

## **MINUTES: BCA Officials Committee Meeting, January 21 '07**

Present : April Arsene, Jackie Barrington, Carol Cull, John Cull, Alice Kubek, Sue Kydd, Hugh Morrison, Kathy Terlicher, Sanda Turner, Laurel Wichmann,

Guests: Diana Hollefreund (BCA Board), Keith Newell (NOC Chair), Jan Fransen (Kelowna Track and Field Club), Anne Lansdell (past BOC chair).

Regrets: Shirley Young, Alwilda van Ryswyk

### **Agenda**

The agenda was approved as circulated.

### **Business Arising From Previous Minutes**

To simplify incentive items the only item for 2007 will be B.C. Athletics Officials pins. The remaining items in stock will be sold off to officials at cost, though the golf shirts and weather writers will continue to be purchased for re-sale. Clubs who wish to make bulk purchases of weather writers will be referred to Gerry Swan for contact information. Kathy suggested keeping the fleecy pullover jacket as well. John will check with Shirley to see if this is possible. Sanda offered to look after these items if Shirley cannot.

Club contact list to be revised. Alice will contact Ina to find out if she will still do some. All to let Sue Kydd know which clubs they are now doing.

### **NOC Mentors and Clinicians Workshops**

- Vancouver Feb. 10 (David Weicker and Keith Newell)
- Victoria.—to be decided
- Kamloops—April 14 (Keith and David). Bob Cowden to be added to the list

### **Chair's Report**

#### **2006 Officials' Awards:**

Ian McNeil—April Arsene, Dave Coupland—Gerry Swan, Mary Temple—Sandra Herd, Ralph Coates—Keith Newell.

#### **NEWS from the B.C. Athletics AGM:**

- Steve Martin is the new Zone 3,4,5 rep on the BCA Board
- Kamloops indoor track to be completed in Spring 2007
- the 2010 Olympic Speed skating oval in Richmond will have an indoor track on the second floor (not banked)
- the 2007 Calendar of Events may be mailed to members

- BC Athletics officials have been invited to participate the Special Olympic Championships in Richmond this year.
- The BOC resolutions were all passed unanimously.
- Local travel rates apply within zones 1-2, zones 3-4-5, zone 6, zones 7-8. Rates are \$.30 per k for solo travel and \$.43 for car pools.
- The “little red rule books” will be a benefit to all officials level 2 and up.
- There is ongoing discussion re all staff and volunteers being required to undergo a criminal records check—Diana to report at a later date.
- The AC representative (Danny Daniels) reported that the National Cross Country Championships were well run.
- BCA Road Racing Committee resolutions were passed. We can expect more sanctioned road races in BC, and progress on establishing officiating standards.
- BCA is applying for the 2009 and 2010 National Cross Country Championships—probably for the lower mainland.
- The World Police and Fire Games are in Vancouver/Burnaby in 2009. They are not planning on going through a club. Fire fighters are running the track and field portion.
- The CIS X Country Championships are in B.C. in 2007—Alice will check on dates.
- Athletics Canada invites nominations for Committees. Application details are out and on the website.

### **Junior Development Report (Diana)**

Resolutions on changes to events in the JD age groups passed

### **NOC Report (Keith Newell)**

The Committee is slightly reduced from former years. They still need applications for the replacement of Fiona Clarke who has retired. The Committee is updating the National Clinics. Daniel Michaud and Peter Hocking attended a level 1 (highest) IAAF walks clinic. Peter Hocking and Luigi Giordano attended a level 2 IAAF walks clinic. The NOC budget is reduced for 2007; travel funding will be limited.

ITO Assignments (by the IAAF)

- Jane Edstrom (appointed to the World Championships in Osaka—2007)
- Alice Kubek (appointed to the World Athletics Final in Stuttgart—2008).

ATO assignments (by NACAC or CACAC) upcoming for Dennis Beerling, David Weicker.

Upcoming events

- the NOC AGM is April 21-23 in Winnipeg
- Oromocto NB has the 2007 Legion Championships
- 2009 Canada Games will be in PEI. It will be a challenge as we have no officials in that province.
- Moncton has the 2010 IAAF World Youth Championships.

The Committee was reminded to ensure that upgrading applications are complete and correct. If there any discrepancies at all NOC must turn them down. Keith advised members to be wary about multi-sport games sponsored by groups not associated with Athletics Canada. The “Out Games” in Montreal ran into financial trouble leaving officials responsible for accommodation costs, etc.)

## **Review of Committee Roles and Responsibilities**

Committee roles and responsibilities will be updated, based on the discussed points:

- all meetings will be at the Culls (Nov. 17 is a tentative date depending on the incoming executive)
- Madison’s (Abbotsford) will be the venue for the 2007 Officials AGM
- There was a suggestion that we have regional “get together” meetings in conjunction with meets.
- The Education sub-committee will decide on a (rotating?) chair.
- The financial sub-committee will be John Cull and April Arsene). Sanda also volunteered to help if needed.
- Alice will contact all officials who are supposed to have had evaluations to check on results. Officials must request (and get approved) mentors from NOC for all level 4 and 5 evaluations for upgrading.
- We need to establish start dates and current registration for officials.
- There was discussion on “grandfathering” for officials who come in having experience as athletes, coaches, teachers, etc. If granted a level 3, they MUST first pass the exam. The sub-committee will discuss this issue.
- John will continue to add to the forms library. Several items are already available on the BCA website.

Pacific Canada Series tentative dates are: Richmond June 3rd, Victoria June 6th, Harry Jerome June 8<sup>th</sup>, and Abbotsford June 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **Review of ACTION Items**

Action items distributed with the Agenda were reviewed and approved. They will be amended, based on the discussion below.

## **Education and Recruitment Sub-Committee (Sue, Jackie, Laurel, Hugh)**

- Jackie will contact Karen for information and order a display board for the Island. It will be stored at UVic.
- Jackie will be responsible for the display board in the Lower Mainland
- Tom Dingle will distribute brochures, etc., at the Island Series. We need to try to get more senior officials to attend these meets.
- Continue to use the B.C. Athletics Bulletin for marketing and recruitment.
- We will continue with meet feedback (from officials). Sue will help with this process in the Lower Mainland. Officials should complete the feedback form within a week of the meet being concluded, or at the end of the meet, and get it back to Sue. Forms will be distributed and collected by Regional

contacts in the other regions (Alice and Alwilda). We should consider including info regarding the feedback forms in the Meet Director's package.

- We may consider drafting a form Meet Directors could complete to provide officials with feedback on "how they did". This will be considered once our own feedback process is well established.
- We hope to work with the Summer Games Sports Coordinator and other BC Games to provide increased opportunities for mentoring, evaluating, and upgrading of officials. Diana noted that Sportability BC funds Diana Hollefreund, Tom Dingle, Florence Dingle, David Hopkins, and Lin Hopkins to attend and work at the BC Disability Games. The Games this year are to be held in Powell River. Diana assumed that no more than twenty athletes would be attending this year's Games.
- The Sub-Committee will continue to organize and track Provincial Level workshops
- John will complete his work with the NOC mentoring and clinician workshops.

### **Assignments and upgrading sub-committee (Carol, Kathy, Sanda, April, Alice)**

- Two officials (Joan Cowden and Brian Beck) were sent to Saskatoon last weekend for evaluations. Alice will contact and report at the next meeting.
- Carol continues to try to get officials out of province for mentoring and evaluations.

### **Equipment**

John will continue his work to revise the equipment list as well as purchasing those items which were discussed last year (eg lap counter, pole vault extenders, starters' pistols).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Club Registrars will need reminders that their Club members who are officials MUST be designated as such on the membership form (must tick all the designations that apply).

A reminder should be sent out to all officials that their names will not appear on our data base requesting upgrading unless they apply for upgrading with Kathy Terlicher whatever their level is—e.g. having taken a workshop does not automatically give you a level designation.

**Next meeting**—Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:15 a.m. at the home of John and Carol Cull.

Meeting adjourned at 1pm