

# BC ATHLETICS JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

## Draft Minutes

Sunday September 16, 2018  
10am via Teleconference

Attendance: Alwilda Van Ryswyk, Birgit Weaver, Christine De la Cruz, Dawn Copping, , Ross Browne, Carolyn Emon, Darren Willis (BC Athletics Board Rep), Tom Dingle (BC Athletics Statistician)

Regrets: Amber Gilbert, Dan Horan, Gordon Kalisch, Veronique Jager, Sabrina Nettey (BC Athletics Staff),

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 am

1. Acceptance of Agenda

Motion to accept – Alwilda Van Ryswyk / Seconded by – Birgit Weaver

Carried

2. Acceptance of minutes of April 8, 2018 meeting

Motion to accept – Birgit Weaver / seconded by – Alwilda Van Ryswyk

Carried

3. Report from Darren

Distances for Road Races for JD's – this has not been discussed at the BCA Board level

Sponsorship for JD Banquet – no new sponsors have been found

Championship designation – motion that the term “Championship” should only be used for meets that have been designated as such by a governing body was brought to the BCA AGM and was defeated.

4. News from BC Athletics AGM

Motion that athletes competing in BCJD Pentathlon Championships have a full competitive membership was defeated at the BCA AGM. As it stands, if the Pentathlon is before June 30, athletes can enter with a school or “day of race” membership. This is in conflict with the BCA Rules and Regulations which states that a full membership is needed to compete in the JD Pentathlon. Such a large number of athletes were entered in the last JD Pentathlon Championships that the deadline for entries was closed two days early and 5 high jump mats were used in order to keep the meet running on time. There were over 200 athletes with full memberships, no school entries and only 3 non BCA members, of which 2 were members last year but did not join this year. Darren commented that there is general recognition at the Board level that this kind of turnout for the JD Pentathlon is really encouraging. The BCA strategic plan is to engage school athletes so as to have them become full BCA members.

Dawn said we want to encourage school athletes, but we are not sure what is going on for training at the elementary school level across the province. Dawn would like to send out a questionnaire to each zone to see what the level of training and participation is at the elementary school (JD age group) throughout the province. This may take a few months to gather the info. We would like to find out if school districts are doing the same events as the JD's or the old events. Carolyn pointed out that a lot of the teachers she has seen in Prince George have no history with track and field and don't coach properly. Athletes in clubs are being asked about the rules and **coaching** technique. Birgit suggested that a coaching module for teachers be available around the province, to be implemented on Professional Days. Darren pointed out that there is a real resistance to coaching **training** being pushed on teachers by BC Athletics.

Action: Dawn to put together a questionnaire to be sent out to JD clubs around the province regarding elementary school training and participation in track and field.

5. Approval of Award winners

This was voted on and passed via email. The decision was made not to make an exception this year for an athlete who did not meet the criteria of competing in 3 meets, as there was a meet available in his area for him to compete in and he chose not to do so. This athlete has not asked for an exception to be made.

Tom has the list of Crest winners and the updated 2018 top 10 list as well the updated All Time Top 10 list.

Action: Tom to send the information to Sabrina for posting on the JD webpage.

6. 2018 JD Banquet Preparation:

Location: Riverside Palace Banquet Hall  
14431 Knox Way, Richmond, BC, Canada  
V6V 2Z1  
(604) 244-7755

Duties:

- Alwilda: Photos
- Birgit: Distribute LM XC Awards & JD Graduation Certificates; Welcome Table
- Christine: Welcome Table/distribute draw prize tickets/table decorations
- Dan: Organize awardees for stage presentation
- Dawn: Create PowerPoint
- Gordon: Raffle and 50/50 tickets; Contact clubs for draw prizes
- Ross: Organize awards on stage and hand to presenter to give to award winners
- Veronique: Sell 50/50 tickets
- Sabrina: Order awards and programs; Oversee online registration site & bring list of attendees; Bring projector; Purchase 50/50 Licence
- Tom: Display PowerPoint

Potential guest speakers – Django Lovett – Bronze medallist at the NACAC Champs in Toronto

Discussion of costs for banquet, awards and fees to be charged. Dawn received a financial statement from Sabrina this week. There is \$5000 in the JD budget, but we are expected to expend that and also receive that back as income, so the event is to be revenue neutral. The cost of the meals has gone up by \$2 per person from last year. Actual costs of the meals charged by the venue are \$27.00 for adults and 14+, and \$20.50 for children age 13 and under. There is also a fee for renting the venue.

Moved by Carolyn, seconded by Christine that lunch fees be set at \$30 for adults and \$23 for children 13 and under, plus the fee of \$7 for those attending the awards ceremony only be kept the same as last year. Carried.

Darren asked if we could have a detailed cost analysis every year as to what the budget is from BCA, plus the income and banquet/award costs. A financial statement needs to be distributed to all JD committee members, so that we can all understand it. This has not been done in the past. Darren said he can help with the financial aspects as he has a background in this.

Action: Dawn to email a copy of the budget/financial statement that she received from Sabrina to all JD committee members.

Discussion as to whether JD Committee members should pay for their own lunch at the JD Banquet. Darren understood that all committee members should have their meal included at an event that they are volunteering at.

Christine moved, Ross seconded that JD Committee members volunteering at the JD Banquet should not have to incur the costs of their lunches. Carried.

7. BCJD Championship meet dates and bidding schedule

Discussion re: possible dates for the JD Pentathlon and JD Champs.

Darren pointed out that the IAAF schedule determines the Athletics Canada championship meet schedule which influences the BCA Jamboree date. The jamboree will be a week earlier than usual in July, which displaces the Trevor Craven meet. It would be possible to host the Trevor Craven meet June 21, 22 and the JD Pentathlon on July 13 and the JD Champs on July 19, 20, 21. This would result in no reduction in the number of meets for Midgets, Youth, Junior and Senior athletes. Carolyn pointed out that this would benefit the athletes from up north in Prince George. Due to the shorter season there, they would appreciate the extra time to teach proper technique. All JD coaches present did not think it was a problem to have the JD Pentathlon mid-July and the JD Champs one week later. Dawn pointed out that the schedule has to work for everybody. Further discussion to take place at the BCJD AGM.

8. Racewalk Report: disqualification vs. pit lane rule

Dawn has tried to follow up with Gerry Dragomir of Racewalk West, but has received no response. Dawn noted that the IAAF uses the pit lane rule for events 10km and longer, and also only for off track events.

Action: Dawn to follow up with Gerry Dragomir.

9. Early Sept BC Athletics AGM impacts. What changes do we need to make?

The BCA AGM used to take place after the JD AGM, but this is the second year in a row that it has been held before. The BCA AGM needed to be moved to September as it needs to be held within 6 months of the fiscal year end, which is March 31. Would be better to hold it at the end of September, like last year, so that people can have a break in August after the track season, not spend their down time writing reports and getting ready for the AGM. Christine would like a JD committee meeting between April and September, but not sure when as things get busy with track meets in June and July, and lots of people on holiday in August. Darren suggested having the JD AGM during the JD Champs, like the teachers do at the BC High School Champs. Discussion to continue

Action: Darren to let BCA know that the general feeling is that the BCA AGM was too early in September and it would be better to hold it later in the month, when people have been back from holidays and back to their normal routine.

10. New business – None.

11. Motion to adjourn.

Moved by – Alwilda, seconded by Birgit

Adjourned at 12:15 pm

Next meeting: BCJD AGM at the Riverside Palace Banquet Hall, to follow the BCJD Banquet and Awards  
Time: TBD