

BC Athletics Junior Development Committee Meeting
Sunday, February 22 - 2pm – 4:15pm
Fortius Health and Wellness Centre

In attendance: Graeme Fell, Birgit Weaver, Dawn Copping, Maureen de St. Croix , Ron Wickman
In attendance via teleconferencing: Alwilda van Ryswyk, Dan Horan, David Short, Tom Dingle, Bernie Katzberg
BCA Liason: Tyler Heisterman
Absent: Sean Dixon

1. AGM minutes approved via email.
2. Discussion and decision on JD XC Team Aggregate Trophy – the Brian McC Calder Shield
Maureen de St. Croix gave the history of the trophy:

Motion by Graeme Fell – Continue the JD Aggregate Team competition at the BC XC
Championships

Seconded by Dawn Copping

Passed

Action item: Graeme to investigate how award will be continued. The current shield is full and is need of sprucing up as it is wood and a bit dinged up. Should the trophy be redesigned? Should it be added on to? Where will the funds come from to continue trophy. Graeme will approach BC Athletics for funding.

3. Team Competition for Lower Mainland Cross Country Series
Discussion of adding a team competition to the Lower Mainland XC series to add interest and increase participation levels.
 - # to score per gender? 3 or 4?
 - Submitting team scores should be responsibility of the host meet, should not be an additional request of Ted
 - Awards: perhaps not actual awards first year – need to determine where the funds come from for awards

Motion by Maureen de St. Croix: A team competition be established for the Lower Mainland Cross Country Series starting Fall 2015 whereas teams are defined as both gender, one age group.

Seconded by Dave Short

Passed

Action Item: Maureen will take the idea to the LM XC Committee for approval

4. Survey Results – Graeme Fell had previously circulated the results of the JD survey.
Discussion of comments: many seem to have a club focus rather than a general JD program focus.
 - One common comment was need for information regarding how a track meet works.
 - Another common comment was need for specific coaching. Maureen commented that there would like be coaching clinics at the 2015 Summer Series meets as there was in 2014.

*** that has been confirmed by Jen Schutz at BC Athletics – dates May 26, June 16,30, July 7,21,28

- Dan Horan noted that communication was a key concern for survey participants. Focus of the JD committee should be to get information to JD clubs – manual, survey results

Action item: Tyler Heisterman to forward Nanaimo Club Parent Letter to the committee.

Action item: Awilda to forward Kamloops's document on their website that relates to being at a track meet.

Action item: Graeme will arrange to publish the results on the BCA website, and ensure that the results get directly to meet directors

Action item: Encourage meet directors to have different formats but keep to specified JD events and rules

Action item: Encourage meet directors to have a JD friendly schedule if hosting an all ages competition – for example, try to have all JD events in morning instead of spread out throughout the day

5. JD competitions that qualify for JD Standards awards

A list of 2015 competitions, based on the 2014 list, was circulated and verified.

- Agreed that the May 2 West Kootenay meet in Trail be accepted as a qualifying meet for all events even though electronic timing is not available. The JD manual states that electronic timing must be used for Championship meets but it is not required for all meets. Tom Dingle stated that the standard time differentials will be added to the hand timed results.
- Maureen de St. Croix asked that the June 27,28 Universal Athletics meet at Bear Creek be added to the list, as well as the June 29 Langley Jumps and Throws meet

Correction: JD pentathlon will be held Saturday, July 11 in Chiliwack, not May 30th.

Motion by Graeme Fell: the 2015 list of JD Standards approved meets be accepted with information for the Harry Thompson event, Courtney event and Langley Jumps and Throws meet to be clarified

Seconded by Maureen de St. Croix

Passed

Action Item: Maureen to ask Universal for a JD friendly schedule for their June 27/28 meet

Action Item: Graeme to update schedule and contact hosting meets.

Action Item: Bernie Katzberg will follow-up on the June 20-21 Harry Thompson meet in Powell River to see if it will be held in 2015, and if a meet will be held in Courtney.

Action Item: Maureen to verify that the meet does accept JD athletes.

6. JD Manual continues to be a project in process

Dan Horan suggested that the JD page be simplified and linked to the manual as there would likely be more visits to the JD site than to the JD manual directly.

Training memberships and School memberships cause problems for some meet directors.

Discussion as to whether or not there should be a training membership at all. Currently, training memberships are valid Sept 1 to June 30 only.

Action item: Graeme to clarify with BCA the criteria for school memberships and for Track Rascal training memberships.

7. 2015 JD Banquet

Action item: Dawn will look for suitable banquet and AGM meeting room close to Jericho and to check availability of Croatian Centre for Sunday, November 8

Final decision on date and site of 2015 JD AGM and Banquet to be made at the next meeting.

8. Next meeting April 12, 2-4pm.
9. Ron Wickman moved that the February 22, 2015 meeting be adjourned.
Birgit seconded.
Passed.