



**BC Athletics Board of Directors Meeting – August 21, 2019
Fortius Sport & Health/Athlete Development Centre, BC Athletics Boardroom
Minutes**

Attending in person: Jim Hinze, Vice Chair; Brian McCalder, President/CEO; Jasmine Gill, Director Zones 3, 4 & 5; Jacob Emerson, Director Zones 3, 4 & 5; Chris Winter, Technical Manager Track & Field; Clif Cunningham, Technical Manager Road and Cross Country Running; Sabrina Nettey, Run Jump Throw Wheel Coordinator

Attending by teleconference: Greg White, Chair; Tyler Heisterman, Director Programs & Technical Development; James O’Kane, Director Zones 1 & 2; Darren Willis, Director Zone 6; Sam Collier, Manager Registration and Membership Services; Jordan Myers, Director Events & Promotion (joined at 5:37pm); Katelynn Ramage, Female Athlete Director (joined at 5:54pm)

Regrets: Ota Hally, Director Finance; Mark Harding, Director Marketing & Communication; Cathy Johnson, Director Zone 7 & 8; John Gay, Male Athlete Director

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:32pm.
2. No additions to the agenda.
3. 2019 BC Athletics Annual General Meeting Agenda
 - a. Saturday, September 7, 2019 11:00 am – 3:00pm
 - i. Registration 10:00 am, food served
 - ii. AGM starts with report at 11:00 am
 - iii. SafeSport Presentation 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm, to be delivered by two representatives from ViaSport with a 15 minute period for questions and answers at the end.
 - iv. Resume AGM at 1:30 pm with resolutions followed by the elections.
 - b. Chair gave notice to the existing directors that he would like to hold a 15 minute Board Meeting, following the AGM, to schedule the coming year’s meetings.
 - c. Sam noted she still needs several Directors reports. Please get reports to Sam by the end of this week and she will post them on the website.
 - d. Nominations – Jim noted there have been no nominations received for Director of Administration & Planning, which is currently vacant. No nominations have been received for Director of Marketing & Communications. Jordan is standing as the

incumbent for Director of Events & Promotions. Elections will be held for the zone directors and have not heard back regarding the Female Athlete Director. Jim will touch base with Chris tomorrow to send a notice to the athletes regarding the vacancy. A reminder was given to anyone standing as the incumbent, that a nomination was still needed and to please send the nomination form and bio to Sam for posting on the website.

- e. Jim noted, anyone who might be interested in the two vacant director positions, to please let him know. Will also have an email blast, for all positions up for election at the AGM, to be sent to all members.
 - i. Question was asked as to a Para Athlete Director position. Brian advised it would be a vote to change the bylaw and then once changed, a nomination could be put to the Board and then the membership. Brian further advised the Board could appoint to the position from the nominations received if a bylaw was changed and passed. Board could put out a call after the AGM and appoint from the nominations received. Chair noted Athletics Canada has three Athlete Directors and used wording that one has to be a para athlete and to have representation, within the three positions, from both genders.
 - ii. Motion for Staff to provide wording to the Board, possibly based on the Athletics Canada wording, for a third Athlete Director position for the inclusion of para athlete representation – G. White/J. Hinze – Passed
- 4. 2019-2020 Proposed Operating Budget & 2020-2021 Proposed Draft Budget – Circulated and noted as received
 - a. Brian noted they have not receiving confirmation on the gaming grant so the proposed operating budget reflects the same amount as the last three years, \$160,000 and will be subject to confirmation or adjustment.
 - b. Proposed draft budget requires a little more work to tweak the anticipated membership revenue and administrative costs for staff and other programs.
 - c. Vote to be postponed until next week when documents and the gaming grant funds can be finalized. Will circulate to the Board by email as soon as they are final and will request the vote.
 - d. Question asked about no funds being noted for BC Games Revenue in the 2020-2021 Draft Budget. Brian noted Revenue would be if donations and sponsorship is received like has been in the last three years. Nothing confirmed at this time so nothing has been put in the draft budget. Brian noted he will amend this and noted for the expenses, BC Athletics does incur costs for the BC Summer Games, with regard to supporting the officials. So will amend that as well for the 2020/2021 year.
 - e. Question was also asked about the membership revenue and if it was based on the growth in the past cycles, the Olympic years and to the targets for programs. Brian commented they went back two years and looked at the membership revenue which was in the range of 430-433, so up from the 414 from last year. Dropped the estimate for the current year to 440 from 455. Currently BC Athletics

is about 12,000 ahead of the budgeted amount but on a year over year basis, about 3,000-4,000 over last year at the same time.

5. Resolutions received and to be presented to the Membership at the AGM –

Circulated

a. Resolution #1 - Enhanced Track & Field Meet Planning

(Maureen De St Croix/Bill Koch) BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BC ATHLETICS BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINT A SUB-COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP AND ONLINE POST TRACK & FIELD MEET EVALUATION REPORT AND A STRATEGY FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND USE AS PART OF THE POST EVENT REPORTING PROCESS, SANCTIONING AND EVENT DIRECTOR TRAINING AND EDUCATION.

- i. It was noted that this resolution was reviewed and discussed by staff with the Mover and Seconder. The resolution was then rewritten by staff and approved by the Mover and Seconder.
- ii. An amendment to include a timeline at the end of the resolutions was suggested: *Targeted implementation of the sub-committee for the 2020 Outdoor track and field season.*
- iii. It was noted that the Director may not have the time to assist with a sub committee and suggested that it be one Board member and maybe the Zone Report could assist. Brian noted the subcommittee didn't have to be Board members. Brian further noted that in the information provided by the Mover and Seconder, recommends parties for consideration by the Bard for the sub committee.
- iv. It was also clarified that this was for all competitions and confirmed for reporting, both for event organizers but also, at the discretion of the sub committee, for someone like the meet directors, referees, etc. Brian noted this fits into the strategic plan for event directors training and development initiatives. Definitely a value in addressing concerns some officials bring to staff.
- v. Resolution supported by all nine Directors.
 1. Resolution will note that the Board supports the Resolution.

b. Resolution #2 – Zone-Regional Track & Field Councils

(Maureen De St Croix/Bill Koch) BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BC ATHLETICS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERSHIP:

- *ENDORSE THE FORMATION OF AND ANY EXISTING ZONE/REGIONAL TRACK & FIELD COUNCILS;*
- *RECOMMEND THAT THE COUNCILS HAVE REPRESENTATION FROM CLUBS AND TRACK & FIELD MEET DIRECTORS IN THOSE REGIONS/ZONES;*
- *RECOMMEND THAT THE TRACK & FIELD COUNCIL:*
 - *SET OUT AN ANNUAL ZONE/REGIONAL TRACK & FIELD COMPETITION CALENDAR;*
 - *INSURE A BALANCED EVENT OFFERING OVER THE COMPETITIONS HELD IN THEIR ZONE/REGION; AND*

- *LOOK AT OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVIDE EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR OFFICIALS, VOLUNTEERS, COACHES AND ATHLETES AT THESE COMPETITIONS.*
 - i. It was noted that this resolution was reviewed and discussed by staff with the Mover and Seconder. The resolution was then rewritten by staff and approved by the Mover and Seconder.
 - ii. Brian clarified that it doesn't just apply to the lower mainland as that was just the example. This is for any of the zones or regions and noted the Chair of Officials Committee is in support of zone councils given the work that has been done with a similar group on the island.
 - iii. Director confirmed this is an endorsement and Brian agreed.
 - iv. Chair asked if the Board would want to take a role in the direction of the councils or rather to just encourage the clubs to do so. Brian agreed and noted the Zone Directors can encourage this to happen.
 - v. Resolution supported by all nine Directors.
 - 2. Resolution will note that the Board supports the Resolution.
- c. **Resolution # 3 – Length of Track & Field Meets**
(Maureen De St Croix/Bill Koch) BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BC ATHLETICS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ESTABLISH A SUB-COMMITTEE TO:
 - *REVIEW THE CURRENT TRACK & FIELD MEET FORMAT – NUMBER OF DAYS AND NUMBER OF HOURS AS IT RELATES TO: OFFICIALS, VOLUNTEERS, ATHLETES (SPECIFIC TO AGE GROUPS), COACHES AND PARENTS/SPECTATORS;*
 - *MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BC ATHLETICS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THE:*
 - *THE OPTIMAL LENGTH OF DAY FOR TRACK & FIELD COMPETITIONS;*
 - *THE OPTIMAL NUMBER OF DAYS OF COMPETITION FOR A TRACK & FIELD MEET;*
 - *THE OPTIMAL LENGTH OF DAY AND THE NUMBER OF DAYS PER COMPETITION AS IT RELATES TO ALL AGE GROUPS.*
 - i. It was noted that this resolution was reviewed and discussed by staff with the Mover and Seconder. The resolution was then rewritten by staff and approved by the Mover and Seconder.
 - ii. Chair asked if it was realistic to get the recommendations in place for the outdoor track and field season. Brian noted he believes it will take longer and needed consultation with various competitions and the officials so there was reluctance to put a timeline of the 2020 track and field season on this one. It was noted that potential implementation could be for the 2021 season but it was best without a date, although that could come up for discussion at the AGM.

- iii. Clarification was requested if this was for all meets or just championship meets and it was confirmed it was for all competitions, track & field meets, including indoor and outdoor.
- iv. Resolution supported by all nine Directors.
 - 3. Resolution will note that the Board supports the Resolution.

d. Conflicting Competitions

(Graeme Fell/Nigel Hole) BE IT RESOLVED THAT RULE 18.3.4 BE REVISED WITH THE ADDITION OF: IF NOTIFICATION IS NOT PROVIDED TO THE EVENT AGAINST WHICH THE INFRACTION HAS BEEN COMMITTED, OR BC ATHLETICS STAFF HAVE FAILED TO CONTACT THE PARTIES BETWEEN WHICH A CONFLICT COULD REASONABLY HAVE BEEN EXPECTED TO EXIST, THEN THE EVENT IMPACTED IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL COMPENSATION FOR ANY LOSSES IN PARTICIPATION THAT MAY OCCUR AS A RESULT OF THE CONFLICT. SUCH LOSSES SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE BC ATHLETICS STAFF WITHIN 90 DAYS OF THE CONFLICT DATE. IF THE CONFLICT IS DISPUTED OR IF THE AMOUNT CLAIMED IS DISPUTED THEN THE MATTER WILL BE SENT TO EITHER: THE BC ATHLETICS APPEALS PANEL, OR, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PLAINTIFF, A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE NEUTRAL THIRD PARTY FOR ADJUDICATION. THE DECISION OF THE THIRD PARTY SHALL BE BINDING. FAILURE TO PAY THE COMPENSATION OR TO ABIDE BY THE RULING OF THE THIRD PARTY WILL RESULT IN CENSURE BY THE ASSOCIATION OF THE OFFENDING PARTY AND THE HOSTS / ORGANIZERS OF THE 'OFFENDING' EVENT MUST, BEING REQUIRED IN FUTURE YEARS, TO FIND AN ALTERNATE NON-CONFLICTING DATE OR WITHDRAW FROM HOSTING THE EVENT. A LETTER OF APOLOGY SHALL BE SENT FROM THE OFFENDING PARTY TO THE PLAINTIFF RECOGNIZING THAT IT DID NOT FOLLOW PROTOCOL.

- i. The reasons why the BC Athletics Staff do not support this proposed addition to the BC Athletics Rule was provided to the Board and noted that it was also sent to the Mover and Seconder.
- ii. It was noted that this was believed to be from the two individual members and not representing club though Brian noted the club would likely be in support.
- iii. A Director expressed his concerns with the resolution and it not being representative of all competitions.
- iv. Chair and Brian referenced the detailed information provided to the Board and the reasons staff do not support the proposed addition to the rule. It was noted that BC Athletics does not restrict clubs geographically and this proposal changes that. It was further noted that the bidding to host National Championships is open and there are current policies that identify potential conflicts within zones and proximate zones. There are also existing policies, rules and procedures that address conflicts, ways to

present issues and options for a formal request for a hearing before a panel.

- v. Several of the Directors felt there was an underlying issue and a specific event that contributed to this proposed rule change. It was noted that the event in question was posted on the website in December 2018, giving anyone with a concern as to a conflict, to bring it forward as quickly as possible. Several of the Directors opinions were offered and it was noted that the rule change could result in a loss for BC Athletics. That the rule change could really jeopardize the Clubs hosting new events.
- vi. Question was asked with reference to the highlighted sections provided in the resolution, if the Board wanted to include these or not for presentation to the membership. Several of the Directors noted incorrect information was being provided in the highlighted portions and it was agreed that the highlighted information be provided to the membership but, as a matter of transparency, that untrue information be clarified. For example, that the first whereas should further note that the Longest Day Road Race has occupied the same slot in the calendar for many years and when it hasn't, it has been in the same month. And that the last whereas that claims there was no contact to the parties involved, should clarify that the event was posted on the website in December 2018.
 4. Rule Change was not supported by any of the Directors.
 - a. Rule Change will note that the Board does not support the Rule Change and as suggested by the Chair, further note why the Board does not support it
 - i. Board and staff has been given direction form the membership to support National Championships.
 - ii. BC Athletics as an organization does not interfere with scheduling of events and provides guidelines to resolving conflicting dates.
 - iii. The Board does not feel this resolution would benefit the membership.

e. Recruitment Policy & Guidance

(Nigel Hole/Laurier Primeau) BE IT RESOLVED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF BC ATHLETICS CLUBS (COACHES, ATHLETES, PARENTS, ADMINISTRATORS - COLLECTIVELY HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS "REPRESENTATIVE") SHALL NOT RECRUIT NOR ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE MEMBERS OF OTHER CLUBS ("CLUB A") TO TRANSFER TO THEIR CLUB ("CLUB B").

IF AN ATHLETE, PARENT OR REPRESENTATIVE OF AN ATHLETE, OF CLUB A APPROACHES A REPRESENTATIVE OF CLUB B AND EXPRESSES AN INTEREST IN TRANSFERRING TO CLUB B, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF CLUB B SHOULD DO THE FOLLOWING:

- *INFORM THE ATHLETE/PARENT FROM CLUB A THAT THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO HAVE THAT DISCUSSION UNTIL THE*

ATHLETE/PARENT HAS OBTAINED PERMISSION FROM THEIR CLUB A COACH TO TALK TO A REPRESENTATIVE OF CLUB B. CLUB B ALSO REQUEST THAT THE ATHLETE/PARENT HAVE A FACE-TO-FACE OR PHONE CONVERSATION WITH THEIR CURRENT CLUB A COACH AND GENUINELY TRY TO RESOLVE ANY ISSUES OR CONSTRUCTIVELY COLLABORATE ON WAYS TO IMPROVE ANY DEFICIENCIES.

- *IF A WORKABLE SOLUTION CANNOT BE REACHED, THE ATHLETE SHOULD REQUEST WRITTEN PERMISSION TO TRANSFER.*
- *A COACH OR ADMINISTRATOR OF CLUB A MUST RESPOND WITHIN 7 DAYS OF RECEIPT.*
- *SHOULD THE REQUEST BE DENIED, THE ATHLETE SHALL BE ALLOWED TO APPEAL THE DECISION TO BC ATHLETICS, WITHOUT FEE, FOR REVIEW.*
- *SHOULD BC ATHLETICS DETERMINE THERE WAS NO JUST CAUSE FOR REFUSAL, BC ATHLETICS SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION TO TRANSFER.*
- *ONLY UPON RECEIVING WRITTEN PERMISSION OR BC ATHLETICS AUTHORIZATION, SHOULD A REPRESENTATIVE OF CLUB B COMMUNICATE WITH AN ATHLETE OR PARENT OF CLUB A ABOUT JOINING CLUB B.*

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS POLICY SHALL BE DETERMINED BY A DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE ASSEMBLED BY BC ATHLETICS AND MAY RANGE FROM A FORMAL WARNING TO SUSPENSION.

- i. BC Athletics Staff provided feedback to the Board and noted that the feedback, which included noting the existence of a BC Athletics Club Transfer policy and process, and references within the BC Athletics Codes of Conduct and Athletics Canada Code of Conduct and Ethics Policy, was also sent to the Mover and Secunder.
- ii. Chair noted he recognizes this is a sensitive issues for some clubs, especially recently given the situation last year with a complaint that a club was poaching athletes. The complaint was passed on to Brian and the people in question and the issues seemed to have sorted themselves out. The athletes did not transfer mid yea rand waited until the new year to sign up with a new club.
- iii. Sam noted that if an athlete wanted to change clubs, there is a club transfer form on the website, where it's been for ten year now, which has to be completed by two parties – the existing club must sign off as well as the new club. This seems to have stopped any issues as all parties are aware of the transfer. Therefore if the home club doesn't agree, they can discuss and try to resolve any issues and in many cases those issues have been resolved. Sam noted that some transfer do happen and last year there were 6. There were more the year before, however the current

procedure seems to be working well to alert the clubs. Sam noted she's never had an issue with a club refusing to sign the form.

- iv. Question was asked as to how SafeSport applies when permission is required. Sam noted this is only for a transfer and not if the athlete is leaving. Brian further noted that circumstances like physical, emotional or verbal abuse, or harassment identified in SafeSport are special circumstances would be considered separately.
- v. Brian noted he spoke with the concerned party who objected with the overt recruitment of athletes by email who were members of another club. There is no current rule other than respecting the athlete and the club and there is no reference to direct recruitment by email or suggestion. Brian was not sure how that could be policed and when he asked the concerned party for evidence, he was told there was but nothing was ever sent to Brian.
- vi. Chair noted this request did raise the reasonable question of reviewing the existing policies in general. Chair suggested tabling the rule change, to create a sub-committee to undertake a review and present their recommendations to the Board.
- vii. A Director asked if there had been any discussion as to coach recruitment as there has been the recruitment of coaches who try to bring their athletes over which has resulted in alienating some of the clubs. Brian confirmed it does happen and noted that a coach may also leave and start up their own club which can result in a movement of athletes. Brian confirmed there was no position on that but any new club does come before the board for approval. Additionally, as part of the new club application process, the name is sent out to the other clubs in that zone or proximate zones for their feedback. Chair noted there is currently no process for going into another geographic area to set up a new division in that area. Brian noted this has been addressed before, to restrict athletes to register with any club outside their zone and restrict clubs from being created outside their zone, which was defeated by the membership.
- viii. Brian indicated the current process and the documents for club transfers and could be amended for the direct recruitment of athletes, however suggested it may require further review.
- ix. Recommendation was made, if there was a sub committee created, to look where BC Athletics sees Track & Field going, identifying what structure would be best and what will provide structure for Track & Field.
- x. Director noted concern, about if the rule change was passed, it may be a drain on staff resources and time. Suggested considering reviewing the recruitment policy but also considering the impact on staff resources for any proposed change. It was asked what would be involved in a review and it was noted that it would depend on the sub committee for the Board to review and discuss. Brian recommended a sub committee of 3 people and be supported by staff a member at the direction of the Board.

xi. All nine Directors supported tabling the rule change and to establish a sub-committee to review the matter and report back with their recommendations to the Board.

5. Rule Change will note the Board's recommendation to table the Rule Change.

f. Junior Development Championships – Relays – Eligibility for BC Athletics Championship Awards

(Graeme Fell/Nigel Hole) BE IT RESOLVED THAT RULES 7.14 AND 7.15 BE REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

SECTION 7.14 4 X 100 METRE RELAYS
SPRINT RELAYS ARE TO BE OFFERED.

TEAMS MAY BE FORMED WITH ATHLETES FROM VARIOUS AGE GROUPS BUT THE TEAM MUST RUN IN THE AGE CATEGORY OF ITS OLDEST MEMBER.

OFFICIAL TEAMS MAY BE FORMED BY MEMBERS OF THE SAME CLUB (1ST AND 2ND CLAIM)

UNOFFICIAL TEAMS MAY BE FORMED BY ATHLETES FROM DIFFERENT CLUBS WHO CANNOT FIELD A FOUR MEMBER TEAM, UNATTACHED ATHLETES OR A COMBINATION OF UNATTACHED AND CLUB ATHLETES CLUB TEAM PARTICIPATION TAKES PRECEDENCE OVER RUNNING FOR AN UNOFFICIAL TEAM. ATHLETES MUST RUN FOR THEIR OWN CLUB, AND 1ST CLAIM RATHER THAN 2ND CLAIM, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

RELAY TEAMS MAY REGISTER ON THE DAY OF THE MEET.

OFFICIAL TEAMS AND UNOFFICIAL TEAMS MAY RUN AGAINST EACH OTHER BUT WILL BE AWARDED SEPARATELY.

CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE TOP 3 OFFICIAL TEAMS IN EACH AGE CATEGORY. CHAMPIONSHIP RIBBONS WILL BE AWARDED TO THOSE TEAMS PLACING 4TH THROUGH 8TH IN EACH AGE CATEGORY.

THE TOP THREE UNOFFICIAL TEAMS WILL BE AWARDED NON-CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZES AT THE DISCRETION OF THE HOST CLUB.

RACES ARE TO BE RUN IN ORDER FROM OLDEST TO YOUNGEST WITH GIRLS FIRST.

SECTION 7.15 1200M MEDLEY RELAYS (200/ 200/ 200/ 600M)

MEDLEY RELAYS ARE TO BE OFFERED.

THE AGE GROUP FOR MEDLEY RELAYS IS 11, 12 AND 13 YEAR OLDS.

TEAMS MAY BE FORMED WITH ATHLETES FROM VARIOUS AGE GROUPS BUT THE TEAM MUST RUN IN THE AGE CATEGORY OF ITS OLDEST MEMBER.

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OFFICIAL TEAMS MAY BE FORMED BY MEMBERS OF THE SAME CLUB (1ST AND 2ND CLAIM)

UNOFFICIAL TEAMS MAY BE FORMED BY ATHLETES FROM DIFFERENT CLUBS WHO CANNOT FIELD A FOUR MEMBER TEAM, UNATTACHED ATHLETES OR A COMBINATION OF UNATTACHED AND CLUB ATHLETES

CLUB TEAM PARTICIPATION TAKES PRECEDENCE OVER RUNNING FOR AN UNOFFICIAL TEAM. ATHLETES MUST RUN FOR THEIR OWN CLUB, AND 1ST CLAIM RATHER THAN 2ND CLAIM, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

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RACES ARE TO BE RUN IN ORDER FROM OLDEST TO YOUNGEST WITH GIRLS FIRST.

THE RELAY SHOULD START AT THE 3 TURN STAGGER WITH THE FIRST TWO 200M LEGS BEING RUN COMPLETELY IN LANES. AT THE END OF THE CURVE ON THE THIRD 200M LEG THE ATHLETES MAY CUT IN AND THE REST OF THE 200M AND THE 600M BE RUN OUT OF LANES.

- i. BC Athletics Staff provided information and feedback to the Board and noted that the same was also sent to the Mover and Seconder.
- ii. It was noted that the Junior Development Committee asked the Board to look at and put something in place and the Board decision reflected inclusiveness. However this rule change was being brought forward again as they do not support the decision made by Board.
- iii. Chair noted one whereas may be incorrect as the JD Committee reached out to the Board to review and make a decision. Another Director was not clear on that and noted the Committee did talk about it and was not in support of it, but not that there was a resolution to ask the Board to make a decision. Though he did agree it was a good decision.
- iv. Brian agreed and noted the Board did move to make a change to the rule based on feedback provided in Sabrina's verbal report and the only way the rule would change was if Board didn't support it. Board felt it wasn't a fair rule and the Board is able to rule changes mid year. Rule change will be presented under the Motions & Actions of Note at the AGM for the membership's approval. Once moved and seconded by the membership, then someone can object to and speak to the rule change. Then if the membership were to vote, and that rule was voted down, it would revert to the old rule where no championship medal would be presented to mixed teams.
- v. Brian also felt, the whereas referring to Rule 178 – reference to unattached athletes, is odd and really not in keeping with the way that relay teams for National championships are put together. Brian felt the point was weak as a supporting whereas.
 6. Chris noted the Board change of the rule aligns with what is at the National Level .
 7. Sam also noted they were Junior Development Championship, not a Junior Development Club Championship. So it is for any Junior Development membership and therefore unattached members. Sam further noted there are 614 unattached members which is about 15% of the membership and those unattached members do not have a vote at the AGM.
- vi. The Chair reconfirmed his support of the original rule change given the fairness and inclusiveness of all the members and noted there was already an opportunity for these individuals to oppose the rule change at the time the members approve the Motions & Actions of Note. The Motions & Actions of Note could be approved and still a resolution could still be put forward, however it would seem illogical to address the matter in the Actions and not attempt to overturn the rule change then. So it was decided that it would only be fair, procedurally, to let the individuals know that they can do so when the Motions & Actions of Note come forward. Brian agreed.

- vi. There was also no issue, among the Directors, with having the rule change be put forward, with the explanation of the Board's rational and their decision made with the information received.
- vii. Rule Change was not supported by any of the Directors.
 - 1. Rule Change will note that the Board does not support the Rule Change.
- g. Chair noted that normally the procedure, when the Board does not support a Resolution, is to give the opportunity to someone on the Board to provide a brief statement to explain why the Board is not in support. It was noted and agreed Jim would speak to Conflicting Competitions, the Chair would speak to Recruitment Policy & Guidance and Jacob would speak to Junior Development Championships – Relays – Eligibility for BC Athletics Championship Awards.

6. New Business

- a. None
- 7. Next Board of Directors meeting will be held, immediately following the BC Athletics 2019 AGM, on Saturday, September 7, 2019, in the BC Athletics Boardroom.**
- 8. Motion to Adjourn – J. Hinze/J. Myers. Meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm.**

Director Signature _____

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