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Committee:

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Meetings:

The committee has met:

- **October 2019** – Team Selection
- **August 2020** – COVID, Team Selection Criteria, XC Calendar, uSports, BC XC Championships (Beaver Lake, Victoria, Oct 26), Fee increase, AC XC Championships (Abbotsford, Nov 30).

Next meeting is scheduled for September to discuss event status and October 27 to select the BC Team for the Athletics Canada National Championships.

Competition:

BC Cross Country Championships

The 2019-2020 BC XC Championships are hosted by the Prairie Inn Harriers at Beaver Lake Park outside Victoria on October 26th, 2019 and October 24th, 2020.

- At time of report, the 2020 BC XC Championship status is unknown, due to COVID-19. Mass gathering restrictions are expected to still be in place. If the Championship is able to move forward the format of the Championship will need to change. Committee / Staff will discuss with the Club, if they would host in 2021 edition, if 2020 is cancelled.
- The Prairie Inn Harriers are thanked and commended on a great job hosting the 2019 event. However, the event did operate at a loss in revenue. The Committee has noted that the fee is quite low and have proposed a small fee increase to the membership at this AGM.
- The 2019 had two shifts in participation numbers. The CanWest University athletes did not attend the event, attending their own Championship in Alberta, removing about 100 athletes from the event. And the event was held on Vancouver Island. With the addition of the CanWest athletes, the attendance would have been average for an Island held Championship. 2020 CanWest and uSport Championship has been cancelled and those athletes are planning to attend the 2020 BC XC Championship, increasing field and competitiveness.

Canadian Cross Country Championships

- 2019 National Cross Country Championships notable BC athlete performances and BC Team Performances. Available on the event site at - <https://athletics.ca/championnat/2019-canadian-cross-country-championships/>
- The 2019-2020 Athletics Canada National Cross Country Championships have been hosted at Clearbrook Park, Abbotsford on November 30th, 2019 and on November 28th, 2020 by a local organizing committee, comprised of members of various clubs from the region.
- 2019 National Championship served as the trials for the 2020 Pan Am Cross Country Championships, details below.
- The 2020 Athletics Canada National Championship was to serve as the trials for the National Team to attend the 2021 World Cross Country Championships in Australia. The Australian event status is unknown at this time. The event has asked it to be postponed, but status has not been confirmed by World Athletics.
- The 2021-2022 Athletics Canada National Cross Country Championships may be hosted in BC to extend the hosting period for a missed Championship or in Ottawa as they are currently scheduled. Current status unknown and will be discussed in September.

2020 Pan Am Cross Country Cup – Langford, BC

The Victoria International Cross Country Association (VICCA) hosted the Championships on February 29 at the Westin Bear Mountain Golf & Country Club in Langford, BC. The event was a great success, with representation from 14 countries in the Championship events, A USA vs Canada Masters Championship, an Open event and a School Competition. The hosting group is keen on hosting a World Cross Country Championship in the future.

BC Team Canada Athletes at the 2020 Pan Am Cross Country Cup

Name	Event (s)	Personal Coach	Hometown	Club Affiliation
Annika Ariano	U20 Women	Kyle Boorsma	Coldstream, BC	Vernon Amateur Athletics
John Gay	Senior Men	Chris Johnson	Kelowna, BC	Vancouver Thunderbirds
Kirsten Lee	Senior Women	Richard Lee	Port Coquitlam, BC	Mile2Marathon
Ceili McCabe	U20 Women	Sean Cleary	Vancouver, BC	Vancouver Olympic Club
Natasha Wodak	Senior Women	Lynn Kanuka	North Vancouver, BC	Prairie Inn Harriers

See following links for more information:

Event Site – <https://panamxccup2020.com/>

AC Results Release – <https://athletics.ca/lalonde-wodak-black-sigfstead-pan-am-xc-podium/>

AC Team Announcement - <https://athletics.ca/2020-pan-am-cross-country-cup-team/>