

BC Athletics Junior Development Committee Meeting
September 10th, 2017 – 3pm – BC Athletics Office, Fortius Centre + Teleconferencing

Call to order: 3:03pm

Present: Dan Horan, Gordon Kalisch, Graeme Fell, Alwilda van Ryswyk, Dawn Copping, Birgit Weaver, Tom Dingle, Sabrina Nettey, Greg White

Regrets: Amber Gilbert

1. Review / Acceptance of Agenda

Dawn requested the following be added to the agenda:

- i. Organization of BC Athletics Clubs
- ii. JD Pentathlon Tables
- iii. Parent & Athlete Handbook

Motion to accept agenda: Birgit, seconded Dawn – Passed unanimously

2. Acceptance of Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Greg requested the addition of the date (April 9, 2017) to minutes

Motion to accept minutes: Dan, seconded: Alwilda – Passed unanimously

3. Business from Previous Meeting

a. New Committee Members

Ivon Gill from Zone 4 no longer being pursued as JD Committee member. Potential interested representative from Prince George (Zone 8); Graeme to follow up. Tom to look into potential Island reps at upcoming Island meeting

b. JD Crests order form can be simplified to streamline the order process

Action: Sabrina & Dawn to review Crest order form.

Aim to provide greater clarity to clubs and training groups to order as a group. Review potential cost increase for individual orders to reflect postage costs.

c. JD Cross-Country Series

Graeme mentioned the need for a greater team atmosphere to help increase participation numbers. Discussion of potential sponsorship opportunities.

d. Meet Feedback

Graeme will discuss at BCA Event Congress the need for meet packages/schedules to use athlete YOB rather than other age indicators (i.e. age, grade, etc.). Desire to see greater use of Meet Feedback form.

4. Review of JD Series Meets

All meets generally successful. Dawn requested feedback on Trevor Craven being held at Burnaby Central Secondary this year, compared to Swanguard Stadium in past years.

Tom noted Dogwood meet had to be postponed due to stadium being double booked, resulted in lower participation numbers. Only four island meets this year; hoping for more next year. Alwilda reported good participation numbers and meet organization at Jack Brow Memorial.

Sabrina suggested "Series for JD's" tab on JD page be changed to "Cross Country" to allow greater event visibility

Motion to change tab: Dan, seconded: Graeme – Passed unanimously

5. Championships Review

a. Pentathlon

Good event registration numbers; up from last year. Good weather and athletes had positive experience although high jump events ran late.

A difficulty faced was that BC Pentathlon scoring tables are not available in current version of Hytek. At meet Alberta scoring tables were used. Although meet organizers were informed of the situation ahead of time, they did not prepare to convert the meet results to the BC tables as requested. Committee is still waiting on a post-event report

b. Track & Field

Positives:

In spite of location change from Kelowna to South Surrey 9 days prior to event, registration numbers were good; very close to previous year.

Action: Graeme to write letter to thank Okanagan Athletics and Ocean Athletics for their efforts in organizing the Championship.

Action: Graeme to write letter to MLA Ravi Kahlon to thank him for attending the JD T&F Champs and acting as medal presenter.

Discussion:

- i. Noted need for barrier along 100m and 300m straightaways for future event hosting.

- ii. 4x100m Relay

A team of unattached athletes who participated in the 4x100m relay were upset that they were not awarded medals. Greater clarity required in JD Manual regarding how awarding will be done in relay events.

Section 7.14 of JD Manual be updated to say "Both Club and Mixed relay teams may run in the Championships. Club relay teams are eligible for Championship medals. Mixed relays teams comprised of members of different clubs and/or unattached athletes may receive club medals".

Motion to update Section 7.14 of JD Manual: Birgit, seconded: Dawn – Passed unanimously.

Alwilda suggested amendment to Section 7.14 to require championship host to give club medals to mixed teams; should not be at their discretion.

Section 7.14 of JD Manual be updated to say “Mixed relay teams comprised of members of different clubs and/or unattached athletes will receive club medals”.

Motion to approve amendment to Section 7.14 of JD Manual: Alwilda, seconded: Dawn – Passed unanimously.

Greg suggested amendment to Section 7.14 to provide greater clarity on what relay teams were considered club teams.

Section 7.14 of JD Manual be updated to say “BC Athletics affiliated clubs in good standing may form teams from various age groups but the team must run in the age category of its oldest member. All four members of the team must belong to the same club.

Motion to approve amendment to Section 7.14 of JD Manual: Dawn, seconded: Birgit – Passed unanimously

iii. Medley Relay

The composition of the Medley Relay (200, 200, 200, 600) includes events not aligned with LTAD for 9 and 10 year olds. Discussion on whether athletes be allowed to run up to participate in medley relays. Agreed section 7.15 requires greater clarity of which age groups may participate in medley relays as well as how medals will be awarded.

Section 7.15 of JD Manual be updated to say “Clubs may form teams from various age groups but the team must run in the age category of its oldest member. All four members of the team must belong to the same club. Only athletes 11+, based on YOB, may compete...Both club and mixed relay teams may run in the Championships. Club relay teams are eligible for Championship medals. Mixed relay teams comprised of members of different clubs and/or unattached athletes will receive club medals.

Motion to update Section 7.15 of JD Manual: Dan, seconded: Birgit – Passed unanimously

6. Dates for Championships

2018 JD Pentathlon Championships: June 23.

2018 JD T&F Championships: July 27 – 29.

7. Bidding for Championships

2018 JD T&F Championships will be awarded to Okanagan Athletics. Committee will only be seeking bids for the 2018 Pentathlon Championships.

8. JD Awards

Committee reviewed and updated nomination list provided by JD Statistician (Tom Dingle).

Motion to accept updated nomination list: Dawn, seconded: Gordon – Passed unanimously.

9. JD Banquet

Greg suggested inviting Olympic and Paralympic Athlete as guest speakers.

Action: Graeme to look at facility accessibility for potential para-guest speakers.

Discussion on the appropriate price to charge various attendees (Child, Parent, non-eaters).

Motion to change price for non-eaters from \$7 to \$5: Dawn, seconded: Alwilda – Passed unanimously.

All committee members to be responsible for previous years' tasks.

Action: Gordon Kalisch to apply for Class D Gambling (Ticket Raffles) License.

Action: Sabrina to contact clubs re: donating draw prizes.

Action: Sabrina to follow up with Ted de. St. Croix regarding sending XC results to Birgit immediately following XC Championships

10. Motions for BC Athletics AGM

Due to date change of BCA AGM to September (November in past years), committee to revisit any issues for AGM at April meeting.

11. Organization of BC Athletics Clubs

Dawn brought up concerns with the current formation of BC Athletics clubs. Suggested current requirements to become a club should be expanded and greater pressures be placed on unattached training groups to become clubs.

12. Pentathlon Tables

Discussion of current difficulties in scoring Pentathlon Championships (BC Pentathlon tables are not available in current versions of Hytek; JD Awards are based upon BC tables). Discussion of feasibility of switching to Alberta tables (available in current versions of Hytek). Tom explained that significant differences exist between the two tables and didn't advise switching systems.

Action: Graeme to forward BC Pentathlon table formulas to Hytek to include in their next version.

Action: Tom to forward BC Pentathlon table formulas to Graeme.

Action: Until BC pentathlon table are updated in Hytek, Sabrina to make provision of a manual results converter a requirement of hosting the JD Pentathlon Championships.

13. Parent & Athlete Handbook

Discussion on committee produced parent & athlete handbook compared to revised handbook produced by BC Athletics.

Action: Sabrina to re-send revised Handbook to committee members, revisions to be brought forth at January meeting.

Action: Birgit to re-send original version to Committee members for review

14. Motion to adjourned: Graeme, seconded: Gordon – passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 6:34pm.

Next meeting: AGM – October 29th post JD Banquet at the Riverside Banquet Hall, Richmond