

# BCA Road Running Committee

## July 23, 2020 | AGM & Q1-2 Mtg



### Virtual:

- Eric Chene – Zone 3 & 4 Rep
- Davis Guss – Zone 2 Rep
- Jake Madderom - Masters Rep
- Geoffrey Buttner – Secretary
- Frank Stebner – (acting) past Chair
- Jordan Myers – Chair
- Clif Cuningham – BCA Staff

### Regrets:

- Bob Reid – Zone 6 Rep
- Jared Hulme – Zone 5 Rep

### Annual General Meeting:

- Review and acceptance of meeting agenda.
  - Motioned: Jake                      Seconded: Frank
  - Meeting begin time: 6:07pm
- Resolutions
  - None have been submitted by the committee.
  - Board is reviewing the one resolution that was submitted.  
The resolution is to change the term of the Chair and the Vice-Chair so that they alternate years. Currently they both come up for election at the same time.
- Road Running Committee Roles Election
  - Chair
    - Incumbent: Jordan  
Jordan will take on this role once again (on paper) but Jordan and Clif have discussed sharing the role across our 4 annual meetings amongst the Committee members (as an 'administrative' duty)
    - **ACTION ITEM: Jordan to remain as Chair (administratively), other committee members to rotate in chairing actual future meetings to spread out experience - Jared and Eric to rotate in first. They will email Clif and Jordan on which meeting (s) are their preference to chair. \*note - Eric has tentatively put his name down for 2021 next July – Q3). Potentially Jared (?) for first 2021 (Q1 – February) meeting.**
  - Past Chair
    - Incumbent: Frank (*acting for Clif*)  
Frank will take on this role once again
  - Secretary
    - Incumbent: Geoff  
Geoffrey will take on the role once again

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- Treasurer
  - Incumbent: Bob  
Discussion on removing this role from the Committee and that the role to be assigned to BC Athletics staff and Clif to report to the BC AGM on the budget  
**ACTION ITEM: Motion (Jordan): To remove the Treasurer position from the Road Running Committee and to have the duties moved to a staff report (Passed)**  
**Moved: Frank                      Seconded: David**
- End of Meeting.
  - Moved: Frank                      Seconded: Jordan
  - End of meeting, time: 6:21pm

**Virtual:** Jake, Clif, David, Frank, Jordan, Geoffrey, Jared, Eric  
**Regrets:** Bob

### Web Access

**Dial In:**

### Meeting:

- Review and acceptance of meeting agenda.
  - Motioned: Jake    Seconded: David
  - Meeting begin time: 6:21pm
- Review and acceptance of previous (November) meeting minutes – attached
  - Motioned: Frank                      Seconded: Jake
- Road Running | State of Sport – COVID-19 Updates
  - General (Clif)
  - ViaSport/ Sport BC/ BC Athletics – Guidance (Clif)
    - Currently small group training, unable to sanction competition as of yet according to ViaSport.  
National Guidelines expected to come out next week from Athletics Canada (with the BC addendum already prepared). Officials guidelines also came out. This collectively will go to the BCA Board for approval next week.
    - Brian McC Calder is following up with ViaSport to move forward with event sanctioning process (municipalities have begun to issue permits)
    - Looking for sanctioning in this order: in-club competition followed by regional competition and eventually back to normal
    - Currently event are limited to 50 people in total (officials, competitors, spectators)
    - Looking to put on staggered start events (to be dependent on COVID case rate, second wave, ...)

- Trail events will return first, followed by Cross Country, and eventually Road
- WorkSafeBC considers an event to be a job site. Thus events must be compliant with the existing rules
- Both Clif and Chris have been writing the plans surrounding the restart of restarting of events within BC to adhere to the restrictions in place.
- Reminder to athletes to complete the waiver. There will be both a club and unattached waiver for everyone to complete depending on their affiliation (an understanding of the risk, maintain 2M distancing, etc.)
- There was a discussion on methodology for staggered start events (limiting a set number of people onsite to run, then departing afterwards, disinfect, and repeat the process with another group of athletes)
- Fall/ Winter 2020 & beyond
- Updates – Competition
  - Regional Series
    - 2020 Competitions – general discussion & updates from provincial liaisons to committee on what they think are learnings/ takeaways & predictions & opportunities for organizers & races
  - Lower Mainland Series – (Frank)
    - <http://www.lmrrs.com>
    - 1 of 10 events completed in 2020 (IceBreaker). The remainder are a combination of cancellations or virtual runs.
    - the 2020 Series events is officially cancelled. 2021 is currently planned to proceed
  - Interior Series – (David)
    - <http://www.interiorrunningassociation.com>
    - 1 of 8 was completed in 2020.
    - At present cross country series is scheduled for the fall – with the first event scheduled for Sept 30<sup>th</sup> (forthcoming meetings within the next two weeks to determine whether the series will proceed)
    - Existing mailing list (~1500 from past participants) mailed out to gauge interest in putting on a virtual race. Early replies are indicating not to proceed.
  - Island Series – (Clif)
    - <http://www.islandseries.org/>
    - 5 of 8 events completed in 2020 (numbers were up in almost all events)
  - BC Super Series – (Clif)
    - <https://www.bcathletics.org/BCSuperSeries/>
    - 3 of 12 events completed in 2020. Points to be rolled over into next year (15 races)
      - Remainder have cancelled and/or provided virtual options

- Updates – Competition (continued)
  - BC Championships Update (Clif)
    - 2020-2021 BC Championships
      - 8k | Pioneer 8k (Jan 12<sup>th</sup>)
      - 5k | St. Pat's 5K (Mar 14<sup>th</sup>) – cancelled.
      - 10k | Sun Run (Apr 19<sup>th</sup>) – cancelled.
      - 21.1k | Scotiabank Half Marathon (June 28<sup>th</sup>) – cancelled.
      - 42.2k | GoodLife Fitness Victoria Marathon (Oct 11<sup>th</sup>) – cancelled.
      - XC | Beaver Lake XC – Saanich (Sep 20<sup>th</sup>) – TBD.
        - \*2021 TBD
    - Discussion – Extra Year
      - Does the committee think we should carry over a year to these events awarded the championship races for 2 years to 2022 as most did not take place in 2020?

The idea was presented to defer the Championships from 2020/21 to 2021/22. The challenge is that Pioneer 8K already happened and the winning athletes recognized and the other 4 events were cancelled. As per Clif any decision(s) would require BCA Board approval. **ACTION ITEM: Jordan indicated that the matter is not urgent at present and recommended taking the discussion offline (via email). This has been tabled until the next meeting.**

- *\*Note – The Road Running Committee does not decide the XC race\**
- National Championships Update (Clif)
  - Events on a 4-year cycle with exception of the 5K (2-year).
    - 5K – was to take place in September on East Coast, cancelled.
    - 10K | May 23 – [Tamarack Ottawa Race Weekend](#) (Ottawa), cancelled.
    - Half Marathon | June 21 – [Manitoba Marathon](#) (Winnipeg)
      - Has a new date in September, TBD.
      - Many unknowns (will there be an elite component, will they host a National Championship?)
    - Marathon | Oct 18 – [Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon](#) (Toronto), cancelled – 2 years left (2022) in a 4 year cycle.
    - X Country | Nov 28 – [ACXC](#) (Abbotsford) - TBD
  - Cycles vary for AC Championships, unclear on if they will push hosting.
- International Competitions
  - PAN AM XC Cup Update (Bob, Clif)
    - Feb 29<sup>th</sup> - Bear Mountain Resort – Victoria/ Langford
      - worked well, difficult finish
    - Learnings/ Takeaways
  - 2020 Tokyo Olympics – now 2021
    - Combined Championship criteria set by AC earlier this week from Ottawa in early May. National Championships choose the other

one in late June next year. Marathon/Race Walk still to choose.  
Dana and Trevor already qualified and get to keep their spots.

- Race Director's Conference
  - Mar 7<sup>th</sup> - Recap of the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual joint BC Athletics & Triathlon BC event (Clif, Frank, Eric, Jordan)
    - Content well-received with good speakers, good turnout
  - 2021 date – aim for last weekend of February.
    - Clif to start working with Allan from TriBC next month, collect idea and then send them to race directors and others to refine the ideas
    - Looking to host either a smaller group/book a larger room/conduct the conference virtually
- New Business
  - Frank asked whether the annual athlete awards is going to proceed for 2020. Anticipating a cancellation since the minimum number of races is unattainable this year due to COVID cancellations. Clif is unsure as to the awards status at this time.
- Future 2020 Meetings
  - BC Athletics AGM is August 22<sup>nd</sup> and it will be a virtual event, a 1-day format. Jordan is proposing that those on the Committee that are able to call in.
  - 2020 Committee Meetings
    - **ACTION ITEM: Jordan to circulate potential dates for 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> week of October**
    - For 2021 Clif is suggesting late January/early February and then week after BMO Marathon and then back to late July
- End of Meeting
  - Moved: Geoffrey Seconded: Jake
  - End of meeting, time: 7:31pm