

BC Athletics Junior Development Committee 2015 AGM
Saturday, November 7
Jericho Sailing Club, Vancouver, BC

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm

Present: Graeme Fell (Chair), Birgit Weaver (Vice Chair), Maureen de St. Croix (Secretary), Greg White (BC Athletics Chair) Sue Kydd, Jessie Dosanjh, Dan Horan, Dawn Copping, Bernie Katzberg, Alwilda van Ryswyk

Regrets: Dave Short (ill), Tyler Heisterman (BCA JD representative)

1. Motion to accept 2014 AGM minutes – Birgit Weaver, Seconded by Dan Horan.
Passed – 2014 AGM minutes accepted

2. Election of Board Members
 - Graeme Fell has 1 year remaining and has agreed to stay on as JD Committee
 - Birgit Weaver has 1 year remaining and has agreed to stay on as JD Committee
 - Bernie Katzberg has 1 year remaining and has agreed to stay on as Member at Large
 - Dawn Copping has 1 year remaining and has agreed to stay on as Zone 5 representative

 - Zone 1 – Dan Horan agreed to stand for Zone 1 nomination – accepted by acclamation
 - Zone 2 – Alwilda van Ryswyk agreed to stand for Zone 2 nomination – accepted by acclamation
 - Zone 4 – Maureen de St. Croix agreed to stand for Zone 4 nomination – accepted by acclamation

Dave Short has removed himself from the JD Committee as he will now take on a more active role in the Officials Committee

** brief discussion on Summer Games zone changes and how it impacts clubs in the Lower Mainland.

Action Item:

Maureen de St. Croix will contact Sean Dixon (member at large) and Ron Wichman (Zone 3) to see if they will remain on JD Committee. UPDATE: Ron Wichman will not continue on as a member of BC JD Committee.

3. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary
 - a. Birgit Weaver nominated Graeme Fell to continue as Chair. Seconded by Maureen de St. Croix. Graeme Fell accepted the nomination.
Passed – Graeme Fell will continue as Chair of the BC JD Committee for 2016.

 - b. Dawn Copping nominated Birgit Weaver to continue as Vice-Chair. Seconded by Maureen de St. Croix. Birgit Weaver accepted the nomination.
Passed. Birgit Weaver will continue as Vice-Chair of the BC JD Committee for 2016.

 - c. Birgit Weaver nominated Maureen de St. Croix to continue as Secretary. Seconded by Graeme Fell. Maureen de St. Croix accepted the nomination.
Passed. Maureen de St. Croix will continue as Secretary for the BC JD Committee for 2016.

4. 2015 JD Pentathlon Report

Maureen de St. Croix moved that the 2015 JD Pentathlon Report be accepted. Dan Horan seconded the motion. The 2015 JD Pentathlon report was accepted as reported.

** note re: 2015 JD Committee Report to BC Athletics 2015 AGM – The first line of the JD Pentathlon Championships report needs to be amended to read ‘ The JD Pentathlon Championships took place on July 11th in Chilliwack’ instead of ‘The JD Championships.....’. The ‘JD Championships’ heading should be amended to read ‘The JD Track and Field Championships’ as well as the opening line should also be amended to read ‘The 2015 BC JD Track and Field Championships were held.....’ Instead of ‘The 2015 BCJD Championships were held.....’

Dawn Copping moved that the JD Committee report to the AGM be accepted, with the inclusion of the above noted changes. Maureen de St. Croix seconded the motion. Passed.

2015 JD XC Championships Report

Action item: Bernie Katzberg will contact Al Johnson re submitting a report for the 2015 BC JD XC Championships that can be included in the JD Committee’s report to BC Athletics for the 2015 BC Athletics AGM.

Graeme Fell noted that participation numbers were low, but it was a fair and suitable venue for the event. Shuttle from ferry to venue was convenient and well used. Discussion of making the ViaSport Ferry Grants program more widely known to participants.

Action Item: Bernie Katzberg will talk to Al Johnson about putting more information on the ViaSport Ferry Grant program into the 2016 BC Cross Country Championships information package.

5. Graeme Fell will circulate final JD Committee Report for the 2015 BC Athletics AGM to committee members for a vote.
6. Awarding of 2016 JD Pentathlon, Track and Field, and Cross Country Championships
Sue Kydd asked for clarification of the governance regarding who is eligible to vote for the selection of a championship host. Graeme Fell clarified that only those present at the AGM could vote and Voting Rules were as follows:
 - All Clubs present are entitled to 1 vote each.
 - A Registration process will be required.
 - A voting delegate per club must be identified and be approved by the President of the Club.
 - JD Committee members have 1 vote each.
 - Any BC Athletics member can attend and speak at the Annual Meeting.

2016 JD Pentathlon Championships

Chilliwack Track and Field Club was the only bid received to host the 2016 Championships on June 25th. Approved.

2016 JD Track and Field Championships

Two bids have been identified but not known if additional bids have been received to the BC Athletics office. Known bids are:

July 8,9, and 10th – hosted by NorWesters Track and Field Club at the Burnaby Central Secondary Track and Field facility in conjunction with the annual NorWesters Trevor Craven Memorial meet. Bid is addressing the concerns that the end of July date (due to 2016 being a BC Summer Games year so JD

Championships moved from 3rd week in July to 4th week in July) is too late in the season. Participation numbers likely to be low due to families being away on vacation.

July 29, 30th and 31st - hosted by Ocean Athletics Track and Field Club at the South Surrey Athletic Park Track and Field facility. Bid is addressing the concerns that athletes not fully prepared until late July, especially northern communities whose weather conditions do not allow an early start to the track and field season. The JD championships will be placed on the last weekend in July every second year due to the hosting of the BC Summer Games. Keeping the championships to either the 3rd or 4th weekend in July should allow athletes and parents to plan vacations around the championships.

The vote for Track and Field Championship hosting cannot be held without confirming the existence or absence of additional bids

Action item: Graeme Fell will confirm if additional bids have been received. A descriptor of any additional bids will be sent to all present at AGM. An email vote will be sent to all present, and following Voting Rules, votes will be submitted to Graeme. If the voting results in a draw, the Chair will have the deciding draw breaker vote.

2016 JD Cross Country Championships

Nanaimo Track and Field Club will host the 2016 JD Cross Country Championships as Year 2 of its hosting.

7. 2015 BC JD Awards Banquet – Sunday, November 8 – Croatian Cultural Centre
Graeme Fell reported that there is a good registration for the banquet. Only 4 or 5 of the award winners will not be attending. Registration numbers should allow banquet expenses to be covered.

Confirmation of Awards Banquet duties by Committee members:

- a. Birgit – give out XC LM series winners awards and graduating JD certificates
- b. Maureen – table decoration and draw prizes
- c. Dawn – confirm location and menu – Power Point Presentation and ordering of certificates
- d. Alwilda – athlete photos
- e. Graeme – projection screen, door management – Maureen can help as well
- f. Dave – 50/50 tickets
- g. Bernie/Graham – projector, manage stage and presentation of awards
- h. Dan – arrange athletes for stage presentation

Discussion: Good turnout but concerns about escalating costs.

Maureen de St. Croix moved that a post banquet survey be produced and sent to 2014 and 2015 award winners and their parents. Seconded by Birgit Weaver. Passed.

Action item: Graeme Fell will produce a survey to collect information from 2014 and 2015 award winners and their families

UPDATE: Graeme produced survey, modified through committee members input and distributed survey. Survey results will be available soon.

8. 2016/2017 BC Athletics Events Congress – November 15, 2015 – Fortius Centre

Reminder to send dates of hosted meets to Garrett Collier and for clubs to send representatives if hosting a meet in 2016/17

Discussion of meet formats – different category criteria are causing confusion – year of birth vs grade vs age. Competition heat sheets should also indicate year of birth and not just age – and avoid age if possible

Dan Horan moved that JD Committee endorse 'birth year' as the standard for category identification
Seconded by Dawn Copping.

Action item: Maureen de St. Croix will investigate what is possible through HyTek and Meet Manager.

9. Jane Swan Award

Graeme Fell gave the criteria for the Jane Swan Award .

Action item: Graeme will collect nominations from BC Athletics and send to JD Committee members for selection

Discussion: noted by Dawn Copping that the Nomination Form for the Jane Swan Award is not part of the online award nomination form.

Action item: Maureen de St. Croix will ask BC Athletics to amend the nomination site to include the Jane Swan Award.

UPDATE: Meghan Butterworth was able to put through the changes on November 9th.

10. Harry Jerome Indoor – Saturday, February 6, 2016 – Richmond Oval

Graeme Fell and Maureen de St. Croix have been working with Kim Young to develop a JD program that is contained to a few hours and includes the entire JD class of 9-13 year olds. Kim Young was very accommodating. The Harry Jerome is open to JD athletes ages 9-13 for the 60m, and 600m events. The relay format for the meet is 4x200m.

Graeme and Maureen wish to ask for support from the JD Committee to obtain permission from BC Athletics to allow the 9 and 10 year olds to run in the 4x 200m mixed gender relay. The rationale of allowing the 9's and 10's to run a 200m – an event not normally sanctioned for these 2 age groups – is that indoor meet is a novelty, one-off type of event, and that a 4x100 relay on the oval track would be very confusing for the athletes.

Maureen de St. Croix moved that the JD Committee request permission from BC Athletics to allow 9's and 10's to run an indoor, mixed gender 4x200m relay. Bernie Katzberg seconded. Passed.

Action Item: Graeme will present proposal to Brian McCalder that 9's and 10's be allowed to participate in the mixed gender, 4x200m relay (2 boys, 2 girls) along with the 11's, 12's and 13's.

UPDATE: BC Athletics has given permission to allow the 9's and 10's to participate in the mixed gender 4x200m relay at the Harry Jerome Indoor event on February 6, 2016. The JD events will be contained within a 2 hour period of time.

11. New Business

a. Parent/Athlete Handbook – on going project, needs completion

Action item – Alwilda van Ryswyk and Birgit Weaver will pursue further. Birgit will present what she has as a first draft and circulate to committee members for additions.

b. Crests – appear to be well used. Continue program.

- c. XC Team Competition – Graeme Fell and Maureen de St. Croix have discussed the possibilities of more team competitions for XC – including the Lower Mainland Series and the BC Championships. Format could be for each meet of the LM series or overall – costs would have to be borne by hosting clubs or a sponsor obtained. BC Cross Country Championships have a JD Aggregate Award but not a Team award. It is thought that a team competition might induce more athletes to compete in the xc events. The LM xc series is not dependent upon BC Athletics approval, but a team award for BC Club XC Championships might need BC Athletics board approval.

Action Item: Graeme and Maureen will investigate further and formulate a proposal for the 2016 season.

- d. Meet entry fees – Maureen de St. Croix raised concerns about escalating meet fees. Very few clubs cover meet fees (all or some) for their members. Thus, parents are looking at additional meet fees of \$30-50 per meet and lowered participation rates may be due to parents not supporting the competitions due to the additional costs.

Discussion: Cost of awards and facility rental has increased and thus clubs need to cover costs and expect a profit for the production of the event. Vancouver Island sets a standard fee for all events. Although a solution not immediately evident, it is important to be aware and consider how to make the events more palatable to membership.

- e. Alwilda van Ryswyk Long Jump Trophy - Alwilda wanted direction on the future of the trophy as it was originally a JD award when 15 year olds were JD, then became a trophy for 14 year olds and now neither 14, nor 15's are considered JD's. Where should trophy be awarded?

Discussion: trophy should remain as a Midget 14 award and be presented at the BC Athletics AGM banquet.

Action Item: Alwilda van Ryswyk happy with the solution and will ensure that the trophy is awarded annually at the BC Athletics AGM to a deserving Midget 14 female in the long jump event.

12. Future Meeting Dates:

- a. December 4, 2015 – 5-7pm – as part of the 2015 BC Athletics AGM
Some committee members indicated they were not available for December 4, and others thought it too soon after this current meeting.

Birgit Weaver moved that the December 4th proposed meeting be cancelled and replaced with a January 31st, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Maureen de St. Croix. Passed.

- b. February 21st proposed. General agreement that February 21st too close to January 31st meeting so should be cancelled. Agreed.

Dan Horan moved that the meeting be recessed until a vote on the hosting of the 2016 JD Track and Field Championships is completed. Dawn Copping seconded the motion. Passed.

*** 6:30pm meeting recessed

UPDATE: no additional bids for the hosting of the 2016 BC JD Championships were received by BC Athletics. The online vote was conducted and the 2016 JD Track and Field Championships were awarded to Ocean Athletics to be held on July 29, 30th and 31st at the South Surrey Athletic Facility.

UPDATE: Graeme Fell sent a letter to all clubs making them aware of the dates for the 2016 JD Pentathlon and 2016 JD Track and Field Championships to encourage parents to plan vacations around the championships dates or include the championships in their vacation plans.

UPDATE: Meeting adjourned Sunday, November 15, 2015 following the completion of the voting for the hosting of the 2016 JD Track and Field Championships.