporations requesting support for the Athletics Officials—she will check with Brian McC Calder to make sure there is no conflict. She will also send a letter to Rona.

--Jackie is working on a Meet Directors/Meet Managers Handbook.

NEW BUSINESS

--it was suggested that we put information re officials' recruitment on clubs web pages. Jackie to draft and give to John.

--Sue reported that she had sent cards to: the family of Gary Tayler, a long time official from Langley who died recently, and to another official

--the meeting was adjourned at 1:05pm

Next meeting on May 6th—9am at Culls