

## Road Running Committee Meeting Agenda – Sept 24, 2015

**In Person:** Clifton Cunningham, Maurice Wilson, Frank Stebner, Jake Madderom, Geoffrey Buttner

**By Phone:** Jordan Myers, Rick Jenkner, Bob Reid, Charlene Krepiakovich, Paul Mathias, Cindy Rhodes

**Regrets:** Bev Larssen

### Agenda (meeting begin 6:32 pm):

1. Review and acceptance of meeting agenda.  
Motioned, **Jake M.**                      Seconded, **Bob R.**
  
2. Review and acceptance of **July 9<sup>th</sup>** minutes.  
Motioned, **Geoffrey B.**              Seconded, **Frank S.**
  
3. Proposed next committee meeting, Wednesday January 13, 2016
  
4. Proposed 2015 Road Running Committee AGM, Wednesday January 13, 2016
  
5. Regional Series updates since last meeting
  - Lower Mainland Series – wrapped up Saturday Sept 19  
**Action Item: Frank to approach Fall Classic race organizers regarding involvement in the Series**
    - i. 3 Events since last meeting, Summerfast 10k, Squamish 10k and Eastside 10k.  
**Looking to 2016, Squamish 10K most likely to be removed (Alma not optimistic about finding replacement Race Director). Richmond Olympic Oval also out.**  
**Ice-Breaker 8K is first event for 2016 and it is confirmed.**
    - ii. Wrapped up on Saturday at Eastside, awards followed  
**Numbers were down at the awards due most likely to the rainy weather but very positive feedback regarding the venue itself.**
      - Awards 5 places deep in 11 age categories.
      - 36 Male Award Winners, 46 completed 5 races to be eligible
      - 32 Female Award Winners, 32 completed 5 races to be eligible
  
  - Interior Series – wrapped up Sunday Sept 20
    - i. 2 events since last meeting

- Kamloops Half-Marathon  
**Cindy mentioned that the event has a race director that is a non-runner but is eager to learn.**

**There was a significant delay between the finish of the Series event (the Half Marathon distance) and the awards as the organizers wanted the Full to finish prior to the awards. Thus, many didn't stick around for the awards. Stickers were given to award winners to place (stick) on the back of their Finisher Medal. This was not received well.**

**Marathon shirts were given to runners of half and full marathon distance ...no distinction between the races.**

- Fresh Air Hard Knox Run  
**A new timing system was introduced but things went relatively smoothly.**
- ii. Awards 10 deep in 14 age categories
  - 46 Male Award Winners, completing 4 races to be eligible
  - 34 Female Award Winners, completing 4 races to be eligible

**iii. Iron Leg**

**Runners who complete all IRA road races receive an IRS singlet with interior running association logo AND IRON LEGS printed on it.**

**Cross Country IRON LEGS - Runners who complete ALL Cross Country Races receive a long sleeve shirt with IRA logo AND IRON LEGS.**

**Legs of Steel recipients are IRON LEG recipients for ROAD and CROSS COUNTRY and they receive a running jacket with IRA logo AND LEGS of STEEL printed on it.**

**6. National Championship**

- 5k Championship, Toronto, Sept 13.  
**BC Athletics supported Kevin and Dayna whereas the event supported Natasha and Lucas. The others supported their own travel but the event picked up hotel.**
- Men's BC Results – 106 competing (4 BC)
  - i. Justin Marpole-Bird – 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - ii. Lucas Bruchet – 4<sup>th</sup>
  - iii. Justin Kent – 5<sup>th</sup>
  - iv. Kevin Friesen – 7<sup>th</sup>
- Women's BC Results – 69 competing (2 BC)
  - i. Natasha Wodak – 1<sup>st</sup>

ii. Dayna Pidhoresky – 4<sup>th</sup>

- Marathon Championship – Toronto Waterfront, Oct 18  
**The event is picking up travel and hotel for a number of athletes – Natasha Labeaud, Catherine Watkins, and Dayna Pidhoresky. BC Athletics assisting Nick Hastie with entry and travel.**
  - i. BCA Team and Selection

7. Discussion Race Numbers

- Attached tracking of industry finisher numbers  
**Charlene recommended that having both sanctioned and non-sanctioned events on the list would lead to better trend analysis.**
- 75% of events in Canada have negative numbers  
**CRS events on the other hand are showing an increase. Edmonton Marathon also showed an increase. Maurice indicated that forecasting to the end of this running season shows a decline of approx 5,000 participants. Lulu Lemon Half Marathon to be fully sanctioned/certified in 2016.**

8. BCA Timex Series Renovations

- BC Super Series
  - i. Moving forward, events have been approached  
**Action Item: Maurice driving the process with the 12 event invites; he is following up with the events in hopes of launching the Series this fall for the first 2016 event, the Pioneer 8K. Also getting feedback from athletes and coaches as the Series concept is further tweaked. Bazan Bay 5K declined Series involvement and Maurice is filling the void with the next race on the list.**

9. Change of Committee Member

- Charlene Krepiakovich (VIMS) would like to resign from the committee and has proposed Eric Chene (VIMS) to take her place.
- No objections were received from the committee.
- Vote to put forward the notification to the BCA Board. Pending vote of committee, the close of this meeting the change would be complete.  
**As the AGM is the next meeting this change is a non-issue.**

## 10. 2015 BCA Championships since July 9 meeting

### Numbers similar to 2014

- Summerfast 10k, July 18
  - i. Eligible Males **(34)** Females **(23)**
  - ii. Males
    - Blair Johnston 31:30
    - Theo Hunt
    - Jerry Ziak
  - iii. Females
    - Rachel Cliff 34:49
    - Erin Burrett
    - Lissa Zimmer
- Goodlife Fitness Victoria Marathon, October 11  
**As per Bob – The Full Marathon is looking to have a strong women’s field and the Half Marathon’s field is particularly strong with BC runners**
  - i. Athletes declared  
**Full –Women: Catrin Jones, Lioudmila Kortchaguina, Erin Burrett, Shauna Gersbach**  
**Full – Men’s: 8 of top 10 are Ethiopians/Kenyans**  
**Full – Mens Masters: Oliver Utting, Hugh Trenchard, Ron Wichmann**

## 11. 2016 – 2017 BC Championships

- At the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, the 5km, 10km and Half-Marathon Championships were decided and awarded to.
  - i. 5km – St. Patrick’s Day 5km, Vancouver, March.
  - ii. 10km – Vancouver Eastside 10k, Vancouver, September.
- The Marathon and 8k Championships hosts were proposed but were pending staff review of past challenges concerning the respective events.
  - i. 8km – Midsummer 8k, Kelowna, July.  
**Concerns about routing on private land which became a frustration to event organizers in 2015. After review was confirmed. Midsummer 8k was confirmed as the 8k championship.**
  - ii. Marathon – Vancouver Marathon, Vancouver, May.  
**Concerns about runner stoppages along the Granville/Oak Street busy traffic corridors.**

**Action Item: Following an in camera discussion and vote, it was determined that for 2016 the Full and Half Marathon Championships will be reversed (subject to Vancouver and Victoria Marathon Board approvals):**

**Full Marathon – Goodlife Fitness Victoria**

**Half Marathon – BMO Vancouver**

12. New Business

**Action item: Jake to submit a motion at the BC Athletics AGM for the Road Running Committee to receive a single vote.**

**Point of order: The Road Running committee objects to the action of Athletics Canada, scheduling of the Half-Marathon and 10km national championships on the same weekend in the calendar year.**

13. End of Meeting.

- Moved, **Frank S.**                      Seconded, **Cindy R.**
- End of meeting: **8:44pm**