

BCA Road Running Committee
MINUTES – Aug 28, 2019 | Q3



In Person: Jordan, Clif, Frank, Jake, Geoffrey

By Phone: Bob

Regrets: Lissa, John, Eric, Jared

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Meeting (meeting begins 6:46 pm):

- Review and acceptance of meeting agenda.
 - Motioned: Frank Seconded: Jake

- Review and acceptance of previous meeting minutes
 - Motioned: Jake Seconded: Bob

- Updates – Competition
 - Regional Series
 - Lower Mainland Series – (Frank)
 - <http://www.lmrrs.com>
Eight races now complete (out of 9)
The Eastside 10K is the final race (awards to follow the event). Numbers indicate that participation has decreased 3% from last year (6998 down to 6791). Series sponsor (LifeStages) is generously sponsoring the cost of the room rental for the awards. Icebreaker up 20% and Summerfast up 36%; the remaining events were down minimally 3-7%). Competitiveness seems to have dropped off in the Series races with the exception of St. Patrick's Day and Scotiabank.
 - Interior Series – (John)
 - <http://www.interiorrunningassociation.com>
All eight races have now concluded, series update?
As per Clif, numbers were about even with last year (1387 finishers versus last year's total of 1443). All existing events are forecast to return for next year.
 - Island Series – (Bob)
 - <http://www.islandseries.org/>
No competition updates req'd - the Series has concluded; numbers were up in all the races with the exception of one or two of the events
 - 3,035 finishers in 2019 as compared to 2,858 - 1,177 runner increase in this year's Series
 - 2020 schedule has been released
 - Change in ownership for Sidney By The Sea (a September 5K/8K event). Cathy Noel is now managing the event formerly put on by Fronrunners.
 - The Twilight Shuffle just had its 35th running and has been experiencing a decline in numbers; this could well be its last year.

- With the exception of the upcoming GoodLife Fitness Marathon weekend in Victoria, road running is pretty much winding down with cross country getting underway.
- BC Super Series – (Clif)
 - <https://www.bcathletics.org/BCSuperSeries/>
 - Super Series – 7 of the 8 races are up in
 - participation - numbers are up with a slight decline in St. Patrick's Day, Longest Day and Scotiabank Half. Currently participation numbers at
 - 54234 (with 57662 total; last year). After next two events (Eastside 10K and GoodLife Victoria Half) numbers should be solid.
 - Clif met last week with Series Race directors. Preparing for 2020-2021, the Series terms will now be on a 2-year cycle to match that of the hosting cycle.
- BC Championships Update (Clif)
 - 2020-2021 BC Championships
 - Update? for approval (UPDATE all events have accepted and Board has approved):
 - i. 5k | BMO St. Patrick's 5K
 - ii. 8k | Harriers Pioneer 8K
 - iii. 10k | Vancouver Sun Run
 - iv. 21.1k | Scotiabank Vancouver Half Marathon
 - v. 42.2k | GoodLife Fitness Victoria Marathon
 - Sport Hosting Grant update – Committee voted in last mtg and Board has approved
 - Road Running Committee had voted unanimously for the change to sport hosting grant at last meeting. The BC Athletics Board approved the committee recommendation for the funding that goes towards this award (ribbons/administration). This will streamline the process.
 - 2019 BC Championships
 - 8k | Stevenson Icebreaker – January 20
 - 5k | BMO St. Patrick's Day – March 16
 - 10k | TC 10k – April 28 (*30th Anniversary)
 - 33 eligible runners versus 35 last year and finisher numbers were up; top men finishers were from the Island versus the top women who were from both the Lower Mainland and the Interior
 - 42.2k | BMO Vancouver Marathon – May 5
 - 42 eligible runners versus 34 last year, Rob Watson & Catrin Jones won both this year and last
 - 21.1k | GoodLife Fitness Victoria Marathon – Half – Oct 13
 - Cross Country – Victoria – Oct 26
 - Hosted by Prairie Inn Harriers. Bob is directing it and is currently working on a 1K and 2K loop of Beaver Lake, as well as working on the website. Also potentially a preferred stay rate at a local hotel

- National Championships Update (Clif)
 - 2019 National Championships
 - Marathon – Toronto Waterfront – October 20
BC sending two athlete representing BC teams: Dana Pidhoresky and Malindi Elmore. Other BC athletes will be there - however not part of the BC team
 - Cross Country – Abbotsford – November 30
Opportunities exist to send a BC team
 - 2020 Dates
Still no 5K National Championship event established
Marathon will be October 18th.
10K will be in Ottawa May 23rd.
Half Marathon will be in Winnipeg June 21st.
Cross country is November 28th.
 - **Action Item:** Clif will post revised BC athlete criteria by December on the website.
- Updates – Athletes
 - Results & Trends 2019 (Frank, Bob, Jake & Lissa)
- AGM – Saturday Sep 7
 - Road Running Committee Report
 - summary of activities
 - current members
 - potential goals for 2020
 - Jordan has been attempting to reach out to the Committee’s Athlete Rep for resolution for our Q4 meeting as the Committee looks to strengthen female representation on the Committee
 - **Action Item:** Jordan will circulate his Committee report right away by email to the committee members for input.
 - Attendance? Support to BCA Staff?
 - Clif mentioned a change that came about through the BC Societies Act whereby you need to register a delegate for each of your votes and then proxy those votes to one person (i.e. if a club has 4 votes, 4 delegates would have to register and each delegate would proxy their vote to someone). |In addition a club can only get proxy votes from one other club.
 - Going into the AGM there are no nominations for Board position Administration and Planning nor for Zone 1/2 Director
 - Resolutions still to be posted to BC Athletics website – the emphasis being track-related
 - Jordan reminded the Road Running Committee that in February he will be stepping away as Committee Chair.
 - The AGM will be web broadcast and there is ability to log in.
- Future 2019 Meetings
 - TBC – Q4 | December (before/after XC champs? – Nov 30)
 - Tuesday Nov 26 or Dec 3rd in consideration for the Q4 meeting
 - Road Running awards need to be set by email or conference call
 - 2020 – Q1 & AGM

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- Tentatively look to the 3rd week of January

- New Business
 - Jordan asked about Olympic qualifying standards and what goes into it
Action Item: Clif has received this document discussing the points system overview and will distribute by email to the Committee
 - Clif announced a couple of upcoming coaching seminars for distance running and cross country (one beginning of October and the other beginning of November). There's also a road running instructor course the weekend of this year's BC cross country championships that will be held in Victoria with opportunities for BC and AC mentorships.
 - As per Bob – as the BC Cross Country Championships there are two courses happening – road running instructors course and a coaches mentorship course.
 - Jordan brought up industry-related emails that the Committee may be interested in subscribing to.
Action Item: Jordan will distribute emails that may be of interest to the Committee which he subscribes to and he is encouraging others on the Committee to do likewise.
 - Jordan brought up the Revel Chilliwack marathon & half marathon events organized out of the States. It occurred on August 17th and had 286 marathon and 344 half marathon finishers. August is a quiet month but they chose SeaWheeze and Squamish 50 weekend – the latter could well have negatively impacted their turnout numbers.
 - Frank mentioned that while he is compiling statistics for finish results he is continuing to see a decline in the percentage of women finishers across all distances
 - Clif indicated that City of Vancouver staff is putting a report forth to Council regarding staff recommendations for their special event policy. Eight events were invited to the consultation with their input to this policy but only two responded. Jordan indicated that Council has cut some funding to various areas (one being hosting grants) and reallocated the funding to different initiatives such as public housing or sanitation.
 - Bob mentioned a website called Run Victoria well documented with road/trail/mountain running courses for visitors and those who wish to train for a race. A lot of information contained within for Greater Victoria as well as up the Island.
Action Item: Bob to provide the link to the website for distribution to the Committee. In addition Bob will pull together some material and provide to Clif for a BC Athletics booth.

- End of Meeting
 - Moved: Frank Seconded: Jake
 - End of meeting, time: 7:56pm