

BC Athletics Junior Development Committee 2018 Annual General Meeting
Sunday, October 28th, 2018 – Riverside Palace Banquet Hall
14431 Knox Way, Richmond, BC V6V 2Z1

Meeting called to order at 2:17pm

1. Attendance: Dawn Copping – Chair (1), Birgit Weaver – Vice Chair & NorWesters (2), Christine Dela Cruz – JD Committee & Air Blastoff Lions (2), Ross Browne – JD Committee & Langley Mustangs (2), Alwilda van Ryswyk – JD Committee & Kamloops (2), Dan Horan – JD Committee (1), Lina Horan – Trail Track & Field Club (1), Tom Dingle – Peninsula Track & Field (1), Maureen de St. Croix – Ocean Athletics (1), Graeme Fell – Vancouver Thunderbirds (1), Sue Kydd – Universal Athletics (1), Karen Fisher Hagel – Kajaks (1), Ted de St. Croix, Juliana Kroeger (UNBC), Darren Willis – BC Athletics Director Zone 6, Jasmine Gill – BC Athletics Director Zones 3/4/5, Sabrina Netley – BC Athletics Staff

Total Votes: 16

Regrets: Carolyn Emon – JD Committee & Prince George

2. Amendment to the Agenda: Item 3 should read “Acceptance of Minutes of 2017 AGM”

**Motion to accept amended Minutes from the 2017 AGM: Birgit Weaver, seconded: Sue Kydd.
Passed unanimously.**

3. Acceptance of Minutes of 2017 JD AGM

Motion to accept Minutes of 2017 JD AGM: Ross Browne, seconded: Christine Dela Cruz

4. Items arising from 2017 AGM Minutes

No business arising from previous AGM

5. Report from Chair of JD Committee to BC Athletics AGM ([attached](#))

Dawn Copping discussed how the early September BC Athletics AGM was difficult to prepare for when the Committee has completed half of their years activities.

6. Reports from the Junior Development Championships ([attached](#))

- i. Cross Country

Oral overview provided by Graeme Fell and Maureen de St. Croix as representative of host organization was not available. Excellent event, with good organization. A stronger speaker system would be preferred, as well as the opportunity to set up tents closer to the finish line.

- ii. Pentathlon

Event had great participation, and has been growing each year. The souvenir t-shirt for each participant was well received. Maureen de St. Croix (Meet Director) noted that very few clubs provided volunteers and feels the rule for compulsory volunteerism at JD Championship events should be reviewed. Additionally, she would like to see the current scoring system replaced with one that better reflects progression as athletes’ age and improve. A special thank you to Ted de St. Croix for his effort in producing the scoring tables.

iii. Track & Field

Meet was very well run with very strong participation numbers for an event occurring outside of the Lower Mainland. The host organization did struggle to get enough volunteers until the last minute. It would be useful to create a framework on how to handle the use of volunteers from visiting clubs.

7. Awarding of 2019 Championships

JD Pentathlon Championship: July 13, 2018 – Bid submitted by Golden Ears Athletics

JD Track & Field Championship: July 19-21, 2018 – Bid submitted by Ocean Athletics

Discussion regarding Pentathlon Championship date change from traditional June weekend to mid-July as a result of changes in the international calendar. Concerns expressed regarding the difficulty of having two JD Championships back to back in July with regards to reduced athlete participation, athlete ability to meet JD Awards championship participation requirement, club/parent fulfillment of championship volunteer requirement, and the difficulty/expense for families to travel. The Pentathlon will return to its traditional June weekend in 2020 for two years.

Golden Ears Athletics & Ocean Athletics host bids for Championship events awarded by acclamation.

Discussion regarding awarding of championships two years out instead of one. It was noted that this may allow for greater time and opportunity to pursue sponsorships for events.

Motion that BC Athletics initiate a process for bidding for the JD Championship two years ahead:

Graeme Fell, seconded: Maureen de St. Croix.

Approved

8. Orientation Document for JD Committee

Darren Willis discussed the idea of creating a document that better explains the work of a JD Committee member and how it aligns with the work of BC Athletics as a whole and to set out the roles of the Staff Assistant and the Board Rep. The document will help to introduce, and potentially recruit, new members to the committee. Darren is to lead development of document.

9. Questionnaire Regarding Elementary School Track & Field Participation

Dawn Copping discussed the idea of creating a questionnaire re Elementary School Track and Field to find out the kind of track & field participation if any, how programs are delivered and the events included in each school board program. There may be a difference between the events offered at the school and club levels and the Elementary and Secondary levels. It was noted that Teachers currently cannot be required to participate in extracurricular programs. Discussion of the desire to see greater BC Athletics and club engagement with schools and the importance of maintaining positive relations took place.

10. Motions brought forward to JD Committee ([attached](#))

i. Motion to increase JD T&F Championship event fees

Discussion regarding the increasing costs of meet hosting. Many noted that the entry fee at most meets is \$8-10 per event. Also noted that BC Athletics Championship medals are approximately \$5 each, with clubs generally paying for mixed relays.

Amendment to motion: That BC Athletics JD Track & Field Championship entry fees be increased from \$7 per event to \$8 per event and that relay entry fees be raised from \$8 per team to \$20 per team: Graeme Fell, seconded: Maureen de St. Croix.

Motion Approved

Action: Darren Willis to bring recommendation to the Board of Directors

- ii. Motion to accept all BC Athletics sanctioned meets for Junior Development Awards

Sue Kydd noted that this process is used for the Midget+ age categories, and a change would bring Junior Development into alignment with them. Discussion regarding the questionable quality of some sanctioned meets and desire to see only recognizably well run events included. Desire for a better understanding of what sanctioning is.

Motion Defeated

- iii. Motion to require medal ceremonies for JD Championship events.

Discussion regarding the positive experience for the athletes. It was noted that many host organizations already include this.

Motion Approved

11. Sponsorship for JD Banquet

Dawn Copping expressed desire to see a sponsor brought on board for the JD Awards banquet to allow award recipients to attend banquet for free. Discussion regarding potential organizations which could be contacted. Sabrina Nettey explained that existing BC Athletics partnerships create restrictions on the organizations which can be approached. Discussion whether there is the opportunity to offer existing partners the first right of refusal regarding event sponsorship. Darren Willis noted that the BC Athletics Board and Staff are actively pursuing marketing and sponsorship opportunities.

12. Distance for Road Races for JDs

Dawn Copping noted that there is significant difference between the distances young athletes are allowed to run on the road and those that the Committee recommends for JD track & field and cross country athletes. Discussion occurred regarding the difficulty to control the number and popularity of road racing events.

13. Election of officers for 2019

Zone 1:	Dan Horan has 1 year remaining and has agreed to stay on
Zone 2:	Alwilda van Ryswyk has 1 year remaining and has agreed to stay on
Zone 3:	Ross Browne has 1 year remaining and has agreed to stay on
Zone 4:	Christine Dela Cruz has 1 year remaining and has agreed to stay on
Zone 8:	Carolyn Emon has 1 year remaining and has agreed to stay on
Member at Large:	Dawn Copping has agreed to stand and has a 2 year term – accepted by acclamation
Member at Large:	Birgit Weaver has agreed to stand and has a 2 year term – accepted by acclamation

Zones 5, 6, 7 and two Member at Large positions remain unfilled.

Motion to accept election of JD Committee Members:

Approved

Dawn Copping will continue as Chair and Birgit Weaver will continue as Vice Chair till the election at the First Committee Meeting. The term of office for JD Committee members runs from Jan 1 to Dec 31.

14. **Motion to adjourn: Maureen de St. Croix, seconded Sue Kydd.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:31pm