

BC Athletics AGM November 16, 2019

Chair Report by Greg White

GOVERNANCE

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

This is the first meeting of this new board.

Welcome to new Director, Barb Drake – Director, Zone 1&2

Vacant board positions (4)

- Athlete Representative – 2 positions (composition to be one para-athlete and at least one male or female among the 3 positions)
- Director Administration & Planning
- Director Marketing & Communications

Proposed Board Meetings are

1. November 16, 2019
2. January 25, 2019 (with committee chairs)
3. April 28, 2019 (conference call)
4. June 23, 2019 (conference call)
5. August – to be determined

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

1. Track & Field Committee - Tyler
2. Cross Country Committee - Katelynn
3. Masters Committee – Mark
4. Officials Committee – Jim
5. Junior Development Committee - Darren
6. Road Running Committee – Jordan

The proposed appointments for consideration and approval by the board, are:

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

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**
- Track & Field bid lead by Langley Mustangs - **Awarded 2021 & 2022**
- 10,000 Meter Championships bid lead by Mile to Marathon, BC Endurance Project and BC Athletics – **Awarded 2019 & 2020**

BC Athletics has supported Athletes by sending teams to 2019 National Championships in Montreal and Kingston.

There were 10 BC Athletics members named to 52 athletes of the Canadian Team for the 2019 IAAF World Championships in Doha in October.

There were 7 BC Athletics members of the 28 athletes named to Canadian Team for the 2019 World Para Athletics Championships in Dubai in November.

Riech, Stewart earn gold and silver to conclude the 2019 World Para Athletics Championships

Posted on Athletics Canada website: 15 November 2019

By: Jonathan Yue

Nathan Riech could not have ended his season any other way. After setting numerous records and titles over the 2019 outdoor season, the Victoria, BC, native capped off his outstanding season with a **gold medal** at the 2019 Dubai World Para Athletics Championships.

Racing in the men's 1500-metre T38 finals along with Canadian teammate Liam Stanley, the Canadian duo didn't disappoint in the final competition for Canada in the Dubai Club. Running away from the field, Riech took a look behind him as he crossed the finish line in a Championship record time of 4:02.04. Stanley wasn't far behind, finishing fifth place with a time of 4:10.78.

Greg Stewart got the day started in the men's shot put F46 final, using each of his throws to improve his personal-best and Canadian record mark. On his first round throw of 15.84-metres, the Kamloops-native broke his previous record of 15.82. Saving his best for last, Stewart became only the second F46 athlete to have passed the 16-metre mark, measuring out to 16.30-metres enroute to win the **silver medal**.

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 8 competition events, organization events and committee meetings since the September 2019 AGM.

1. September 12 Sport BC Board Meeting
2. September 14 Eastside 10K, Gastown, Vancouver
3. September 19 Athletics Canada Branch Call
4. September 22 Vancouver Spirit Run, Jericho Beach Park
5. October 19 Whistler 50
6. October 26 BC Cross Country Championships, Victoria
7. October 27 Junior Development Awards Event and AGM
8. November 14 Athletics Canada Branch Council Call

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
- The Parliamentary Secretary for Sports and Multiculturalism, Ravi Kahlon, was appointed in July 2017 and served in this role until August 2019.

viaSport

The relationship with viaSport is very important. The President & CEO has been very active and successful in engaging the leadership of viaSport. The CEO, Charlene Krepiakovich, started with viaSport earlier this year. Charlene was previously the Executive Director of the Vancouver International Marathon Society.

Sport BC

The Sport BC AGM was in May 2019. Four directors were elected as Members-at-Large

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

The other two directors are

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

Athletics Canada

The Athletics Canada Semi-Annual General Meeting is November 21 to November 23, 2019 in Saint John, New Brunswick and will be attended by the BC Athletics Chair, President/CEO and Technical Manager of Track & Field.

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

The Chair of BC Athletics also serves for a 5th year as the Chair of the Athletics Canada Branch Council until May 2020 and is a member of the Athletics Canada Rules Committee.

The new CEO, David Bedford, started in April 2019. The President/CEO of BC Athletics was a member of the selection committee.

There is one member of the Athletics Canada board that lives in BC

- Director-at-large - Lynn Kanuka (re-elected in May 2018 for 2 years)

Athletics Canada Board

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