

Road Running Committee Minutes – Apr 29 / 14

April 29, 2014 - 6:30pm – Fortius Bldg | BC Athletics Office

In person: Clifton Cunningham, Maurice Wilson, Frank Stebner, Geoffrey Buttner, Jake Madderom, Jim Hinze, Jordan Myers

Phone: Rick Jenkner, Cindy Rhodes, Bob Reid

Regrets: Tom Michie

1. Review/Acceptance of Meeting Agenda.
 - Any other business to add to agenda
2. Review/Acceptance of past meeting minutes, November 7, 2013.
3. Future Committee Meetings
 - As you see the agenda is quite long, and our last meeting too long ago. Thought was moving to a yearly calendar of meetings.
 - Proposed Calendar – Tuesday's 6:30pm, 6 meetings yearly.
 - Second week of June
 - First week of September (action items for AGM, championship bids)
 - First week of October (items due for AGM, championship decisions)
 - Second week of January (year planning)
 - First week of March (series updates)
 - Last week of April (action items)
4. BC Athletics Road Running Instructor Clinics
 - Pilot clinic held Jan 24-26 in Burnaby, 16 participants. Next clinic scheduled for Jun 6-8 in Victoria. Tentative plans for a clinic in Kelowna in late summer, and another in Burnaby in the fall.
5. Road Running Officiating
 - Aim to differentiate competitive vs. non-competitive events.
 - Competitive requirements would include certified course, and a minimum level of qualified officials present. The Road Running community needs to become self-sufficient in officiating rather than relying on T&F officials. Work with the Officials Committee to develop courses to qualify road running officials. Encourage timing companies to qualify as Transponder Timing Judges.
6. Outstanding Projects
 - Road Running BC Team Selection Criteria (Clif / Frank) – **No Action**
 - Outreach plan, conference and succession planning for BC Race Directors (Geoffrey / Jordan) – **Action items**
 - **no outreach to the Interior**
 - **looking work with Goodlife Fitness Victoria Marathon**
 - **perhaps Kelowna in the fall (reach out to Cindy & Rick in the Interior).Cindy suggested a mentorship program to**

become a Race Director. There is some job shadowing effort currently in the works. Would like to report on it right before/after Mid Summer 8k.

- Goals and objectives of Road Running Committee
 - **Need to consider a focus & annual goals for the road running committee**
 - Minutes to members within 2 weeks of meeting for review
 - Expansion of committee
7. Athletics Canada new road running focus.
- Athletics Canada Road Running Hub – www.road.athletics.ca / www.acroad.ca
 - 5k Championship
 - B&O Yorkville Run, September 7, 2014
 - Challenge and Tender? – BCA appealed the awarding without a bid process. Appeal upheld. Invitation to bid for 2015 – 2018 should be forthcoming. **Some concerns from BC Athletics as there is no process in place for this. And there has been no success in having any conversation with them about it. This is not the interest of the BCA membership to have these changes being made without consultation.**
 - **Jordan indicated that there is an opportunity for provincial organizations to make progress in this area. Get a dialogue started to get a more transparent relationship with AC.**
 - **Action Item → Maurice to bring questions and concerns to AC AGM.**
 - 2015-2018 Road Running Championships
 - 10k (**TDB**), Half-Marathon (**Calgary tendered**), Marathon (**STWM tendered**)
 - John Lofranco, Road Running Coordinator
 - Athletics Canada Road Running Summit
 - Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon, October 19th
8. 2014 Canadian Road Running Championships
- Montreal Half Marathon Championships, April 27
 - BC Athletes
 - Men (none)
 - Women – Erin Burrett 2nd 1:15:01.2
 - Ottawa Marathon Championships, May 25
 - BC Athletes entered
 - Men - Rob Watson, Richard Mosley (& Chris Napier)
 - Women - Natasha Wodak
 - Oasis Zoo Run – Toronto 10k Championships, September 20
9. 2014 / 2015 BC Championships
- 8k Championship – Harriers Pioneer 8k, January 12
 - 40 eligible (25 M / 15 W)

- Men
 - 1. Geoff Martinson 23:41 1/4 M2529
 - 2. Rob Watson 24:02 1/3 M3034
 - 3. Adam Byles 24:40 2/3 M3034
 - Women
 - 1. Erin Burrett 27:13 1/2 F3034
 - 2. Natasha Wodak 27:21 2/2 F3034
 - 3. Sabrina Wilkie 27:57 1/4 F2529
 - Half-Marathon Championship – Pacific Road Runners First Half Half-Marathon, February 16
 - 108 eligible (66 M / 42 W)
 - Men
 - 1. Rob Watson 1:06:39 1/3 M3034
 - 2. Jim Finlayson 1:09:40 1/5 M4044
 - 3. Jeremiah Ziak 1:11:15 1/9 M3539
 - Women
 - 1. Natasha Wodak 1:17:05 1/4 F3034
 - 2. Kimberley Doerksen 1:17:27 1/2 F2024
 - 3. Catherine Watkins 1:18:01 1/8 F4044
 - 5k Championship – Thunderbirds Track BlueShore Financial Longest Day 5k, June 13, 2014
 - 10k Championship – VFAC Summerfast 10k, July 19, 2014
 - Marathon Championship – Goodlife Victoria Marathon, October 12, 2014
 - **Action Item → Cliff is inquiring as to when to look at 2016/2017 selection? Maurice suggested invites to bid spring of next year with applications in by the end of next summer with the awarding in September 2015.**
 - **Action Item → confirmation criteria in January**
10. Race Series Updates –
- Frontrunners Island Run Series
 - Wrapped up with the Sooke River 10k, April 13
 - Total Runners 2014 # vs 2013 # - **down 376 runners (average reduction of 47/race)**
 - Interior Road Running Series
 - 5 of 11 events complete, numbers so far in 2014 # vs 2013 # **(the first 3 races were down a little bit in #'s)**
 - Next event is the Blossom 10 Miler, May 11
 - **Cindy indicated that there are good number of high calibre runners in the pipeline, in particular 10th grader Sean Bergman, 12th grader Jerome Blake and 14 year old Hannah Bennison. Also Jeff Vogt who just took up running (35-39 age category)**
 - Lower Mainland Race Series

- 4 of 11 events complete, numbers so far in 2014 # vs 2013 # (**#'s are down, Modo 8K is the new Series event, 3 of the 4 completed events had lower numbers, Scotiabank Vancouver Half is on track to increase numbers**).
- Next event is the Oasis Shaughnessy 8k, May 25
- Timex BC Road Running Series
 - 10 of 15 events complete, numbers so far in 2014 # vs 2013 # - Down about 4,000, primarily Sun Run & TC10K, but others almost all down a small number.
 - Next event is the Oasis Shaughnessy 8k, May 25
 - Two largest events, Vancouver Sun Run and the Victoria Times Colonist 10k were the same day this year. Similar conflict could occur in 2019.
 - Sun Run 45,183 (2014) vs 48,156 (2013), next year the date is April 19, 2015.
 - Times Colonist 10k 11,524 (2014) vs 12,294 (2013), next year date is April 26, 2015.

11. Other Business

12. Move to Close **8:00pm...Moved – Jordan, Seconded - Frank**