

**BC Athletics AGM August 2020**  
**Chair Report by Greg White**

The mission statement for BC Athletics is **“Through leadership and the delivery of dynamic programs and services, BCA drives the growth and development of Athletics in BC.”**

Over these past five months, the Board of Directors, which were scheduled to meet just two times, have met six times by teleconference or electronically. The decision of the Board was to continue operations and support the membership, understanding that the last five months has been a challenge for our BC Health Officials, the BC Athletics Clubs, Members, Officials, Board of Directors and our BC Athletics Staff.

In March 2020, there were 6 COVID 19 updates on the BC Athletics website, as we were being updated by the BC Health Officials, lead by Dr. Bonnie Henry. In that first month, there were so many unknowns.

In cooperation with the BC Government, viaSport, Athletics Canada, we have succeeded in developing a Return to Sport and a Return to Competition (In-Club) program for Athletics in BC.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of BC Athletics, I would like to thank our team at the BC Athletics office that over the past five months has done extraordinary work from the first COVID-19 update on March 12, 2020 through to the Return to Competition documents.

The BC Athletics staff continued to work full-time, remotely or when possible in a safe environment in the office to support the members, athletes, clubs, coaches and officials.

News updates on BC Athletics Website

BC ATHLETICS UPDATE - RETURN TO COMPETITION - July 28, 2020  
BC ATHLETICS UPDATE - RETURN TO COMPETITION - July 17, 2020  
BC ATHLETICS UPDATE - Return to Training Addendum - Updated June 26, 2020  
BC ATHLETICS UPDATE - RETURN TO SPORT - June 25, 2020  
BC ATHLETICS VIRTUAL TOWN HALL - VIDEO REPLAY - June 17, 2020  
BC ATHLETICS VIRTUAL TOWN HALL - PRESENTATION SLIDES - June 17, 2020  
BC ATHLETICS UPDATE - RETURN TO TRAINING - June 17, 2020  
BC ATHLETICS UPDATE - BC ATHLETICS MEMBERSHIP FEE UPDATE - June 15, 2020.  
BC ATHLETICS UPDATE - CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) - June 12, 2020  
BC Athletics Return to Training Addendum - Posted June 11, 2020  
BC ATHLETICS UPDATE - CORONAVIRUS (COVID 19) - June 3, 2020  
BC ATHLETICS UPDATE - CORONAVIRUS (COVID 19) - MAY 26, 2020  
BC ATHLETICS VIRTUAL TOWN HALL - VIDEO REPLAY - May 14, 2020  
BC ATHLETICS UPDATE - CORONAVIRUS (COVID 19) - #7 - April 30, 2020  
BC ATHLETICS UPDATE - CORONAVIRUS (COVID 19) - #6 - March 26, 2020  
BC ATHLETICS UPDATE - CORONAVIRUS (COVID 19) - #5 - March 23, 2020  
BC ATHLETICS UPDATE - CORONAVIRUS (COVID 19) - #4 - March 20, 2020  
BC ATHLETICS UPDATE - CORONAVIRUS (COVID 19) - #3 - March 16, 2020  
BC ATHLETICS UPDATE - CORONAVIRUS (COVID 19) - #2 - March 13, 2020  
BC ATHLETICS UPDATE - CORONAVIRUS (COVID 19) - #1 - March 12, 2020

## **GOVERNANCE**

The Chair of the Board of Directors is responsible for the Governance of the Organization, part of the Strategic Plan.

In the last year, since the AGM in September 2019, the Board was active and met on the following dates:

1. November 16, 2019 at BCA Offices
2. January 25, 2020 at BCA Offices with Committee Chairs
3. March 19, 2020 by teleconference
4. March 26, 2020 held by Electronic Correspondence
5. June 10, 2020 by teleconference
6. July 8, 2020 by teleconference
7. July 27, 2020 held by Electronic Correspondence
8. August 5, 2020 by teleconference

The Board of Directors elected at the 2019 AGM in September 2019

Director Events & Promotions 2 year term	Jordan Myers
Director, Zone 1 & 2 2 year term	Barb Drake
Director, Zone 3, 4 & 5 2 year term	Jasmine Gill
Director, Zone 6 2 year term	Darren Willis

The following positions were vacant at the 2019 AGM

Female Athlete Director 2 year term  
Director Administration & Planning 2 year term  
Director Marketing & Communications 2 year term

After the AGM, the board appointed the following two positions

Athlete Director	Rebecca Dutchak
Athlete Director	Nathan Reich

The Board Members who were the liaisons to committees for the past year are:

1. Track & Field Committee – Tyler
2. Masters Committee – Jim
3. Officials Committee – Jasmine
4. Junior Development Committee - Darren
5. Road Running Committee – Jordan

**Elections at 2020 AGM** - Positions for Election at AGM

1. Chair – 2 year
2. Vice Chair – 1 year
3. Director of Finance - 2 years
4. Director of Programs and Technical Development – 2 years
5. Director of Administration and Planning – 1 year
6. Director of Marketing and Communications – 2 years
7. Zone Representative Zones 3, 4 & 5 – 2 years
8. Zone Representative Zones 7 & 8 – 2 years

## **SUPPORT FOR ATHLETES in completion at a provincial, national & International level.**

We are pleased to have three(3) Championships in BC in the next 2019 – 2022 quad.

There were 3 BC groups that were awarded Athletics Canada National Championships for 2019 – 2022.

- Cross Country, Abbotsford - Awarded 2019 & 2020 (pending)
- Track & Field bid lead by Langley Mustangs - Awarded 2021 & 2022 (postponed)
- 10,000 Meter Championships bid lead by Mile to Marathon, BC Endurance Project and BC Athletics – Awarded 2019 & 2020 (postponed)

## **COMPETITIONS**

The Board of Directors continues to support the staff of BC Athletics and the member Clubs that deliver competitions for Athletes. The Board of Directors members attended many of the competitions.

The Chair attended these 26 competition events, organization events and committee meetings in 2019/2020.

1. September 14 Eastside 10K
2. September 19 Athletics Canada Branch Council Conference Call
3. September 22 Vancouver Spirit Run
4. October 17 Athletics Canada Branch Council Conference Call
5. October 19 Whistler 50 Ultra & Relay
6. October 26 BC Cross Country Championships (Abbotsford)
7. October 27 Junior Development Awards Lunch
8. October 27 Junior Development Committee AGM
9. November 14 Athletics Canada Branch Council Conference Call
10. November 22 Athletics Canada Semi-Annual General Meeting
11. November 30 Canadian Cross Country Championships – Abbotsford
12. December 2 Harry Jerome Sponsors Event
13. December 7 Gunner Shaw Cross Country 10K
14. January 16 Athletics Canada Branch Council conference call for January
15. February 1 Harry Jerome Indoor, Richmond Olympic Oval – attended by Chair
16. February 1 BC Athletes Awards Banquet – attended by Chair & Vice-Chair
17. February 9 First Half Marathon – attended by Chair & Vice-Chair
18. February 13 Athletics Canada Branch Council conference call for February
19. February 29 Pan Am Cross Country - Victoria
20. March 19 Athletics Canada Branch Council conference call for March
21. April 16 Athletics Canada Branch Council conference call for April
22. May 14 Athletics Canada Branch Council for May
23. June 11 Athletics Canada Branch Council for June
24. June 26 & 27 Athletics Canada Annual Meeting
25. July 16 Athletics Canada Branch Council for July
26. August 20 Athletics Canada Branch Council for August

## **PROVINCE OF BC, VIASPORT, SPORT BC & ATHLETICS CANADA**

The key funding and program partners are the Province of BC, viaSport, Sport BC and Athletics Canada.

### **Province of BC**

The Province of BC is the primary government funder of BC Athletics.

BC Athletics maintains a close relationship with staff at the Sport Branch and the elected officials.

- The Minister for Sport is the Hon. Lisa Beare, Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture

### **viaSport**

The relationship with viaSport is very important. The President & CEO has been very active and successful in engaging the leadership of viaSport.

### **Sport BC**

BC Athletics is an active member of Sport BC. The Sport BC AGM by ZOOM was on May 28, 2020.

The two directors-at-large elected for a 2 year term are

- Mario Ramos
- Blair Lowther (elected by the board members as Chair)

The other four directors-at-large are

- Sandi Swanigan
- Jennifer Fenton
- Lisa Kwiatkowski (elected by the board members as Vice- Chair)
- Greg White

### **Athletics Canada**

BC Athletics is a very active branch member of Athletics Canada (AC). In 2019 & 2020, the President & CEO and the Chair represented BC Athletics at the monthly AC Branch Council conference calls.

The Chair of BC Athletics also serves as

- Chair of the Athletes Canada Branch Council
- Member of the Athletics Canada Rules Committee
- Member of Nomination Committee for Athletics Canada

There are two members of the Athletics Canada board that live in BC

- Lynn Kanuka (re-elected in May 2020 for 2 years)
- Greg Stewart (elected in May 2020 for 2 years)

Athletics Canada Board

BILL MACMACKIN	Chair	Saint John, NB
HELEN MANNING	Vice Chair	Sutton West, ON
ROBERT DEMERS	Treasurer	Dorval, QC
CHARLES PHILIBERT-THIBOUTOT	Athlete Representative	Quebec, QC
KATE VAN BUSKIRK	Athlete Representative	Brampton, ON
GREG STEWART	Athlete Representative	Kamloops, BC
ROSEY EDEH	Director-at-Large	Toronto, ON
LYNN KANUKA	Director-at-Large	White Rock, BC
MIHIRA LAKSHMAN	Director-at-Large	Toronto, ON
BIANELLE LEGROS	Director-at-Large	Montreal, QC
JOHN PATON	Director-at-Large	Edmonton, AB
GRANT MITCHELL	Director-at-Large	Winnipeg, MB
ABBY HOFFMAN (Ex-officio)	World Athletics Council Member	Ottawa, ON