



Officials Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 6, 2020 via video link
Commence 7:00pm - Adjourn 8:21pm
Video Conference

Purpose:

- Complete agenda items tabled from Sept 13/20 meeting.

Participants: Brian Thomson (Chair), Marilyn Benz, Wayne Elke, Cheryl Elke, Bill Koch, John Cull, Carol Cull, Sue Kydd, Dawn Driver, Jim Rollins, Anthony Thomson.

Regrets: Jasmine Gill (BCA Brd).

Minutes:

Finance—budget for 2020 (John).

John Cull – circulated proposals for spending. Reduced budget for 20-21 (to March 2021). John is asking for money to be re-allocated across line items to reflect unanticipated impact on activities from COVID-19. Spring and summer activities were canceled or postponed and budget adjusted accordingly. However, fall track and field meets have shown a positive increase in activity—requiring significantly more travel expenditures than anticipated and budgeted. Committee approved of John’s suggestions for re-allocating budget to reflect recent activity. John to discuss with Brian M.

Travel expenditures have grown over time, in particular in 2019-20, because of many meets as well as evaluations out of province—resulting in drawdowns from the donations (deferred revenue) account. We should have a plan for how to manage the increased expenditures anticipated over the next few years and the impact on the donations (deferred revenue) account. Bill suggested that BCA and host organizing committees should be informed in advance of the estimated travel costs for staffing officials at their meets so that the cost of supplying officials is more transparent.

Alternatively, set up a NTSF donations account for charitable donations that is specific to officials and officiating in B.C. Anthony pointed out that BCA has been running consecutive budget deficits for the organization as a whole for the last two years. Brian suggested we (BCA, HOC, Officials Committee) need to find a way to work together to ensure meets at all levels from club to Provincial and higher level are officiated according to their officiating requirements—while recognizing the costs of supplying officials to these meets. **ACTION: need to have conversation with BCA and the HOCs about these costs and officiating requirements.**

Annual BCA Awards:

Nomination Process and Awards Criteria (Sue, Jim).

Jim led discussion. Noted small changes to awards criteria and descriptions. Still in editing process. Sue felt that there was no reason to ask BCA to expand number of awards. Four awards are ample with recent change to have male and female award recipients. Sue also suggested keeping the criteria that officials can only receive each award once (e.g., can only be Official of the Year once in



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their officiating career). Most significant change is the Official of the Year Award—tweaked to recognize “recent”, not just past year contributions, as well as contributions to BC as a whole, rather than to specific meets, clubs, regions, etc. Brian suggested that an additional criterion in the Official of the Year Award would recognize contributions to officiating (e.g., development of officials, recruitment, administration) in addition to their officiating skills and interaction with athletes. Also, we have typically submitted the BC Official of the Year to NOC as BC’s nomination for Athletics Canada (AC) Official of the Year, but should not be hardwired between BC and NOC. There may be officials in BC that are not eligible for BC Official of the Year (i.e., already received) but may be a good candidate for AC Official of the Year. Sue suggests leaving this open.

Some discussion on how to increase the number of nominations for awards. A suggestion for bi-monthly reminders, to BCA members, of nominations for officials awards. Should solicit nominations from HOCs, coaches, athletes, etc.

ACTION: Jim and Sue will create final draft for committee and then to BCA Board.

Officiating under COVID-19 (all)

Many small meets. Some older officials not coming to meets possibly secondary to COVID risks, have had a number of younger officials showing up to help. BCA host clubs need to be reminded of the need for a named “safety officer” and other COVID preventive strategies (social distancing, cleaning, etc.) as the clubs are variable in their performance.

Electronic Distance Measuring (EDM)—building capacity for lower mainland and nationals (John).

John reviewed progress on implementing and training in electronic distance measuring for throws. Kajaks, Valley Royals, BCA, Jason and Ted have been helpful in this pilot study. Will be ready in time for national championships.

Annual Planning Meeting—format, date (Brian).

Format: ring central, November 14 10 am to 12 noon.

Budget—Committee to identify cost implications of activities for 2021 and map to budget.

Adjourned: 8:21 pm