

Minutes BC Officials Committee Meeting
 Sunday, April 14, 2013 - 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
 Cull's Residence

1. Present: John Cull, Carol Cull, Sue Kydd, Neil Chin Aleong, Bob Cowden, Bill Koch.
 Regrets: Alwilda van Ryswyk, Alice Kubek.
2. Review and accept Agenda – No changes to Agenda.
3. Review and accept Minutes of February 23, 2013 (emailed prior to meeting) Approved.
4. Old Business
 - Harassment and Abuse – Committee for Spectator Code of Conduct (Bill continues to chase Denise Clements – has had one response and then nothing to another email). No word from Denise. Bill suggests arranging committee meeting minus chair if needed. **Action: Bill** to take lead. Dave Weicker recommended we check truesport.ca and naso.org for their codes.
 - Reorganization of Webpage (John) – Major changes already completed, now only updating and some re-writing of resources for mentors to be done – will have to wait for winter.
 - Newsletter – Content encouraged from officials for issues that deserve attention from coaches. Officials committee to recommend to BCA board that all members get the blog. Bob brought up notion of Twitter and putting “official nuggets” on Twitter (144 characters). BCA is on twitter. **Action: Bob** will check this out.
 - Update of Meet Directors Manual (John) Awaits John's time availability.
 Actions: **John** will follow up in winter when meets have subsided. Carol brought up issue of sanctioning by BCA needs to be based on facility capability. Brian or Garrett sanction local meets but there appear to be no criteria for such sanctioning.
 - Invitation to committee meetings extended to Garrett Collier and Brian McC Calder (Bill). This has been done. Unlikely to occur. Should have a relationship with Garrett as the T & F employee of BCA. Perhaps we should invite Garrett to a specific meeting for a specific purpose. **Action: Bill** to contact Brian and Garrett about 1 hour in September to meet him and discuss mutual areas of interest with the officials committee.
 - Awards
 - Comments.... Al McLeod's Wall of Honour nomination was not accepted by NOC. We can send in another nomination again next year.
 - Donations Account
 - Bill has not yet met with Brian McC Calder about uses of money in donations account, but will do so soon. Brian waiting to hear next week. Action: Bill to contact Brian McC Calder.
 - Neil has checked out Audio system for starters and has a recommendation (Neil) Half mile haler kits.....carrying case, 2 sets of speakers connected by 40 ft. cable, wireless from starter's mike can get it with or without hand mike, or headset. Different quality tripods....NO waterproof guarantee...John suggested checking out marine suppliers (Steveston Marine) for waterproof speakers. **Action: John** will send information about Steveston Marine to Neil. Who in

- BCA would store and care for this equipment and deliver it to meets? Neil suggested that he and Bill will share the storage, care, and delivery of this equipment. Bob moves that we recommend purchase of the speaker system for starters, pending further investigation of marine-compatible speakers. Seconded by John, passed unanimously.
- Data projector for training workshops should be supplemented with laptop and portable screen. (Bob, Sue, and John have thoughts). Who to babysit the equipment. Bob suggests that the key course providers store and care for this equipment...currently John and Carol. Price through Staples. 1 Screen to live with Culls, equipment not needed in Kamloops as they can access such equipment free. Kathy moves to purchase screen and put rest of equipment on hold. Seconded Sue, passed unanimously.
 - Umpire stools, We have plenty of umpire stools, having discovered 12 stools at BCA that need to be moved, will move temporarily to Langley for Legion championships but will have to move afterwards. **Action: Kathy** will investigate to see if Louise will store these items.
 - John updated equipment and current storage inventory. **Actions: Neil** will take over equipment management role, **John** will email Neil updated excel file with equipment list.
 - Weather writers....-To distribute weather writers to officials who would need/want these and who work a significant number of meets. Recognition program. Shirley recommended a poncho for incentive item and an option of weather-writers instead of ponchos. Should impress on meet organizers that weather writers are a critical part of meet equipment. Poncho or weather writer should be offered as incentive items for this year.
 - Data base programs for organizing/sorting officials. Could get someone to consult on using Excel for this purpose. John talked to Kevin Kydd during the meeting. He uses an excel data base and downloads from Access to Excel. **Action: Kathy** will try this.
 - Educational training - Travel expenses for levels 1, 2, and 3: should there be a pot of money for training? Teaching personal skills workshops, teaching technical skills, dealing with harassment/abuse. Sue suggested bringing in an outside person to do this. Should we build this into level 1 or 2 workshop or provide it at the AGM, or at Legion Championships? **Action: Sue** to take leadership on this issue. Via Sport is a source for conflict management guidance.
 - Travel expenses for levels 1,2, and 3. Discussed.
 - Travel for national meet opportunities – How to get more people to national events outside BC?
 - Conference call worked well. Conference speaker set to facilitate out of town people for a centralized meeting. Neil brought up Google Hangout. **Action: Bob** will take on investigating Google Hangout.
 - Web development – build a section on track facilities in BC, i.e., have diagrams and start line markings for each track facility as well as notes

sections that officials can add in real time. Addresses, google maps, measurements of specific parts of facility (e.g., throws areas). **Action: Bob** will talk to Brian Beck in Kamloops about providing this information to the committee. Get summer student through BC Athletics – use funds from donations account. **Action: Bill** to talk to Brian McCalder. Officials committee could offer to subsidize such an activity which would also benefit BCA athletes, clubs, and coaches.

- Level 1 & 2 Workshops for 2013 (Sue) – John & Carol doing on April 17 for Valley Royals, then April 25th for VOC, Bill – NorWesters **Action: John** will email to Bill instructor notes and handouts for same. Level 2 workshops.... May be some officials who want a level 2 workshop. TBD. May 5, 12, or June 23 are possible dates for level 2 workshops. Need a room with a screen. Or could link it to the Legion Championships. Vince has 2 level 1 workshops scheduled for Island – one in Powell River already, one planned in Campbell River. Has Vince done a register of registrants because it is needed for BCA? **Action: Sue** to investigate. Cindy King in Prince George wanted a level 2 workshop in Prince George prior to their meet or provide the workshop for their district school meet. **Action: John and Carol** to investigate options.
- NOC Items
 - NOC spring meeting April 5 -7 (Bill attended on behalf of committee)
 - All current N/NC meets in BC retain this status except NOC recommended that National Cross-Country Championships be changed to N from NC because of limited number of events and disciplines of officials. There was significant disagreement with this action. Kathy noted that these championships are a valuable experience for umpires. **Action: Bill** to email a protest as it would be a valid credit for umpires.
 - NOC agreed to place Van Ryswyk Invitational Indoor Meet on the N list of meets.
 - NOC has requested that BC branch contribute forms to the NOC web page. Bill expressed concerns at NOC about credit for such forms. NOC felt that all such donated forms should be credited with source but noted that it was not possible to keep other users from adapting such forms and placing their organizational name on the forms. Forms should be saved with BCA Officials logo and then provided to NOC. Should have a separate section on BCA Officials webpage for such forms with logos. **Action:** To be done over winter after track season has finished.
 - Year of service pins awarded in April were not ready by end of meeting, BC pins to be sent back with Keith or David.
 - Jane Edstrom indicated that award nomination #s are low, NOC encourages branches to increase their nominations for wall of honour and official of the year.
 - Branch chairs asked to check for inconsistencies in directory data....need to check spelling and credentials of branch officials. Go to AC website for current directories. **Action: Bill** will look into this over the next couple weeks). Names, disciplines and cities of officials are on the NOC website – what is NOC doing about contact information – are they

planning on distributing contact information for levels 3 and up? **Action: Bill** to ask David Dice.

- Branches were reminded that upgrades are entered in October and April only independent of when they are submitted.
- Upgrading...28 upgrading requests sent in in fall, 23 were accepted. Dave Hopkins (TR5) – from indoors in Saskatoon this winter, yet another evaluation requested by Dennis Beerling at Legion championships. Questions about whether to provide this opportunity. **Action: Bill** to correspond with Ian Gordon about this. Need a judgement about pass/fail – cannot afford 3 trips out province for 1 evaluation.
- New clinician form to be sent out – make sure mentors have correct forms from AC website.
- 2014 National Indoor Championships Montreal march 12-14 – 5 years ongoing – youth, junior, & open (includes seniors + some international athletes to promote event). Gives some options for sending upgrading officials.
- NOC requests that branches inform them if any branch officials have received the Queen’s Jubilee award. Anyone want to take on this investigative task? Kanwal Neel, Judy Armstrong, Bob Cowden were all recipients. **Action: Bill** to email NOC this information. **Action: Carol** to add a request to newsletter to inform the officials committee of any BC officials receiving this award.
- Re: spectator code of conduct – Dave Weicker recommended we check truesport.ca and naso.org for their codes. The latter has a covenant of expectations officials have for spectator behaviour. **Action: Bill** will look into this.
- Discussion of issue of US residents being Ontario officials which would technically make them Athletics Canada officials which is impossible and poses liability issues. Keith Newell to write to Ontario branch on behalf of NOC indicating that because branch officials are by extension Athletics Canada officials and cannot hold membership in 2 separate national organizations, that American officials cannot be Ontario officials.
- NOC reminded branches that any sanctioned meet that has photo finish should have a level 3 or greater photo finish official on site. NC or N designation meets in particular. For provincial meets, this is significant for the legitimacy of records although such records are vetted via the provincial athletics branch that may not check for such credentialing. Officials committee should notify BCA main office so that they can notify member clubs. **Action: Bill** to notify Brian McCalder.
- Dave Weicker presented a proposal entitled “Officiating pathways”....(see Athletics Canada – Officials Pathway Overview Chart) – This proposal would create (1) national pathway (some merger of 4/5) and (2) provincial pathway (with some reduction of # of levels – e.g., from 3 levels to 2 levels). Combine 1 and 2 with some breadth requirement. NOC’s plan is to make attaining high level of credentialing a more rapid/efficient process. Keith Newell indicated that this change is unlikely to take place

- for 2 years. Straw vote on revision of upgrading system was approved unanimously. Will continue to investigate the Officiating Pathways and revise the upgrading procedures. Branch input is welcome. NTO training at NACAC meet in Kamloops? **Action: Bill** will inquire with Dave Weicker.
- Discussion regarding changing the mentoring procedure...see draft of new evaluation form (National Level Evaluation Transcript). This would move away from 2 formal evaluations to a more pure and extended mentorship program followed by 1 evaluation. Discussion of how to operationalize and measure these constructs for evaluations of individual officials.
Action: All committee members will email Bill their comments and **Bill** will pass these comments on to NOC.
 - Train the Trainer Program – 2 day program for training “master trainers”, likely in Winnipeg November 2/3 2013. NOC funds 1 person per province, branches can fund up to 2 people. Application process to be finalized. Dave Weicker and Keith Newell are BC master trainers. Are Keith and David going to do a national mentors workshop on Vancouver Island? **Action: Bill** to follow up with Dave and Keith about a Vancouver Island workshop. Open to anyone qualified to be on the national mentor’s list. Re: Wpg meeting, **Action: Bill** to contact existing national mentors to ask about their interest in being sent for master trainer workshop. (1 from Kamloops, 1 from Lower Mainland). This brings up our request for Joan Cowden and Brian Beck to be listed as national mentors. **Action: Bill** to follow up via email with NOC.
 - AC website – Dave Weicker discussed plans for a new webpage design and content.
 - Branch issues – mentoring “sessions” definition of... ?minimum # of sessions for a mentoring more straightforward for track. No clear position although it seems like it should be for an entire meet.
 - Keep “recommended” modifier for 1 out of province evaluator.
 - Branch chairs invited to NOC conference call Sunday, September 29th 10 am pacific....primarily for branch questions.
 - Van Ryswyk Invitational Indoor meet accepted as an N level meet for 2014. To be reviewed again at April 14 NOC meeting.
 - 2014 April 11-13 next spring NOC meeting
 - Planning Legion Nationals (John/Carol)
 - Technical matters (John) this Friday/Saturday planning meeting, site inspection, discuss final schedule. Final schedule will be available the next week. Para events have been added to the meet. Electronic measuring equipment requested from Kajaks but the Kajaks board asked for a rental fee of \$2,500. This is up in the air. Officials meeting 5 pm on the Thursday evening followed by a barbecue at 6 pm in Fort Langley.
 - Officials (Carol) still in need of umpires – have only 4, (2 Alberta umpires to be evaluated...we can take them and provide accomodation). Committee discussed Jury assignments, and suggested Ann Lansdell, Alwilda Van Ryswyk, Janice Loewen for the Legion Championships

Moved Sue, Seconded Neil, passed. (Heather Climenhaga from Edmonton – starter's assistant and race walk judge – our wish list). She may be coming out here...BC can pay accommodation.

- Travel Lists
 - Too many throws mentorings in Moncton to get Dave Short in. Have asked Moncton if he can work HJ (he is due for a level 4 evaluation there) and if they have room will ask Ian Gordon if we can get a HJ mentor.
 - Have asked Moncton to confirm Peter Fefjar's invitation for Canadian Seniors.
 - Have asked Ian Gordon about an invitation and mentoring at the Western Canada Championships in Calgary for both Neil Chin Aleong and for Dave Short.

5. New Business

- Finances (John) have not yet sent in a budget proposal, likely will get the same budget this year as last. John will ask Brian for separate budget (\$2k) for Legion Championships). \$8,000 from Sprott Shaw....unclear if we will get this for the upcoming year.
- Upgrading (Kathy) – Randy Stuart upgraded to level 3 technical manager and level 3 Throws evaluated by Peter F. Ianna Polos has done first evaluation for HJ3. Rick Rathy should be approved for level 3 starter based on his one with Dale Loewen, **Action: Kathy** to contact Dale about upgrading on the basis of one evaluation.
- 2013 AGM – information from Joan Cowden.
 - Cascade Community Church and Northview Community Church both unavailable on that date. Joan went into mega-search for reasonable facilities but came back with costs of \$1100 - \$1800 in the Abbotsford/Langley areas.
 - Joan eventually booked the Legion in South Surrey (White Rock area) for our AGM which is located in the Ocean Park Area. The address is 2643 128th Street. Their facility holds approximately 80-100 people.. Menu to include tea/coffee & muffins/cookies in the morning, and lunch of green salad, tomato and cucumber tray, pickles, scallop potatoes, carrots and corn, baked ham or chicken breast, dessert for \$15.00 per person. Contact person is Lesley Maudsley. Location is 30 minutes closer than last year for the Kamloops commuters and only 35 minutes from the ferry for the Island people.

6. Future Meetings

- Arrange conference call mid-season **Action: Bill** will canvass committee members about a good date.
- Sunday September 22, 2013 9-1
- Officials AGM Saturday October 19, 2013