

MINUTES OF THE BOC MEETING MAY 6, 2007.

Present: April Arsene, Jackie Barrington, Carol Cull, John Cull, Alice Kubek, Sue Kydd, Kathy Terlicher, Alwilda Van Ryswyk, Laurel Wichmann.

Regrets: Hugh Morrison, Sanda Turner, Shirley Young.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05am and the agenda approved.

Previous Minutes (April 1, 2007)

Errors and omissions: Jackie is working on the Event Directors' handbook, Gary Tayler was from Langley.

Business arising from the minutes:

Volunteer B.C.—John has discussed the idea with Brian McC Calder. BCA requires a concrete proposal from the Committee including cost and benefits before proceeding. Laurel is to contact a member of Volunteer B.C. to find out the "workings" and send the information to John. Some discussion as to whether the \$125.00 cost of joining would come out of general revenue or from the Officials' budget. There was also some discussion as to whether volunteering with B.C. Athletics would qualify individuals re hours needed in order to volunteer for the 2010 Olympics).

Feedback form (for Meet Directors' Use). Laurel will revise form to clarify process, e.g. "return to... The Committee Regional Contact or the Officials' Coordinator of the meet (if there is one) will be responsible for giving a copy to the Meet Director. The form will be added to the web page.

Recruitment using Club Web pages—Coquitlam and Kamloops already have Officials sections in their web pages, Langley will be putting an article in their club newsletter. Jackie will do a small article for the B.C. Athletics newsletter including suggested text for Club Web pages, and send it to Sue.

Volunteer Recognition and Retention Document (Laurel). The document has many useful ideas. We are hoping to use it widely in the Association to improve our use and retention of volunteers. Laurel will re-organize it to indicate the respective roles of officials, clubs, B.C. Athletics. Laurel added that we should give a short document to our senior officials focusing on their role in recognizing and supporting new officials. Some content of this would be—"recognize volunteers, do it often, sincerely, make it a priority, and be consistent and timely". John will suggest to B. C. Athletics office that they send at least an annual letter to the clubs thanking them for their contributions of volunteers, work, etc.

“Volunteer to be an Official” brochures. We are starting to run short of these. Sue and Jackie will work together to redevelop the brochure using new photos and getting quotes from a few officials, hopefully to be done in the next month or so.

BCA membership. There was discussion of costs and benefits of BCA membership for officials. The topic was tabled until our next meeting in September.

Event Directors’ manual—it has been put together by Jackie and Sue—a tremendous effort on their part!—hopefully to be out by the end of the season. There was some discussion—would B.C. Athletics sell this, would it be posted online for Event Directors to access? The document is presently 53 pages long and extensive. It was suggested that we eliminate the parts that are stand alone, most of which are already on the website, and just supply the links to these. Jackie and Sue put all of it in the document as they felt it was aimed at newer, “rookie” event directors who need the whole package, and it is aimed at those event directors who are doing one of two levels of meet—Provincial Championships or Club meets. However it was pointed out that if the whole package was there parts which need updating frequently would be more difficult than if there were links to those. The Manual will focus on Track and Field. John will update the technical preparation section on the webpage, and it was noted that there should be a “necessary medical equipment” section in this. John will also include diagrams for setting out throwing sectors.

Technical Sub-committee

Alice Kubek and Anne Lansdell are going to Nanaimo May 7th to do a report on the track there in preparation for the B.C. Juvenile Championships in July. The report will be sent to Brian McCaldar with a copy to John Cull. There is a new facility going in at Point Grey Secondary School—several members of B.C. Athletics have offered input as they are proposing lanes that are too narrow. The suggestions have not been accepted so far, and the facility may not be suitable for sanctioned events.

Chair’s Report

NOC meeting (April 20-22). John circulated a report. April Arsene was elected the National Official of the Year—congratulations! There was discussion at the meeting as to moving officials through the levels more quickly. The branch chairs made several proposals, but as they had no vote it was rejected. John suggested that B.C. Athletics follow Quebec’s lead, and organize Officials’ Coordinators workshops. This will be a good session at a B.C. Athletics AGM. There was discussion on junior officials and progression. Manitoba is the only province that has a comprehensive program right now. B.C. has a program in progress, hopefully to expand in the near future.

Committee Budget was presented and discussed. The recognition program will cost less in 2007, and this may provide additional funds for competition support.

Sanction form was circulated and discussed. It was suggested that the lane width requirement needs to be included.

Mentors and Clinicians Workshops. The Victoria workshop has not yet been scheduled (postponed from February). Alice will contact Keith Newell

Sub-Committee Reports

Assignments and Upgrading

Bert Engelmann has been invited to the National Seniors in Windsor. Carol is working on getting several officials mentored and evaluated at the National Juniors in Abbotsford.

Education and Recruitment

Club contacts. –Lower Mainland club contacts—some have been responsive, most not. There may be Level 1 workshops given at VOC, Ocean, Langley, Coquitlam/South Fraser (maybe), Letters have been distributed to Okanagan Clubs, but there have not been any responses yet. Several retired groups have been contacted with no interest yet. Diana Hollefreund and Tom Dingle are having some success with the VIAA recruitment program. Alice Kubek is responsible for contacting non-VIAA Clubs on Vancouver Island Central Coast...no report.

Event feedback forms. Forms were provided to the Regional Contacts for Vancouver Island/Central Coast and the Interior. Reports are expected this season.

Awards and Incentives

Shirley Young was absent but John circulated a drawing of the pin format, which will be our incentive item this year. Jackie will show Shirley several other designs, then Shirley will make the final decision.

-fridge magnets—will be basically the B.C. Athletics logo with the website address on it.

-surplus stock—for sale—only to registered officials. The monies received will go into general revenue (BCA).

-re potential sponsors. Letters have been sent to Rona, Scott Paper, Safeway, Army and Navy—no responses to date.

Regional contacts

-Kathy and April are continually updating the BC officials' list. The current list will be sent to the regional contacts for their input and updates. Kathy will be the contact for all officials who wish to send their info in for recordkeeping. Hard copy registration packages were given to the Regional contacts to make available for those officials who cannot receive them electronically

New business

The Officials' AGM will be October 28, 2007 at Madison's Restaurant in Abbotsford. John will send a letter to Achilles requesting funding for this function.

-meeting dates--it was decided to set meeting dates of the BOC well in advance, with review to be made closer to the meeting time (two months) to ascertain whether or not changes need to be made

-next meeting Sept. 22, 2007, to be followed by an end of year get together for Lower Mainland officials—tentatively at the Cull residence.

-web site—April to email some new pictures to Teresa.

The meeting was adjourned 2:30pm