

# **BCA Road Running Committee**

## **Meeting Minutes – Nov 27, 2018**



**In Person:** (tentative) Frank, Jared, Geoff, Jordan, Cliff

**By Phone:** (tentative) Bob, John, Lissa, Jake, Eric

**Regrets:** (tentative)

### **Agenda (meeting begin 6:34 pm):**

1. Review and acceptance of meeting agenda.  
Motioned, Frank                      Seconded, Jake
  
2. Review and acceptance of previous meeting minutes (Geoff/ Jordan to send to Cliff for archiving).  
Motioned, Lissa                      Seconded, Bob
  
3. Introductions & welcome
  - Introductions
  - Welcome
  
4. Updates – Competition
  - Regional Series
    - Lower Mainland Series – (Frank)
      - <http://www.lmrrs.com/results.htm>
        - a. 9 races overall, participation up 5% in 2018
        - b. TIMEX no longer a Series sponsor
        - c. Series website is now current for 2019 (same races as 2018)
    - Interior Series – (John)
      - <http://www.interiorrunningassociation.com/pages/series-road.html>
        - a. 2019 Series has 8 races (1 new and 1 being resurrected)
        - b. 2018 Numbers were up 27% from 2017
        - c. Despite the increased numbers, the elite depth has somewhat diminished
        - d. 2019 Series calendar TBD at early December 2018 Interior AGM
    - Island Series – (Bob)
      - [www.islandseries.org](http://www.islandseries.org)
        - a. A compact series – an event taking place every two weeks
        - b. 2018 winners were Shelby Drope and Caitrin Jones
        - c. 2018 numbers held steady from the prior year
      - The first (Harriers Pioneer 8k) and the last event (Goodlife Fitness Victoria Half Marathon) form part of the BC Super Series
      - Prairie Inn Harriers 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – August; 12 runners whose time with PIH spanned the last 4 decades told stories

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- In 2019 the following events started by PIH are celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary: Pioneer 8K and Goodlife Fitness Victoria Marathon
- BC Super Series – (Clif)
  - <http://www.bcatletics.org/BCSuperSeries/>
  - The provincial series wrapped up with the Half Marathon in Victoria October
  - Total series participants 57,894, 329 completed 4 or more events.
  - Top Male winners, Rob Watson, Jesse Hooton, Anthony Tomsich.
  - Top Female winners, Natasha Wodak, Rachel Cliff, Dayna Pidhoresky.
  - Events are confirmed for 2019, same as 2018.
- BC Championships Update (Clif)
  - 2020-2021 BC Championships
    - Bid application process will be posted end of January
    - Deadline for application April 30, decided by Committee in May
  - 2019 BC Championships
    - 8k | Stevenson Icebreaker – January 20
    - 5k | BMO St. Patrick's Day – March 16
    - 10k | TC 10k – April 28
    - 42.2k | BMO Vancouver Marathon – May 5
    - 21.1k | Goodlife Victoria Marathon – Oct 13
- National Championships Update (Clif)
  - i. 2018 Competition Update – BC Athletes
    - 5k – Toronto, Sept 9, 2018 - Top 10 BC Male Athletes placed 2, 5, 8. The BCA Team athletes placed 8 and DNF. Top 10 BC Female Athletes placed 1, 5. The BCA Team athlete placed 1.
    - Marathon – Toronto, Oct 21 - BCA did not send a BCA Team. Few athletes met criteria, those that did, declined the opportunity to race other events. BC Male Athletes in top 10 – 1st Cam Levins setting new Canadian Record 2:09:25. No BC Female athletes in top 10.
  - ii. 2019-2020 National Championships
    - 5k – no host set for 2019, AC expected to put out bid package
      - i. Clif to learn more in week following this meeting
    - 10k – Ottawa Race Weekend, end of May
    - Half – Manitoba Marathon, mid-June
    - Marathon – Toronto Waterfront, mid-October
    - Cross Country – Abbotsford, last weekend November for the next 2 years

### **5. Updates – Athletes**

- BC Endurance Project (Jordan) – will distribute Nov 24 Board Mtg Report
  - Was established in 2017 for 4 years – as of now 2 years remaining
- Results & Trends 2018 (Frank)
  - Tannenbaum 10K will be joining the list, thus bumping another entry from the list
  - A noteworthy decline in female participation in 2018
  - Across all races half experienced a decline in numbers, the other half an increase
- Masters (Jake)

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- Athlete Awards
  - Present Nominees (Frank & Bob)
  - Vote (Jordan)
    - A discussion held to drop minimum consideration from 5 down to 4 races
  - **Action Item – Frank to update his numbers to reflect 4 events rather than 5**
  - **Committee Action Item – to have nominees selected between Fall Classic and November 11<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Action Item – Jordan to pull together existing criteria and post it online prior to awards**
  - **With regards to Junior awards (2018), 3 races for consideration however not enough qualifiers to meet the standard; thus, no 2018 Junior candidates**
    - **Action Item – Junior vote consideration to drop from 3 races to 2 races. Tabled for further discussion (suggestion was for an online vote)**
  - **MOTION (Jordan) – to consider changing criteria for athlete award selection from 5 races to 4 races**
    - **Moved, Bob      Seconded, Jake**
    - **Vote was unanimous (in favour of the motion)**
  - Due December 3<sup>rd</sup>

### 6. 2019 Race Director's Conference

- Race Directors conference has been scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup> in conjunction with Triathlon BC. Aim is for about 50 event directors. Topics and speakers are still being finalized. The event will be held at Fortius.
  - Last year had 5 speakers and ~40 attendees - including 3 cycling groups
  - 2019 logistics TBD for out-of-towners
- Is there interest in the committee as details are more formalized to assist (networking, sponsorship, volunteers?)

### 7. Dates for 2019 Meetings & AGM- Election/ Roles

- Suggested – based purely on historical mtg schedule
  - Alternate Tues/ Wed -
  - February (early) – Committee AGM
  - June (early)
  - September (BCA AGM)
  - December (early) – hopefully after XC champs

### 8. BC Athletics Annual Awards Dinner | Saturday – Feb 2

- Who from the committee will be in attendance? Who has attended? Historically a very low turnout for road
  - **Action Item – Jordan to follow up to see if the Committee can have representation to assist with Road Running awards**

### 9. Race Sanctioning Review Update (Clif)

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- In process with BCA Staff. Sanctioning process is across departments and staff. PESF encompasses reporting needed for ViaSport.
- Is there anything the Committee can do to support BCA staff?
- **Action Item – Clif to see how other organizations are doing it**

### 10. New Business

- Bob indicated that new Canadian records were established in 2018 in each of these 3 events: Victoria Marathon, Victoria Half Marathon, and the 8K
- **Action Item – Jake to confirm if Catherine Watkins' 2:40:11 from the 2018 Belin Marathon qualifies for a BC record – confirmed 1/21/19**

### 11. End of Meeting.

- Moved, Bob                      Seconded, Frank
- End of meeting, time: 8:04pm