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## Objective – Grow membership through organizational excellence

### Recognition

#### 2013 BC Athletics Masters Awards

The following athletes were chosen as the best in their category during 2013. The Masters winners were honoured at the December, 2013 BC Athletics awards banquet:

Masters Female & Male Track Christa Bortignon (W75) and Thomas Dickson (M60)

Masters Female & Male Field Myrtle Acton (W80) and Marek Glowacki (M70)

Masters Female & Male Road Running Marilyn Arsenault (W45) and Mark Bennett (M50)

Masters Female & Male Cross Country Juliette Christie (W50), Craig Odermatt (M40) and Tyler Ginther (M45)

In 2014, Christa Bortignon was named the Sport BC Master Athlete of the year for the second year in a row.

The 2014 winners can be found on the BC Athletics website.

### Membership

Since 2013, all Masters members of BCA are also members of Canadian Masters Athletics and can participate fully in all sanctioned local, provincial, national and international masters competitions. Masters members of BCA are able to elect or nominate a director to the board of CMA and participate in the governance of CMA. Jake Madderom is currently the BC CMA director.

## Objective – Provide a competitions program with increased opportunities and place more BC Athletes on national teams

### Competitions

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### Masters Events

In addition to all of the usual road running, cross country and T&F events that are open to masters in BC, the following Championships were held:

#### Road Running

5k - BlueShore Financial Longest Day Road Race 5k – June 13 – Hosted by Vancouver Thunderbirds

8k – Harriers Pioneer 8k January 12. Hosted by Prairie Inn Harriers

10k – Summerfast 10k July 19. Hosted by Vancouver Falcons Athletic Club

Half Marathon – First Half February 16. Hosted by Pacific Road Runners

Marathon – GoodLife Fitness Victoria Marathon Oct. 12. Hosted by Victoria Marathon Society

### **Track and Field**

Kamloops – February 14-16 BC Masters Indoor Championships. Hosted by Kamloops T&F Club

Kelowna – June 27-29 BC Masters Outdoor T&F Championships. Hosted by the Okanagan Athletics Club.

### **Cross Country**

Abbotsford October 25<sup>th</sup>. Hosted by Valley Royals T&F Club

Participation by BC Athletics Masters Members in these championships was:

	2011	2012	2013	2014
5k	44	51	53	56
8k	11	44	44	26
10k	81	96	98	49
Half Mar.	29	78	74	87
Marathon	22	28	30	32
T&F Outdoor	103	102	128	103
T&F Indoor				27?
Cross Country	62	56	75	52

In the BC Masters Outdoor T&F Championships, 6 Canadian and 22 BC Records were set.

In the BC Masters Indoor T&F Championships, 7 Canadian and 28 BC Records were set.

### **Other Events**

The 27<sup>th</sup> annual BC Seniors Games were held September 10-13 in Langley. The track and field portion of the games attracted 244 athletes aged 55 and over. The athletes broke 5 Canadian and 21 BC records.

Thanks go to all of the clubs, officials and volunteers that were involved with all of the above events.

BC athletes also competed and did well in the WMA Indoor Championships held March 25-30 in Budapest, Hungary and in the North, Central and Caribbean Regional Masters T&F Championships held in Costa Rica August 21-24. In Budapest, Gold Medal winners were Olga Kotelko (10) and Christa Bortignon (1). Silver Medal winners were Tom Dickson (1) and Marek Glowacki (1). In Costa Rica, Christa Bortignon won 7 gold medals.

### **Future events**

Next year the Canadian Masters T&F Championships will probably be held in Toronto in July.

Opportunities for travel exist for:

Canadian Masters Indoor Championships March 14-15 Toronto

World Masters T&F Championships in Lyon, France August 4-16, 2015

Canadian Cross Country Championships – Kingston, Ontario November, 2015

World Masters T&F Championships in Perth, Australia October 26-November 6, 2016

### **Planned Initiatives**

Work with the appropriate people and organizations to ensure that the various BC Athletic Masters Championships are scheduled for 2015.

Maintain the BC Athletics Masters records for T&F and Road Running.

Continue the process of nominating athletes to the BCA Hall of Fame.

### **Outcomes of the Initiatives**

In 2014, BC athletes set 73 new BC Outdoor T&F records (56 T&F and 17 Race Walk), 26 new Canadian records and 7 new World records. BC athletes also set many World, Canadian and BC Indoor records. Nine road running records were set.

Many thanks go to Harold Morioka who spent many days compiling the track and field records.

### **Other**

I would like to thank the members of the masters committee (Gerry Dragomir (Secretary), Harold Morioka (vice-chair), Tom Hastie, Bill Hooker, JJ Schmidt, Christa Bortignon and George Reilly for all of their work this year. I would also like to thank Denise Clements for contributing to our meetings as the BCA Board representative. Special thanks go to Gerry Dragomir for hosting our meetings.

Submitted by Jake Madderom – Chair, Masters Committee