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## Report from Zone 3& 4 Representative 2015

I wish to thank all the clubs in Zone 3&4 for the many events, many PB's and the hard work of the clubs directly or indirectly making this another very successful season (year).

The awarding of positions on Provincial, National and International organization from our Zones- Congrats -Thelma Wright , Greg White and Carey Dillen .

It has been a sad time with Members from these Zones "going home" to the cancellation of a twilight series in Surrey. Graham Dodd Zone 5 Representative has made the decision to no longer serve as its Board Member. I will truly miss his input which means at the AGM hopefully someone will step forward to represent Zone 5 or else we are back to only having one person to represent the largest and most activity populated region in BC that is Zone 3, 4 &5.

Changes to the boundaries of Zone 3, 4 &5 this past summer was done under the direction of the BC Summer Games Committee to align better with population of this area of BC .These changes were accepted at the Board. Please see the Summer Games Report or minutes from the Board meeting.

## Highlights as your Representative

I would like to Thank the clubs for allow me to be a part of their AGM program. It was very enlighten. What I came away from those meetings was that for years Zone Represents or Board Members were not at these meeting unless they were a member of the that particular club. What I discovered was clubs that embraces the whole AGM concept and others are not as formal. My concern is that with the changes in the Society Act and possible changes under the Governance review that the Board is undertaking there could be problems in the future. Having said I receive some very valuable thoughts either directly or indirectly from these AGM.

## Concerns from the clubs

Are we pricing ourselves out of the market and only the elite clubs that have a solid finance base will survival??

How will these changes in the new structure of the Zones (3, 4 &5) affect the quality of meets and meet the needs of the different communities?

## My concerns for the clubs

What affect will the Governance Review have on the clubs and its membership?

Have the clubs started to look towards the future and start looking outside the box and doing possible a 5-year business plan?

What is the relationship between the clubs and the Middle Schools and Secondary Schools in their region regarding recruitment of new members? meets and training sessions?

Are the clubs ready for the Vancouver Games next summer have they put it into their plans?

Funding for elite athletics going to Championship are going to be more costly again this year because we have no Championships in BC except the BC ones.

How as a Zone Representative will I be able to assist the clubs in these Zones to grow? e.g. How to get more clubs from the Lower Mainland to participate in the AGM or the planning of Meets in the Region to help the Clubs and officials to have successful and mindful meets to reflect the need of the community of athletics as well as the needs of the clubs?

Where and how to explore new funding for the clubs?

Where are the clubs in their development of Board Members and their club?

How up to date are the Club Directors and Meet Directors in the regulations of meets?

Are Clubs aware of the Administration changes to Athletics Canada, IAAF and how does that affect the athletics and the club?

How could we communicate better with each other?

How does our changing Society affect the works of our clubs?

What about a newsletter for the Zone that was posted on the BCA website?

Finally as a club representative could you and your Board review the report written by Garrett to help make the coming year be the best of best for everyone.

Submitted by

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