

**BC Athletics Junior Development Committee Meeting
Minutes**

Sunday, April 5, 2020

2pm by Teleconference

1) Attendance:

Dawn Copping (Chair), Birgit Weaver (Vice Chair), Dan Horan, Alwilda Van Ryswyk, Christine Dela Cruz, Ross Browne, Tom Dingle (BCA Statistician), Darren Willis (BOD Committee Liaison), Sabrina Nettey (Introductory Programs Coordinator)

Regrets: Cristiana Lundman, Doug Evans

2) Acceptance of Agenda

Motion to accept agenda (Alwilda van Ryswyk/Christine Dela Cruz). Accepted

3) Acceptance of Minutes

Motion to accept minutes (Dan Horan/Alwilda van Ryswyk). Accepted

4) Items arising from last meeting

Darren said that further discussion had happened around the desire for further coach education opportunities for JD Coaches. Sabrina expanded that BC Athletics was working to initiate a Coach Mentorship program to help support and expand on the information learned in Sport Coach within the club coaching setting

Sabrina passed along a request from Jennifer Brown (Coach Education Coordinator) for recommendations from the JD Committee on any resources they thought would be useful for JD coaches. Birgit and Dan noted that the RunJumpThrowWheel Book had a number of lesson plans that were relevant for JD aged athletes.

Birgit asked for confirmation that the JD Pentathlon entry fee was remaining at \$25, noting that the 2019 hosts had said low revenue was a prohibitive factor for future hosting. Sabrina confirmed that the decision to keep the fee at \$25 had been decided at the JD AGM but also noted that BC Athletics had since discussed increasing the amount of the hosting grant for the event to help address this issue.

5) Report from Darren

Due to the Covid-19 crisis, the Board has decided that all competitions are cancelled until further notice. They've also provided clarification on the rules around practicing. BC Athletics is reviewing its finances to see where it will sit following this crisis and well as discussing policy around membership refunds.

Birgit asked Darren to thank the Board of Directors for their clarification arounds practices and meet cancellations. It was good leadership and made it easier for club administration to provide instruction to coaches.

6) Where are we going this season? Should the 2020 track & field season be cancelled?

Birgit stated that this is a decision that should be decided by BC Athletics. Darren clarified that the default is that the season is cancelled with the potential to be revitalized should circumstances change.

7) Should we cancel the JD Championships (Pentathlon and T&F)?

Dawn noted that, should social distancing be required through June, there would be no pre-championship competitions beyond the Trevor Craven. Darren said that, should social distancing no longer be required during the summer, the Vancouver Island clubs were looking at options to host a season later in the summer. Birgit asked for clarification regarding whether the June meets were still scheduled. Sabrina clarified that all meets are cancelled until further notice. General discussion that there are too many unknowns about the situation and that the committee should meet again around May 30th to re-discuss these issues.

8) Should the 2020 track & Field season *not happen*, will the 2020 hosts have first right of refusal for 2021?

Sabrina clarified that the event hosts (Okanagan Athletics and Ocean Athletics) had reached out for clarity around this issue.

Motion: Should the 2020 track & field season not happen, the 2020 hosts of the JD Pentathlon and JD Track & Field Championships will have the first right of refusal for the 2021 Championships. (Dan Horan / Birgit Weaver). Passed.

9) Should we cancel the JD Awards Banquet?

General discussion that there are too many unknowns around what the season will look like and what things will be like in October. Committee should discuss again at later meeting.

10) How can we keep in touch with athletes?

Dawn noted it's important to stay in touch with club members, to keep them engaged in the sport as well as show value for membership. Dawn, Christine, and Darren stated that they were sending workouts to their athletes that they could do on their own. Sabrina stated that she was also doing the same on behalf of BC Athletics, with workouts being posted to the website and various social media channels.

11) Document stating JD differences in rules from IAAF rules.

Dawn said that she needs to review the wording that came out of the Board of Directors meetings to add to the document. Sabrina clarified that the meeting minutes were posted on the BC Athletics website on the Governance page.

12) Online Competitions

Darren noted that there was interest in online competitions from some throwing groups. Sabrina noted that Chris Winter had also mentioned the idea and would be discussing it with the Track & Field Committee is discussing something like this. Dawn commented that she wasn't sure parents of JDs would be interested in this although Dan noted parents may be looking for things for their kids to do

during this social isolation period. General discussion of the difference in access to facilities throughout the province and how this may be a limiting factor.

13) Motion to Adjourn:

Meeting Adjourned at 2:55PM