

**BC Athletics Junior Development Committee Meeting
Minutes**

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Time 8pm by Teleconference.

1. Attendance

Doug Evans (Chair), Cristi Lundman (Vice Chair), Christine Dela Cruz, Lee Hunter, Dawn Copping, Birgit Weaver, Tatjana Mece, Tom Dingle (BCA Statistician), Darren Willis (BOD Committee Liaison), Sabrina Nettey (Introductory Programs Coordinator)

Regrets: Kylie Lakevold, Caitlin Reed, Kyndrie Malmquist, Ross Browne

2. Review of survey responses regarding JD Awards, Banquets, and Crests

Sabrina shared the feedback that had been received from the survey that had been sent out to the clubs. Including clubs with representation on the JD Committee, we have perspectives from approximately two-thirds of clubs with JD programs on these topics.

3. Discussion on hosting of JD Awards Banquet

Committee discussed whether alternative hosting options should be considered, including a park gathering associated with the JD Championships. It was noted that JD Awards would not be ready by that date. Comments about the importance of top athletes receiving recognition but not necessarily needing to be at a banquet. Also comments that awards ceremonies within clubs are more meaningful to athletes as they are among their friends and peers. The increased expense of traveling makes it more worthwhile to keep award ceremonies local.

Motion: The JD Banquet not be hosted in 2022 (Doug Evans/Lee Hunter). Accepted.

4. Discussion on continuation of JD Awards

Committee discussed whether they should continue awarding JD athletes with Annual Awards. Comments that awards are useful in keeping top athletes in the sport and that they can be affirming for athletes who performed well against strong athletes and so never received awards in the form of meet medals. Also, comments recognizing that Awards can promote chasing standards and can become a discouragement for young athletes who fail to continue to perform at a high level as they development. Discussion of how JD Awards align with Long Term Athlete Development with Sabrina explaining the lack of alignment, particularly for those aged 9-11.

Motion: JD athletes continue to be recognized through the JD Awards program in 2022 (Doug Evans/Dawn Copping). Accepted

5. Discussion on awarding of JD Crests

Discussion that cancelling the JD Banquet could free up money so that all athletes who have earned a Crest will receive them by default. Sabrina re-presented a proposal

for updating the Crest standards which blended the awards and crest programs. Aim was a greater emphasis on participation rather than results, due to wanting to create something manageable as Tom Dingle had indicated he would be stepping down as BC Athletics Statistician. Tom confirmed that he would be stepping down in the near future and that the Committee should seek a replacement. Cristi thanked Tom for his efforts and contributions. Tom spoke to how crests standards had been developed in the past and noted that adding a Run/Jump/Throw requirement may encourage athletes to diversify their abilities. Discussion of whether athletes value Crests as well as the expense associated with providing them for free to every athlete if using participation based standards.

Motion: Table conversation regarding JD Crests and come back with a new proposal following further review (Doug Evans/Tatjana Mece). Accepted.

6. Motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:28pm (Doug Evans/Tatjana Mece)