

## BC Road Running Committee Meeting 6pm Tuesday, April 11, 2023

### Agenda

In Attendance: Kevin, David, Geoffrey, Jared, Frank, Jake, Eric, Jordan

Regrets: Ryan

Guests: n/a

#### 1. Review and Acceptance of Agenda (All)

- Motioned: Jake
- Seconded: Frank
- Meeting Start Time: 6:15pm

#### 2. Review Last Meeting Minutes and Action Items (All)

- Revision: none
- Motioned: Bob
- Seconded: Frank
- No follow-up needed on the action items:

#### 3. Kevin O'Connor introduction Non-Stadia Program Manager

- A brief introduction from Kevin and his background (coaching).

#### 4. BC Athletics Update (Jordan)

BCA in process of getting a new ED. Interviews have been scheduled. Current ED has a contract extension until interviews have been completed and committee selection has been completed. AGM has been announced for August 19<sup>th</sup>. It'll be a hybrid in person/virtual. Location TBD, likely BC Athletics location (Christine Sinclair Community Centre).

Sun Run tracking above attendance from last year, much improved over last year but not above pre-pandemic level. TC 10K is looking to surpass 2022 numbers and they have a new RD.

Confirming timing of RD conference: there will likely be formal announcement next month, finalizing venue selection in next two weeks – likely in Lower Mainland, a 2-day event October 28/29.

**ACTION: Jordan to confirm details and make announcement**

#### 5. Series Update (Bob/David/Frank/BC Super Series)

- Island Series (Bob) – All but one race in Series completed. Pleased to have Port Alberni back in Series with McLean Mill 10K. Last remaining is Bazen Bay 8K, which is upcoming. Series has record number of runners – highest in last 10 years. Averaging 480 participants per race. Weather has cooperated unlike last year with all the snow and ice. And last year some were cancelled or relocated to a different date and impacting numbers. Natasha Wodak set a Canadian F40 record for top Masters and last year

set F35 record and 10 years ago set open overall record and that achievement still stands from 2013.

- Interior Running Association (David) increased the number of races from 8 to 9. Two races already. Race distance varies from 1 mile to a Half marathon. Participation up a little bit from last year. There's been some effort to bring back the October Okanagan Marathon; this is unlikely in 2023 but the objective is for 2024.
- LMRRS (Frank) 8 events in the 2023 Series – the last one being Great Trek Race in October. To date two of the events have taken place (Icebreaker 8K and St. Patrick's Day 5K). A great turnout for the Icebreaker with numbers increased by over 200 from 2022. Concerns expressed over the St. Patrick's Day dual starting lines with the elites on the road and the masses starting from the parking lot.
- BC Super Series (Kevin) is working with David Parker to input the Series results and to get the record keeping up to date with Athletics Canada.
- As a side note Kevin is in discussion with Chris Winter regarding World sanctioned events as to how to better leverage these events to increase the points for the elite athletes, but the challenge of course is the prize structure and the difficulty in reaching the \$5,000 floor limit for smaller events.

#### 6. BC Championships and Awards (Jordan/Brian)

What is the status of the 2023 Road Running Series (2024 selections)

- Awards update-confirmation of BCA Members only

We will park the awards until the fall.

**Action Item (Kevin) – Kevin to locate our latest set of rules. We need to refresh the application since the last time we brought it out. The committee needs to be satisfied with that process and put it out to tender and figure out the window for the application/award process timeline. Committee to review and arrive at an agreement of feedback for July/August timeframe in time for 2024/2025 races.**

Kevin mentioned a discrepancy that came about back in January with the awarding of the Provincial championships having to do with out of province winners. It led to an embarrassing situation due to the fact that cross country and road running rules do not align. Cross country ruling was applied (and then redacted) to road running. The rulings should be made similar.

Also, further discussion to be revisited about recognizing 1/2/3 top male and female masters within the BC Championships awarding structure.

#### 7. 2023 Road race course measurer's seminar. April 22 & 23, 2023.

Paul Adams / Geoffrey Buttner assisting. 6 attendees plus Kevin

Eric commented that there is a need for more Grade 'A' and 'B' measurers as there doesn't seem to be a younger up-and-coming group in the pipeline.

8. Kevin's report to the BCA Board of Directors meeting March 31, 2023

9. Sun Run April 16 (Incl. BC 10K Champs) 87 seeded athletes

Kevin has been busy engaging with these athletes leading up to the event via email. He says there'll be a really exceptional Canadian field.

10. Whistler 50 Saturday October 14, 2023

New event director Simon Burley Sea2Sky events (not confirmed yet)

Kevin is stating that there is a request to move the BC Cross Country Championships to the same day as the Whistler 50 as there is a greater commitment from the high performance athletes to attend if this were the case. This is cross country and not road running so really not a big overlap of athletes that would normally attend both events. Jordan further pressed that Victoria marathon is also happening around this time and would have its own set of athletes apart from cross country.

11. New Business (All)

- Road table open for discussion

David is asking if anyone knows of a 5-mile/10-mile certified course within BC.

- New committee member recruitment ideas for 2023?

Jordan suggested Mariah (?) and Bob suggested Lucy Smith or Cathy Noel, Jared suggest Karen W.

**Action Item all – to follow up with these individuals, gauging their interest in joining the RR Committee.**

- Committee's direction for 2023?

12. Next Meeting

- Date: Perhaps in mid/late June? Jordan expressed mid-week as his preference.
- Meeting Chair: Jared/Eric

13. Meeting conclusion

- Motioned: Jake
- Seconded: Frank

- Meeting End Time: 8:00pm