

## Annual Report for Zone 3, 4 & 5 (2014)

Once again it has been an honour and pleasure for the past two years to be your Zone (Lower Mainland) Representative at the Board. With your support hopefully I will be able to continue as your Board Representative .Continuing with my Thanks. I would like to thank the JD Committee for allowing me to attend the Awards Banquet in late October. It was heart warming to witness all of the JD athletics receiving awards from our Zone (Lower Mainland). I would like to further acknowledge the hard work of all the clubs and Universities in developing athletics this year who had their personnel best (PB'S) ,made the BC teams , represented us in National and International competition . Go athletics Go.

A quick statistical summary of the activities for 2014 in this region: 7 schools meets, 24 club meets, 5 Provincial, 4 National and 1 International not included are the twilight meets and other meets that are not part of the statistics. 58% of all activities for Athletics take place in our Zone. Completion or upgrading of 2 more facilities was done. Good show and at times a little stressful.

A meeting of the Congress held in early November was the starting point of dialogue to address the stress of the number of meets in this Zone and the problems relating to the changes that are coming. There is not one solution but a range of solutions to make this more appealing for all concerned parties.

In my past reports I have tried to enlighten the clubs to review their goals and aims. For most clubs this is an ongoing adventure. It should be noted for the next few years this Zone will not be holding any National Events which will change the complexity of the region. We must continue to develop all athletics within our Zone (as I like to say "look outside the Box") and find solutions. Some clubs in the region will find these changes hard. One can only hope all clubs in this Zone (Lower Mainland) have started to look at future funding from other source other then meets, have a 5 year plan (in the developing stages) for upgrade faculties and equipment, and most important a plan for retention and succession of the club itself. This is not a new subject. It is an opportunity for the clubs to look forward by using the resources and expertise found in our Zone.

Road Running and Cross Country clubs in the Lower mainland has been growing expeditiously along with the number of JD athletics and Masters. The Endurance Project is running out of Burnaby Central for our elite distance runners. This year National Cross Country Track Meet was held in BC for the last time.

Changes are all around us. 2015 is a golden opportunity for us as a Zone to really make Zone 3, 4 &5 the power house in the developing the best athletics and clubs in BC.

Yours respectfully submitted by

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