

# **BC Cross Country Committee Meeting Minutes**

*Conference Call*

**Thursday February 2nd, 2017 at 8:30 pm – 9:15pm**

In Attendance: Jerry Tighe (chair), Maurice Wilson (staff liaison), Sanda Turner (board rep), Jennifer Schutz, Dawn Copping, Brian Nemethy-Vanderhoof BC, Hilary Stellingwerff-Victoria BC, Besnik Mece, Malindi Elmore-Kelowna BC, Alex Ulazonek-Nelson BC, Colin Dignum-BCHS XC Chair, Sue Northey-Abbotsford BC, Rachel Cliff (Athlete Rep)

Regrets: Chris Johnson

## **1. Call to Order**

## **2. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting (December 2015)**

- December 6, 2015 Minutes Approved
- Moved, Besnik Mece
- Seconded, Dawn Copping

## **3. Approval of 2016 Cross Country Award Winners**

- Award winners approved
- Agreed to present the awards at the BCA T&F Jamboree in Coquitlam in July.
- **Action:** Maurice to notify winners
- In future years the BCA AGM must be held before the end of September. Consequently the AGM and Annual Awards Banquet will be held as separate functions, with the 2017 Awards Banquet potentially being held in January 2018.

## **4. 2017 Major Events**

Saturday, March 4 – NACAC Championships, Boca Raton FL

Sunday, March 26 – IAAF World Championships, Kampala UGA

Saturday, October 14 – Pre-U Sports event, Victoria-Beacon Hill Park ??

Saturday, October 28 – BC Championships, Abbotsford

Saturday, November 4 – BC High School Championships, Vancouver-Jericho Park

Saturday, November 11 – U Sports Championships, Victoria-Beacon Hill Park??

Saturday, November 25 – Canadian Championships, Kingston ON

## **5. Nominations for the 2017 Cross Country Committee.**

- Nicki Reiter, Jennifer Schutz, Chris Winter and Jerry Tighe indicated they were stepping down from the committee.
- Hilary Stellingwerff, Malindi Elmore, Colin Dignum, Rachel Cliff have volunteered to serve on the committee.
- Nominations for chairperson of the committee: Chris Johnson was nominated in his absence. He subsequently accepted the position.

- 2017 BCA Cross Country Committee to comprise:  
Chris Johnson, Vancouver (Chair)  
Alex Ulaszonek, Nelson  
Besnik Mece, Vancouver  
Brian Nemethy, Vanderhoof  
Colin Dignum, West Vancouver  
Dawn Copping, North Vancouver  
Hilary Stellingwerff, Victoria  
Malindi Elmore, Kelowna  
Sue Northey, Abbotsford  
Rachel Cliff (Athlete Rep)  
Sanda Turner (Board Liaison)  
Maurice Wilson (Staff)
  
- Sincere thanks were expressed to Jerry for his 10 years serving as Chair of the committee. And Jerry expressed his gratitude for 10 years of enjoyment and cooperation.

## 6. Other Business

### Discussion of Championship Schedule and Distances

- A tentative schedule for the 2017 BC Championships was agreed. As follows:

#1	11:00am	1.5km	2008 Boys and Girls (age 9)
#2	11:15am	2km	2007 Boys and Girls (age 10)
#3	11:30am	2km	2006 Boys and Girls (age 11)
#4	11:45am	6km	Junior, Senior, and Masters Women
#5	12:20pm	8km	Junior, Senior, and Masters Men
#6	1:10pm	3km	2005 and 2004 Boys and Girls (age 12 & 13)
#7	1:30pm	3km	Midget Girls (age 14 & 15)
#8	1:50pm	3km	Midget Boys (age 14 & 15)
#9	2:10pm	4km	Youth Girls
#10	2:35pm	5km	Youth Boys

- **Action:** Maurice to work with the Championship hosts to confirm the above, taking into consideration ferry schedules, etc.
  
- A discussion of the Championship distances received unanimous support for the existing distances. Disparity between male and female distances was noted, but was felt appropriate until such time as high schools, universities and AC/IAAF align all age groups. University coaches prefer a gradual increase in progression, with which the committee concurs.

## 7. Adjournment; Moved Sue Northey, Secorder Brian Nemethy