

BC ATHLETICS JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Draft Minutes

Sunday January 21, 2018
11am Teleconference

Attendance : Greg White (BC Athletics Chair), Tom Dingle (statistician), Alwilda Van Ryswyk, Birgit Weaver, Dawn Copping, Dan Horan, Ross Browne, Amber Gilbert, Veronique Jager, Darren Willis, Carolyn Emon, Sabrina Netty (BC Athletics staff)

Regrets: Gordon Kalisch, Christine Dela Cruz

Call to order 11:05 am

- Motion to accept Carolyn Emon (Zone 8) on the JD Committee.

Moved by - Alwilda Van Ryswyk / Seconded by - Dawn Copping

Carried

- Every JD Committee member needs to register as an associate member of BCA for 2018.

1. Acceptance of Agenda

Motion to accept - Dawn Copping / Seconded by - Veronique Jager

Carried

2. Acceptance of minutes of September 10, 2017 meeting

Motion to accept - Dawn Copping / seconded by - Dan Horan

Carried

3. Oct. 29, 2017 AGM Minutes – corrections?

- Discussion about the new pit lane rule.

Action - Dawn is going to follow up with Racewalk West about the rule.

4. Discuss removing the need for clubs other than the club hosting the JD Champs to provide volunteers to officiate at the meet (Section 3.3 of the JD Manual).

- Discussion regarding this proposed motion. Review of responses from the club survey that was sent out. Sabrina warned that this “policy” is in the BCA operations manual, and any change made to the rule would need to get approved by the BCA board first.

- Motion to amend BCA operations manual 7.7 A Section 1 to read as is, but add the wording “ If requested by the host club. If the host club requires volunteer support from attending clubs this needs to be communicated when the JD Championship meet package is sent out, or 60 days prior to the meet”.

- Moved by - Dawn Copping / Seconded by - Alwilda Van Ryswyk

Carried

5. List of approved meets for JD awards

- Tabled until April meeting. It is unclear if all of the meets listed have met the “meet criteria” for JD Awards. This will remain open for clubs to add additional meets for consideration until April 8.

Action - Dawn will look up the current “meet criteria”, and follow up with the host clubs that apply to confirm that they are following the criteria, and therefore able to be considered for JD Awards (crest program).

6. Review of Banquet

- Discussion from the committee members that attended. Food was great, and the location seems to be good with plenty of parking. There was feedback about the projector quality being poor, and this made

the powerpoint tough to see. Sabrina has offered to bring the projector from the BCA office to use for next year, and recommended they test it out the week before the banquet to ensure it displays better.
Action - Dawn offered to phone and book the same location for next year, again on the Sunday following the X-Country Championships (October 28)

7. Review of "JD Athlete and Parent Handbook"

- Three versions of the Handbook have now been prepared, the Handbook "Overview", providing a condensed 4 page version, the Handbook "Extended Version" that was added to the first version by Sabrina and Brian McC Calder (with photos and 13 pages) and the edited version of the Handbook "Extended Version" without photos and 12 pages.

- Discussion at the JD meeting resulted in many preferring the shortened Handbook Overview (4 pages). Between the extended version with photos and the edited version without photos, all agreed that the simplified version without photos was preferred. However, all agreed that both the "overview" 4 page version and the extended version without photos should be made available to clubs and posted on the BCA Website as an important resource for parents.

Action - that both versions without photos of the JD and Parent Handbook be brought to the next BCA Board meeting for information.

8. Decision re: JD Pentathlon tables.

- Tom provided the committee with an update, that the initial JD tables were created from the IAAF women's heptathlon values. Comparing the BC tables with the Alberta tables, there is different weighting given to the different events, but this changes depending on whether the performances are good, average or poor. The BC tables lead to roughly twice the number of points for a performance, but there is no direct correlation as the performances change. The BC system has been in place for a number of years and gives total scores that can be up to 3000 or more. Athletes should get a better score as they get older. There is an increase of the JD standard for awards from 1600 to 3100 as one progresses from 9 year olds to 13 year olds. The downside of the Alberta tables is that the total point spread is less, ie around 300 points to 1700 points, or around one half of the BC system.

- Discussion about the computer software needed to be able to use the current JD tables. Some of the clubs are looking in to switching to a new software called Meet Pro, because it is cheaper than Hytek / Meet Manager.

Action - Sabrina to find out if the BC tables are compatible with Meet Pro.

Motion to keep the tables as is for one more year, while looking into Meet Pro for compatibility.

Moved by - Dawn / Seconded by – Amber

Carried

Action - Dawn offered to contact Maureen St. Croix about this decision, as Ocean Athletics will be hosting the JD Pentathlon for 2018

9. Criteria for Jane Swan Award.

- Discussion about the need for proper criteria to be created for the Jane Swan Award and potentially others. As the years go by, more and more coaches and athletes may not know about Jane Swan, the impact she had on the sport, and the history behind the award.

- Dawn proposed that a brief bio be created for Jane Swan, and an award criteria be created, for future generations to use, and it will help this committee with the award selection in coming years.

- Greg White proposed that all awards that are named after people should have a bio of the person's accomplishments to further explain the qualities that are being looked for in the award winners

Action- Dawn to write the criteria and bring back to the committee for approval in April.

Action – Greg White to go back to the BC Athletics Board to make sure that all awards named after people have the biography attached

10. Website placement of JD information

- Dawn commented on the location of the JD program information on the BC Athletics website. Questioning whether the info should also be on the banner with other programs at the bottom of the homepage.
- Sabrina explained that the JD link is part of the feature banner as well as the bottom banner. She felt that both places made JD information more visible

11. Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.

- Dan was appointed temporary chair of the JD committee for the election motions.
- a. Motion - Alwilda nominated Dawn Copping for the position of Chair on the JD Committee. Seconded by Birgit
There were no other nominations.

Carried

- b. Motion - Dawn nominated Birgit Weaver for the position of Vice-Chair. Seconded by Alwilda
There were no other nominations.

Carried

- c. Motion - Birgit nominated Amber Gilbert for the position of Secretary. Seconded by Dawn
There were no other nominations.

Carried

12. Motion to adjourn.

- Moved by - Birgit Weaver / Seconded by - Carolyn Emon
Adjourned at 1:00 pm

Next meeting: Sunday April 8, 2018 at 10 am, by Teleconference