MINUTES OF THE BC ATHLETICS 2006 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD JANUARY 20, 21 AND 22 AT THE HILTON VANCOUVER AIRPORT HOTEL, RICHMOND, B.C.

SESSION I - FRIDAY, JANUARY 20
The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm with Tom Hastie in the Chair. Refer to Addendum “A” for a list of the delegates in attendance.

1. CHAIR’S WELCOME
1.1 Board Chair, Tom Hastie, welcomed the delegates and thanked them for attending.

2. VOTING PRIVILEGES
2.1 The voting procedures and number of votes allowed per club was listed on the BCA website and was included in the delegates’ packages.
2.2 The Parliamentarian, Danny Daniels, confirmed that a quorum was present. Addendum “A” lists the voting delegates.

3. AGENDA
3.1 An agenda was posted on the BCA website and was included in the delegates’ packages.
3.2 MOVED (Larry Harper/Tom Masich) THAT THE AGENDA, AS PRESENTED, BE ADOPTED. CARRIED

4. MINUTES
4.1 Minutes of the 2005 BCA AGM
MOVED (Diana Hollefreund/John Bird) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE BCA 2005 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD JANUARY 21, 22 and 23, 2005 BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED. CARRIED

5. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THE 2005 BCA AGM MINUTES
5.1 Frank Sterner questioned why the BCA Board did not meet with the Vancouver International Marathon Board. Tom Hastie, BCA Board Chair, advised he had met with the VIM Board Chair.

6. AGM RELATED CORRESPONDENCE
6.1 Resignations received from Murray Haines (Director, Zones 1 and 2) and Chris Lee (Director, Events and Promotion)

7. NOMINATING REPORT
The positions open for election were confirmed and Nomination Forms were available for submission of nominations.

8. COMMITTEE/PROGRAM/DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORTS
Copies of the reports were posted on the BCA website, available on request from the BCA Office or made available at the meeting. Delegates were given the opportunity to review the reports, note any recommendations, ask questions or make comments.
8.1 Awards (Brian McCalder) - verbal report
- BCA Awards for Juvenile to Master Athletes, Coaches, Officials, Executive and Athletes with a Disability are presented at the Awards Banquet held in conjunction with the AGM. BCA JD Awards for 9-15 year olds are presented at a banquet in the Fall. Criteria for BCA Awards is established through committees and approved by the Board. It is advantageous to review the criteria from time to time to be sure it is relevant and is the best method to select the winners.
- Information on opportunities to nominate for Sport BC, Athletics Canada, BC Sports Hall of Fame and other national
agencies Awards are made known to the membership electronically through the BCA website and Bulletin.
- BCA award winners need more profile in the media to recognize their accomplishments and also within our 
Association to generate more nominations.

8.2 **Chair, Board of Directors** (Tom Hastie) - report was posted on the BCA website.

8.3 **Communication** (Sam Collier) - verbal report
- Use of the BCA website and electronic Bulletin for communicating with the membership appears to be working well.
8.3.1 It was agreed that each branch of BCA (i.e. Road Running, Cross Country) have its own portal into the BCA 
website. **Action: Referred to the BCA staff to have this done.**

8.4 **Cross Country** (Frank Reynolds) - report was posted on the BCA website. Also refer to the report from the Technical 
Manager, Road Running & Cross Country (*Minutes Item 8.25*).

8.5 **Discipline** (Tom Hastie) - report was posted on the BCA website.

8.6 **Facilities** (Brian McCalder) - verbal report
- Completion of the track in Kamloops will be appreciated by the interior clubs and useful for Championships.
- South Surrey Athletic Park was completed in the fall, excellent facility
- SFU contemplating changes to their facility which will result in new throwing areas.
- On request, BCA provides information on facilities to communities, landscape architects contracted to design/layout 
facilities and others and have technical officials available who can inspect facilities and provide a report as to repairs or 
upgrading, etc. Jerry Tighe has information is available on Certified Road Running Courses (check the BCA website)
- There has been no further action re: a facility for the City of Vancouver.

8.7 **Fixtures** (Jerry Tighe) - verbal report.
8.7.1 A document explaining the new on-line Calendar of Events was circulated and a workshop is scheduled at the 
AGM to assist members in the use of this program. A fee structure for this service is in place and will likely take effect for 2007.
8.7.2 Concerns are still being expressed relative to the time of year the Calendar of Events publication is available.
   - Have difficulty getting event information in on a timely basis from event organizers and it is not deemed feasible to issue the publication with a limited number of events.
   - This year are fortunate to have two volunteers working on gathering and processing the necessary information. **Action: Bob Reid volunteered to provide Greater Victoria area fixtures information.**
   - The Board is considering options to deal with the concerns, i.e. a 15 month calendar, entering more than one year at a time for confirmed annual events.
8.7.3 The Officials Committee requested that when scheduling fixtures every attempt be made to avoid having two 
meets with high performance components on the same weekend in the lower mainland.

8.8 **Heritage** (Brian McCalder) - verbal report
- The Heritage Committee recognizes contributions to the sport and collects memorabilia and information.
- BCA Hall of Fame inductees for 2005 are: John Hill (Road Running), Sue and Kevin Kidd (Building/Officiating) 
Shirley Young (Administration/Officiating)

8.9 **Insurance** (Brian McCalder) - report was posted on the BCA website.

8.10 **Junior Development**
8.10.1 **Committee Report** (Denise Clements) - report was posted on the BCA website.
8.10.2 **BC Summer Games** (Diana Hollefreund) - report was posted on the BCA website.
   - Starting in 2006, the Games will always be held on the last weekend in July

8.11 **Marketing** (Brian McCalder) - report was posted on the BCA website.

8.12 **Masters** (Jake Madderom) - report was posted on the BCA website.
- In 2005, to conform to IAAF Rules, BCA changed the Masters age to 35+ for both Men and Women. This has 
resulted in some concerns being expressed by athletes. **Action: Jake Madderom requested that any feedback to this 
change be sent to him.**

8.13 **Memberships** (Sam Collier) - the following documents were posted on the BCA website.
8.14 **Officials** (Anne Lansdell) - report was posted on the BCA website.
- To assist officials, it was requested that meet organizers check all lines on the track prior to an event.
- Concerns were expressed that the BCA starters use longer sets than international starters.
  
  *Action: John Cull to convey these concerns to the Officials Committee for consideration.*

8.15 **Pacific Sport National Endurance Centre, Victoria** (Brent Fougner) - report was posted on the BCA website.

8.16 **Records and Statistics** (Richard Collier) - report was posted on the BCA website.
- Any questions, errors or omissions re: the records listed should be referred to the BCA office

8.17 **Regional Centres**
8.17.1 **PacificSport Fraser Valley Regional Centre** (Gerry Swan) - report was posted on the BCA website.
- Pleased to have Dr. Anatoly Bondarchuk coaching at the Centre. Programs for various age groups are underway. Working with BCA on clinics.
- Held a very successful manure sale fundraiser in 2005 and plans are underway for another sale in 2006.
- Derek Evely resigned as Centre Head Coach (has gone to the University of Alberta). Have advertised for a new Coach and are presently short listing applicants.

8.17.2 **PacificSport Interior Regional Centre** (Judy Armstrong) - verbal report
- Many events held with good participation.

8.17.3 **PacificSport Okanagan Regional Centre** (Gustav Allander) - report was available at the meeting

8.18 **Road Running** - refer to the report from the Technical Manager, Road Running and Cross Country Minutes Item 8.25
- A Road Running Focus Group Workshop is scheduled at the AGM to provide an opportunity to address areas of interest to the road running community.

8.19 **Zone Directors Reports**
8.19.1 **Zones 1 and 2** (Murray Haines) - no report
8.19.2 **Zones 3, 4 and 5** (Richard Collier/John Bird) - report was posted on the BCA website.
8.19.3 **Zone 6** (Jim Gallagher) - report was available at the meeting
8.19.4 **Zones 7 and 8** (Tom Masich) - verbal report
- The Prince George Club will be purchasing a LYNX system.

Brian McCalder noted that in 2005 there were two dedications of track facilities. The Stadium in Abbotsford was renamed “Swan Stadium” to honor Jane and Gerry Swan and the Prince George Stadium was renamed “Masich Stadium” to honor the Masich family. Congratulations were extended to the Swan and Masich families.

**MOVED (Al Johnston/Dawn Copping) THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED (9:15pm) TO RECONVENE AT 9:00am, SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2006. CARRIED**

**SESSION II - SATURDAY, JANUARY 21**
The meeting was called to order at 9:05am with Tom Hastie in the Chair. The Parliamentarian, Danny Daniels, confirmed that a quorum was present

8. **REPORTS, continued**

8.20 **Planning (Strategic Plan)**
8.20.1 A draft copy of the BCA Strategic Plan 2006-2012 was circulated at the meeting
- After a review of past BCA Plans and the AC Strategic Plan, the Planning Committee felt that it was important to have a provincial plan that aligned itself with the national plan but was distinctly British Columbian. The Committee recommended 5 Foundation Components and identified Critical Elements for each Foundation which they felt are essential for the success of the Plan. The Draft Plan was posted on the BCA website with a request for feedback from the membership however the response was sparse.

8.20.2 To allow for more membership input to the Plan, the meeting broke into 5 work groups with each group being assigned a Foundation area to brainstorm and formulate a goal or sub-goals for each category.

8.20.3 Each group gave a brief overview of their discussions and submitted their notes for input to the Planning
Committee. Overviews:
Group #1 – Officials (Morris Wilson)
- Activities should revolve around base recruitment, training and retention of officials.
- Have a link to specific events (i.e. Road Running, meets)
Group #2 – Coaching (Geoffrey Buttner)
- Encourage recruitment, retention and skill development by providing updated coaching courses, increased higher level opportunities and a good support structure.
Group #3 – Athlete/Participant Development (Tom Dingle)
- Pathway to Success: Encourage, foster and develop comprehensive and inclusive athlete development pathways that will lead to lifelong participation in health and fitness.
Group #4 – Competition/Participation Program (Ron Bunting)
- More competitions for Masters (all events), more Pentathlons for the JD program, more relays
- Technical Requirements (Road Running/Cross Country)
Group #5 – Organizational Capacity (Denise Clements)
- Develop a Business Plan that is competent, adaptive to change, easy to access and meets the need of the stakeholders
- Develop effective technical and administrative systems which support the Business Plan

8.21 Athletics Canada (Danny Daniels) - report was posted on the BCA website.
- Danny congratulated BCA for being the first provincial branch to actively take steps to integrate their Strategic Plan with the AC Strategic Plan.
8.21.1 Due to concerns experienced in the past, it was requested that Danny Daniels express to AC the strong feeling from the BCA AGM that AC should do an on-site inspection of facilities and equipment for all Championships to ensure that they meet acceptable standards and that any problems from a previous year evaluation report have been addressed.
8.21.2 Danny was also requested to advise AC of the BCA members desire to see AC do more to assist local hosts with promotion of Championships.
8.21.3 In response to a question as to what AC is doing re: core support for junior teams (or for anything under major senior teams), Danny Daniels indicated that once the AC deficit problem is solved, AC will be moving to give greater support in this area.

8.22 Run Jump Throw (Thelma Wright) - report was circulated at the meeting and Thelma and her assistants were available to demonstrate the equipment and provide additional program information.

8.23 Juvenile/Junior/Senior Track & Field (Ron Bunting) – report was posted on the BCA website
- Reports from the Hurdles, Jumps, Throws, Combined Events and Distance/Middle Distance Groups were posted on the website.
- It was noted that there is a lack of pole vault events at meets, one reason being the cost of the equipment, and it was suggested that possibly BCA could consider ways of making high cost, less used equipment available for club use.

8.24 Finance (Larry Harper)
8.24.1 A written report (including the following documents) was available at the meeting.
- BCA Operating Fund 2004/2005 Revenue/Expenditures Comparisons
- Statement of Revenue and Expenses – Actual up to year ending March 31, 2005 (Projection to Year Ending 2006)
8.24.2 As the result of a review by the BCA accountants and auditors, it has been identified that BCA is no longer compliant with current GST regulations. It was also identified that BCA should have been charging GST on taxable expenses during the past two years. Therefore, to avoid penalties, BCA will make a voluntary declaration of past GST owing and make arrangements for payment of approximately $15,000 to the government. Also, in future, to be compliant with GST regulations, BCA will collect GST on the following: (a) membership fees for age 15 and older members; (b) fees charged for all events owned or hosted by BCA; and (c) all other taxable supplies.
8.24.3 Larry and and Brian McCalder answered questions and provided information re: the financial statements and 2006 Budget. Consideration is being given to how best to include Value In-Kind Revenue and Day of Event Fees in the financial statements.
8.24.4 Maurice Wilson questioned if it would be feasible to produce a statement which reflects the committed income/expenses for major activities of the Association and then shows any discretionary funds available.  

Action: Referred to Larry Harper to investigate how this information could be reported.

8.24.5 MOVED (John Bird/Tom Dingle) THAT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND DRAFT BUDGET BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

8.24.6 Auditor’s Statement to Year Ending March 31, 2005 was available at the meeting.

MOVED (John Bird/Tom Dingle) THAT THE AUDITOR’S REPORT FOR THE 2004-2005 FISCAL YEAR BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

8.24.7 MOVED (Tom Dingle/Jim Bird) THAT BDO DUNWOODY, CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS, BE APPOINTED AS THE BC ATHLETICS AUDITORS. CARRIED.

8.24.8 Gerry Swan moved a Vote of Thanks to Larry Harper for guiding the membership through the BCA financial matters over the past several years.

8.25 Technical Manager, Road Running and Cross Country Running (Jerry Tighe) – Road Running and Cross Country Reports (including a list of “2005 BC Certified Road Running Courses” and the “BCA Road Running 2006 Events Calendar”) were available at the meeting.

8.26 Technical Manager, Track and Field and Director Power/Speed Events (Ron Bunting) - report was posted on the BCA website.

8.27 President and CEO (Brian McCalder) - report was available at the meeting

8.28 MOVED (Denise Clements/John Bird) THAT THE COMMITTEE, PROGRAM, DIRECTOR AND STAFF REPORTS BE RECEIVED AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

9. 2005 ACTIONS OF NOTE TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

9.1 MOVED (Al Johnston/Larry Harper) THAT THE “2005 ACTIONS OF NOTE TAKEN BY THE BCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE” REPORT, AS CIRCULATED, BE RECEIVED. CARRIED

10. RESOLUTIONS

10.1 Resolution #1 Re: Contracting a Media Liaison Person

(Gerry Swan/Jason Swan) BE IT RESOLVED THAT BC ATHLETICS CONTRACT FOR REMUNERATION (ON A PART TIME OR EVENT BY EVENT BASIS) WITH A PROFESSIONAL THAT UNDERSTANDS OUR SPORT AND UNDERSTANDS HOW TO GRAIN PUBLICITY FOR THE SPORT OF ATHLETICS IN THE PRINT, RADIO AND TV MEDIA SUBJECT TO FURTHER STUDY AND FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY. CARRIED.

10.2 Resolution #2 Re: BCA no longer enforce AC Rule #007(b)

(Frank Stebner/Roger Brownsey) Be it resolved that BCA will no longer enforce the following Athletics Canada Rule #007(b) for eligibility of athletes to compete in a sanctioned Road Running event. A person is ineligible to be a competitor under the Athletics Canada and the IAAF rules if he: “Has taken part in any competition which is not sanctioned, recognized or certified by Athletics Canada or the National Sports Governing Body of the country in which the competition is held.”

10.2.1 Action: This resolution was WITHDRAWN on the understanding that Frank Stebner (in consultation with the Road Running Committee) would supply the BCA Board with recommended wording for a resolution to go to the Rules Committee of Athletics Canada to have Rule #007(b) reviewed with a view to getting clarification and possible amendment of this Rule.

10.3 Resolution #3 Re: BCA no longer seek to sanction organized recreational walks that are not competitions

(Geoffrey Buttner/Frank Stebner) Be it resolved that BC Athletics will no longer seek to sanction organized recreational walks that are not competitions. As a result participants will not be required to be members of an IAAF sports governing body in order to participate in the recreational walk. (BCA can however offer optional insurance to these recreational walks that is competitive with outside insurance).

10.3.1 MOVED (Gerry Dragomir/Rick ) THAT THE RESOLUTION BE TABLED TO THE ROAD RUNNING COMMITTEE FOR CLARIFICATION AND BROUGHT BACK TO THE BCA BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION AND REFERRAL TO THE ATHLETICS CANADA BOARD. CARRIED.

The agenda adjournment time having been reached, it was MOVED (Tom Masich/Ash Varma) THAT THE MEETING CONTINES UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE AGENDA ITEMS. CARRIED.
10.4 Resolution #4 Re: Organizers of BCA sanctioned events by groups other than BCA member clubs not pay $10 fee for listing in the BCA Calendar of Events
(Frank Stebner/Clifton Cunningham) BE IT RESOLVED THAT ORGANIZERS OF BCA SANCTIONED EVENTS THAT ARE ORGANIZED BY GROUPS OTHER THAN BCA MEMBER CLUBS WILL NO LONGER BE REQUIRED TO PAY THE ADDITIONAL $10 FEE FOR THE LISTING IN THE BCA CALENDAR OF EVENTS BUT THE ORGANIZERS OF THESE EVENTS ARE TO BE CHARGED TWICE THE BCA SANCTIONING FEE. CARRIED

10.5 Resolution #5 Re: Non-Competitive members of BCA not receive the Calendar of Events and their membership fees be reduced by $5
(Maurice Wilson/Frank Stebner) Be it resolved that Non-Competitive Members of BC Athletics not receive the Calendar of Events, and their annual membership fees be reduced by $5 accordingly. DEFEATED

10.6 Resolution #6 Re: All current Bylaws, Policies and Board Meeting Minutes be published on the Association website
(Maurice Wilson/Frank Stebner) BE IT RESOLVED THAT CURRENT BYLAWS, POLICIES AND BOARD MEETING MINUTES BE PUBLISHED ON THE ASSOCIATION WEBSITE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP TO VIEW. CARRIED

10.7 Resolution #7 Re: BCA no longer require all participants in sanctioned road races be members of an IAAF sport governing body
(Frank Stebner/Roger Brownsey) Whereas BC may be the only province in Canada to enforce the IAAF requirement that all participants in a sanctioned road race event be members of an IAAF sports governing body and that since much of the world also does not abide by this rule (at least for road races) without penalty to the athletes or race organizers from Athletics Canada or the IAAF: Be it resolved that since this rule appears to be no longer enforceable, that in the interest of creating a national sanctioning policy whereby all races are treated equally on a provincial and national level, BC Athletics will no longer require that all participants in sanctioned road races be members of an IAAF sport governing body.
10.7.1 MOVED (Frank Stebner/Denise Clements) THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE TABLED TO THE BCA ROAD RUNNING COMMITTEE AND BROUGHT BACK TO THE BCA BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION AND REFERRAL TO THE ATHLETICS CANADA BOARD. CARRIED

10.8 Resolutions #8 to #12 Re: Elimination or Addition of events in reaction to the Athletics Canada Long Term Athlete Development Plan
#8 (Ron Parker/Ash Varma) Be it resolved that:
(a) the 200 metre event be eliminated for ages 9, 10 and 11
(b) the 400 metre event be eliminated for ages 9, 10, 11 and 12
© the 200 metre hurdles event be eliminated for ages 11 and 12
d) the medley relay be eliminated for ages 9, 10, 11 and 12
#9 (Ron Parker/Ash Varma) Be it resolved that the 1500 metre event be eliminated for ages 9, 10 and 11
#10 (Ron Parker/Ash Varma) Be it resolved that the 60 metre event be added for ages 9, 10 and 11
#11 (Ron Parker/Ash Varma) Be it resolved that the pole vault event be added for age 13
#12 (Ron Parker/Ash Varma) Be it resolved that 1500m Steeplechase event be added for age 15 females
(Note: This event is currently part of the 15 year old female program)
10.8.1 MOVED (Ron Parker/Denise Clements) THAT RESOLUTIONS #8 to #12 BE TABLED AND REFERRED TO THE JD COMMITTEE AND THE JUVENILE, JUNIOR SENIOR TRACK & FIELD COMMITTEE, IN JOINT COLLABORATIVE SESSIONS BECAUSE:
(A) THE LONG TERM ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT MODEL IS STILL IN THE DEVELOPMENT STAGE WITH ATHLETICS CANADA AND HAS YET TO BE RATIFIED AT AN ATHLETICS CANADA AGM; AND
(B) THERE IS NEED FOR REVIEW AND CONSULTATION WITH THE KEY STAKE HOLDERS IN THE ATHLETICS COMMUNITY (WITH REGARD TO THE LONG TERM ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND ANY CHANGES TO THE EVENTS FOR ATHLETES). CARRIED

10.9 Resolution #13 Re: Combined Events Championships for Juvenile Men in BC be contested with the Octathlon
(Ron Parker/Ash Varma) BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COMBINED EVENTS CHAMPIONSHIP FOR JUVENILE MEN IN BRITISH COLUMBIA BE CONTESTED WITH THE OCTATHLON BEGINNING IN 2006. CARRIED
10.10 Resolution #14 (a) and (b) Re: Setting dates for Combined Events Championships to ensure enough recovery time between BC team selection meet and the National Championships.

#14 (a) (Ron Parker/Ash Varma) **BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COMBINED EVENTS CHAMPIONSHIPS AND SELECTION MEET FOR JUVENILE, JUNIOR AND SENIOR ATHLETES IN THE HEPTATHLON, OCTATHLON AND DECATHLON BE HELD TOGETHER ON ONE WEEKEND WHENEVER POSSIBLE. CARRIED**

#14 (b) (Ron Parker/Ash Varma) **BE IT RESOLVED THAT WHENEVER POSSIBLE THE DATE OF THE BC COMBINE EVENTS CHAMPIONSHIPS BE ON EITHER THE LAST WEEKEND OF JUNE OR THE FIRST WEEKEND OF JULY ANNUALLY BEGINNING IN 2006. CARRIED**

10.11 Resolution #25 Re: BCA Annual Awards Categories for Athletes with a Disability

(Diana Hollefreund/Tom Dingle) **BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE PRESENT BC ATHLETICS “ATHLETES WITH DISABILITIES” AWARDS BE CHANGED TO HAVE 1 MALE AND 1 FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR IN THE ‘ATHLETES WITH A DISABILITY CATEGORY’. CARRIED**

11. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Director, Administration and Planning No nominations 2 year term (referred to the Board to appoint a Director)

Director, Marketing and Communication David Polisi 2 year term (elected by acclamation)

Director, Events & Promotions No nominations 1 year term (referred to the Board to appoint a Director)

Director, Zones 1 and 2 Gustav Allander 2 year term (elected by acclamation)

Director, Zones 3, 4 and 5 John Bird 2 year term (elected by acclamation)

Director, Zone 6 John May 1 year term (elected by acclamation)

Director, Zones 7 and 8 Tom Masich 2 year term (elected by acclamation)

12 **OTHER BUSINESS** – None

13 **ADJOURNMENT**

The business meeting session was adjourned at 1:20pm to be followed after lunch by the following workshops.

#1 – An Introduction to the BC Athletics On-Line Calendar of Events

#2 – National On-Line Membership Registration

#3 – Road Running Focus Group

#4 – Run Jump Throw Information Session and Practical Presentation

**SESSION III - SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2006**

The following meetings were held:

1. BCA Juvenile, Junior and Senior Track & Field Committee Annual Meeting and Open Forum

2. BCA Branch Officials Committee Meeting

3. BCA Road Running Committee Meeting

4. BCA Cross Country Committee Meeting

Respectfully submitted
Ann Kirk, Recording Secretary
2005/01/26