



BC Cross Country Committee Meeting

*BCA AGM, Hilton Vancouver Airport, Richmond B.C.,
5911 Minoru Blvd, Richmond BC*

Sunday December 6th, 2015 at 11:15am – 12:30pm

MINUTES

In Attendance: Jerry Tighe (chair), Maurice Wilson (staff liaison), Sandra Turner (board rep), Chris Johnston, Nikki Reiter (skype), Jennifer Schutz, Dawn Copping

Observers: Greg White, Allen Johnston, Tyler Heisterman, Birgit Weaver

1. Review of BC Championships (Allen Johnston and Tyler Heisterman)

- Changes noted by organizing committee for next year:
 - widen gate leading off the field
 - 3km race – will change the order of the loops to eliminate the sharp corner
 - additional flagging
 - revise courses to ensure correct distance (were a bit short)
 - more porta-potty's
 - packet pick up and payment process will be smoother
 - options of video or ATV for filming
- Suggestions:
 - perhaps look at adding 2-4 more officials
 - shuttle busses from ferry

2. 2016 BC Cross Country Championships Schedule – Tentative Changes

#1	11:30am	1.5km	2007 Boys and Girls (age 9)
#2	11:45am	2km	2006 Boys and Girls (age 10)
#3	12 noon	2km	2005 Boys and Girls (age 11)
#4	12:15pm	6km	Junior, Senior, and Masters Women
#5	12:50pm	8km	Junior, Senior, and Masters Men
#6	1:40pm	3km	2004 and 2003 Boys and Girls (age 12 & 13)
#7	2:00pm	3km	Midget Girls (age 14 & 15)
#8	2:20pm	3km	Midget Boys (age 14 & 15)
#9	2:40pm	4km	Youth Girls
#10	3:05pm	5km	Youth Boys

Timing of the awards to be determined.



3. Discussion of BC Cross Country Championships Distances

(in light of the 2017 rule changes with IAAF for both senior men and senior women to race 10km)

- Athletics Canada is likely to align and have 10km for Senior Women
- Athletics Canada is likely to keep Jr's at 6km for Jr. Women and 8km for Jr. Men; 4km for Youth Girls and 6km for Youth Boys
- Benefit of running Juniors, Seniors, and Masters all together at BC Championships was huge
 - Universities could participate
- Good progression of seasonal race distances towards 10km at National
- Don't need to match AC, could be better to have a shorter race before Nationals

Action:

- The committee decided that BC Championship distances will remain the same for 2016
- The committee would look into changing distances equal distances for both genders if the university championships did so (CIS, NAIA, NCCA).

4. Nomination for the 2016 BC Cross Country Committee

- The committee recognized the need for virtual attendance for those in the north or east
- The committee recognized the need for invitations and follow-ups to ensure maximum attendance

Positions:

2016 Commitment

Chair:	✓	Jerry Tighe
University Coach:	✓	Chris Johnston
High School Coach:	✓	Jennifer Schutz
Athlete Rep:	✓	Chris Winter
JD Rep:	✓	Dawn Copping
Island Rep:		
Kootenay Rep:		Alex Ulaszonek
Okanagan Rep:	✓	Nikki Reiter
Valley Rep:		Sue Northey
Northern Rep:		Brian Nemethy
Lower Mainland Rep:		Besnik Mece
Champs Rep (non-voting):	✓	Tyler Heisterman or Allen Johnston
Staff Rep (non-voting):	✓	Maurice Wilson
Board Rep (non-voting):		TBD (Sandra Turner?) – appointed by Board President

Action:

- Maurice to confirm commitment of all current members
- Positions to fill:
 - Board Rep (appointed by Board President).
 - Additional Athlete Rep (female)
 - Island Rep

5. Other Business

- a) 2017 and 2018 Hosting for BC Cross Country Championships
- Bid going out in 2016
 - Package out to the membership in the spring 2016
 - Committee to decide in summer of 2016

6. Adjournment at 12:30pm

