

Minutes BC Officials Committee Teleconference
Saturday, February 23, 2013 - 9:00 am – 11:00 am

1. Review and accept Agenda
 - a. Agenda accepted without revisions.
2. Review and accept Minutes of November 4, 2012 (emailed)
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3. Old Business
 - Harassment and Abuse – Committee for Spectator Code of Conduct (Bill has not heard back from Denise Clements despite regular email reminders and talking to her at the AGM).
 - Significant discussion arose. Committee directed Bill to contact Brian McCaldler and Denise Clements and indicate that they will move ahead on discussions about the content and nature of a proposed spectator code of conduct. Bill to contact Maureen de St. Croix, Pam Medland, Laurel Wichmann, Dawn Copping, and Crista Bortignon for their contributions and discussion. Our plan is to forward a draft of such a code of conduct to the BCA board for their approval.
 - Reorganization of Webpage (John)
 - This is a work in progress. John has made significant improvements to the webpage.
 - Revision of the mentoring section is in progress.
 - Pacific Sport sponsoring of officials' AGM is on hold.
 - Meet schedule has been updated and placed on website. School meets are still unknown. Alice noted that World Youth Championships will be held July 10th – 13th 2013 in Donetsk, Ukraine.
 - Official expenses policy has been updated and made consistent – now in Officials Handbook on webpage.
 - Travel report form has now been edited so that it can be used for reports on all travel out of the Province.
 - Branch Statistics - inquiry with BCA about sending out automatic reminders to officials to re-register with BCA (Bill spoke to Sam Collier at the AGM and she indicated this would be done)
 - This does not appear to have happened. Bill to check with Sam Collier via email about this process and our need of her help in this regard. Also will ask Sam to remind officials about need for criminal records check if they have not already complied with this requirement.
 - Update of Meet Directors Manual (John)
 - Meet Directors Manual updated, protest form still needs updating.

4. New Business

- Level 4/5 Mentoring from Indoor Meets (Bill)
 - Dave Hopkins, Kathy Terlicher, Ted de St. Croix all attended out of province mentoring. Ted and Kathy have indicated their evaluations were successful. Kathy was enthusiastic about the quality of mentoring she received from Sharon Tkachuk in Saskatoon. Alice Kubek believes Ted has already had one successful level 4 evaluation as PFCJ and will check with Dave Weicker on this.
 - Discussion of second evaluations for TR5 for both Kathy Terlicher and Dave Hopkins. Committee decided that we will try to arrange a second level 5 evaluation for Kathy at the Cdn. Youth championships in Langley this coming August. Perhaps Dave Hopkins could serve as an assistant track referee, if he wants to work legion champs. Alice to check with Dave.
 - Plans for Levels 3/4/5 mentoring in province this season (Bill). We have \$600 (donated by Langley Mustangs) to buy accommodation for out of town officials for the Langley Pacific Invitational. So we can build that into the plan for mentoring to fund out of town upgrading officials and/or mentors. – Dave Weicker has also informed us that there is a small amount of money available (number not known yet) from NOC to bring in out of province officials for the Legions. So this could be used to bring people in for mentoring or as clinicians (as necessary) or to fill out some teams (throws/jumps, etc.). Bill to set priority for bringing people in from out of province or from outside lower mainland to use this accommodation.
 - Bill to check on level 3 upgrades around province.
 - Rick Rathy – needs to upgrade to starter 3...needs at least a second level 3 evaluation. He apparently got a level 3 starter evaluation last year from Dale Loewen at Langley Pacific Invitational; needs to complete upgrading form (send to Kathy). Bill to talk to Dale about whether 1 evaluation is sufficient for Rick. Rick needs to send information along to Kathy. If he needs a second evaluation, Bill to evaluate at JD meet in Nanaimo this coming July. Alice to remind Rick of paperwork for upgrading.
 - Potential evaluation meets in BC in 2013: Langley Pacific Invitational (June 14-16) Jack Brow (June 28-30), JD champs (Nanaimo, July 12-14), Canadian Legion Youth Championships (Langley, August 9-11).
 - Bill to communicate with Branch Chair of NB about invitations to BC officials for Canadian National Track & Field Championships in Moncton June 20-23. Dave short will be in Moncton self-funded would like to go to meet. He is eligible given his years of service at Level 4 throws to go for his first Level 5 Throws evaluation. Peter Fejfar needs a second evaluation for Level 5 Walks Judge.
 - Bill to check on Steve Martin's level 3 umpire upgrade, ask him his plans for level 4 umpire, level 4 throws.

- Awards (Alice)
 - ⊖ Comments....Nomination for official of the year has been submitted for Ted de St. Croix to NOC. Al McLeod's Wall of Honour nomination has also been submitted to NOC. - John will update award nomination form on website for this year.

- Zone 6 (Alice)
 - Comments....VIAA had their semiannual general meeting recently. Tom Dingle retired as President of VIAA, but will remain on BCA Board and will continue to management statistics for JD. Vince Sequeira is the new president of VIAA. Alice expressed enthusiasm about encouraging new officials to work more meets on the Island working towards the JD Championships July 2013, and Summer Games in 2014, both of which will be held in Nanaimo.

- Financial Report and New Purchases (John)
 - Financial report – See attached.
 - Donations Account
 - Brian McC Calder has made some recommendations to the committee concerning the donation account that has become sizeable. The essential message is that the committee needs to find uses for this money (approximately \$10,000) currently. This would include equipment purchases, as well as projects for official recruitment and development. Need to ensure money is well spent.
 - Bill will email and meet with Brian McC Calder about uses of money in donations account. How to plan for spending these funds? Audio system for starters is a long-lasting need, data projector for training workshops (should be supplemented with laptop and portable screen). Bob Cowden and Sue Kydd will take charge of getting suggestions for expenditures. Neil Chin Aleong quickly post-meeting found a website with a starter's audio system described and will investigate in more detail.

- National Travel opportunity – John brought up the potential opportunity to send an official to the Boiling Point Paralympic Meet (July 14, Windsor). This is a 1-day high level meet. Dave Short would be good for Throws. As well, possibly Steve Martin. Bill to talk to Ontario branch chair Peter Hocking.

- Planning Legion Nationals (John/Carol)
 - Apparently a new schedule is in progress for this meet; expect only minor changes. 25 local officials have committed to work the meet with another 5 tentative. 8 from outside the lower mainland have

committed, but have not had confirmation from any of Kristina Shearer, Al McLeod, or Michelle Peacock¹, all of whom were anticipated to attend for upgrading and mentoring purposes. Space available at Trinity Western University for 25-30 officials. Priorities for staffing the meet are as follows: (1) local mainland officials, (2) upgrading national level officials and mentors, (3) officials needing experience at national level meets, (4) out of province officials. Still short umpires.

- Level 1 & 2 Workshops for 2013 (Sue)
 - Currently 2 level 1 workshops are planned: (1) March 9th Neil Sue, hosted by Universal Athletics in Surrey (Sue is emailing local clubs about this opportunity), (2) April 17 in Abbotsford Rotary Stadium 4 pm (John and Carol).
 - No requests for level 2 workshops to date.
 - Electronic distance measuring workshop – a couple officials (Steve Martin, Rose Hare) have expressed interest.
 - Need to advertise in Newsletter for potential level 2 workshops.

- AGM Planning
 - The committee, including Joan Cowden, discussed the two options for the officials AGM next fall. The best option appeared to be the Cascade Culinary Arts School at 35190 DeLair Road, Abbotsford, BC, V3G 2E2, Phone: 604-556-7000, Fax: 604-556-7001, www.culinaryartsabbotsford.ca, www.cascadechurch.ca. After some discussion, the committee asked Joan to go ahead with planning this option.

- NOC Items
 - NOC spring meeting April 5 -7 (Bill to attend on behalf of committee)
 - Need a BC list of meets as to serve as N or NC meets for credits. Bill to submit and discuss list with NOC at this meeting.
 - Spring upgrading requests also to be made at that meeting.
 - Discuss NOC nominations for official of year and wall of honour.
 - Bill to encourage other provincial branches to take officials from different provinces to increase breadth of experience.
 - Alwilda asked about the Van Ryswyk Indoor meet being designated an N meet. Ask NOC. Need to check criteria. Bill will email Alwilda NOC criteria for designation of an “N” meet so that a case can be presented to NOC at the April meeting.
 - NOC has requested that BC branch contribute forms to the NOC web page. John to send Bill concerns about such contributions, e.g., we need to get credit for such forms if we contribute same. John and Bill will discuss.

¹ GONE MISSING ACCORDING TO ALWILDA

- Bill to invite Garrett Collier (BCA) to next officials committee meeting, moved Sue, seconded Alwilda. Passed by acclamation. Bill will invite Garett through Brian McCalder.....or invite both and see if either attends.

5. Future Meetings

- Sunday April 14, 2013 9-1, Hosted by Cull's residence.
- Sunday September 22, 2013 9-1
- Officials AGM Saturday October 19, 2013