

**Annual General Meeting  
BC Junior Development Committee  
Brighthouse Pavilion – Richmond, BC  
Saturday, October 25, 2008 – 6:30 pm  
MINUTES**

Attendees: Dawn Copping (Chair), Alwilda van Ryswyk, Tom Dingle, Rob Kragelj, Peter Maryschuk, Greg Clark, Denise Clements, Sam Walker, Dave Short, Maureen de St. Croix, Len van Ryswyk, Besnik Mece, Gordi Kandola, Larry Neilson

Regrets:

Meeting begun late due to absence of key to room – started in Room B at Brighthouse Pavilion at 7:15pm. The votes for each delegate was sorted out with assistance from Sam Collier.

1. Call to Order – Dawn Copping – 7:15pm

An attempt was made to record a list of submitted forms with votes. Several people attending reported that they knew that they had been assigned votes but their forms had not been received by BC Athletics and handed on to Dawn. Since the group is well known to each other, and recognize who is here, it was thought that we should recognize voting rights based on their club membership as this seemed common sense.

Motion: Proxies that have been sent to BC Athletics which are not supported by documentation at the meeting will be counted separately, in case proof of proxy submission is not provided after the meeting and voting is close and could be affected by these votes. Dave Short / Maureen de St. Croix / Unanimous

2. Adoption of the agenda with additions.

Motion: Adoption with additions be adopted – Denise Clement / Peter Maryschuk / Unanimous

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the 2007 AGM

Motion: Adopt Minutes as presented – Len van Ryswyk / Dave Short / Unanimous

4. Meet Reports

a. JD Pentathlon Report – Maureen de St. Croix, Ocean Athletics  
Second year Ocean Athletics has hosted – recommendations included in report:

- Increase fees to \$20 from \$10
- 3 high jump pits, use 2 shot put circles (should committee propose a second “temporary” circle be made acceptable for this championship?)

- MOTION: That JD Committee recommend that the host of the Pentathlon be encouraged to have a second shotput circle, and that Alwilda van Ryswyk take this suggestion back to the Officials Committee in order to find out what would constitute an acceptable “portable” circle. – Denise Clement / Dave Short / Unanimous.
  - Start at 10am instead of 11am (this recommendation cannot be implemented due to BC Athletics rules, which are in consideration of island and interior clubs).
  - Move to an unobstructed weekend
  - Move later in the year – it is right in the BC Athletics Manual – discuss during fixtures
  - MOTION: Accept Ocean Athletics report as presented – Alwilda van Ryswyk / Len van Ryswyk / Unanimous.
- b. JD Championship Report – Allen R. Johnston, Nanaimo
- Written report provided
  - Recommendation to not combine JD Championships with other championships – for further discussion during fixtures meeting.
  - Note that the discussion referencing records should not be used – traditionally, we refer to them as #1 in the All Time Top Ten (technically, the requirements to be on the list are different than the rules for records). Host club should have this communication as part of the package they receive from BC Athletics.
  - MOTION: Accept Nanaimo report as presented – Dave Short / Denise Clement / Unanimous
- c. JD Cross Country Report
- No report presented, anecdotal discussion
  - Nice day, well run, good job
  - 9 and 10 year old numbers were quite big – It was suggested that the groups be split into two groups if more than 50 in the group
  - Some other discussion of starting lanes and finish chute lengths, etc.
  - MOTION: We accept the verbal report – Denise Clement / Peter Maryschuk / Unanimous.
- d. Summer Games Report – Diana Hollefreund
- Excellent Report by Diana
  - Much discussion concerning the t-shirts / singlets / dri-fit shirts recommendation – it is important that we promote our sport, and have the athletes look good, be comfortable, and be able to compete effectively – Maureen de St. Croix volunteers to assist Diana Hollefreund in the procurement of nicer shirts, perhaps with some sponsorship opportunity
  - Peter raises a question about medals for only top three (and no ribbons). Had discussed with Diana at the Games, and wonder if we should award for more than three. Larry points out that this is the competition in which kids begin to be trained that there are awards only for the top three positions.

- Dawn concerned about the number of athletes attending from each zone – only three teams were full, several were quite small. Zone 4 is quite a concern (many thanks to Larry for acting as Zone 4 rep).
  - MOTION: Report be accepted as presented – Len van Ryswyk / Alwilda van Ryswyk / Unanimous.
- e. Legion Championships – Ron Bunting
- Ron unable to attend
  - He reported verbally to Dawn that 14 year olds should not attend Legion Championships – they were required to go in the 16/17 year old category. Committee should discourage athletes from attending in those circumstances.
  - Larry points out that the Youth category is an open championships, and anybody can pay and compete. They can enter independently.
  - Discussion of the selection process – Legion dictates a 40 member team, and a maximum of 25 of any age group. So, this meant 25 x 16/17 year olds, a total of 40, and so we send 15 x 15 year olds. Other provinces may send some 14 year olds to compete as 14/15, but BC Athletics chooses to not send 14 year olds.
5. BCJD Awards Report – Tom Dingle
- a. New set of standards developed over the last two years
  - b. Last year, due to time of posting the standards, we awarded to the standards as well as the All Time Top Ten
  - c. This year we used the standards only
  - d. Only hitch is the posting of 60m standards which were a new event, so we may be awarding too many to young athletes (several are getting awards for 60m only)
  - e. Tom recommends that we return to the BCJD committee “standards”, which means we should post only an asterisk with a footnote that says that there are no posted 60m and pole vault standards, as they are new events – this must get posted to the website – the committee will always have the ability to award at its discretion. If it is under five years, it has always been that athletes MAY not receive an award.
  - f. Tom has created a new table of standards for awards for 2009, which are marginally different from 2008
  - g. MOTION: Report be accepted as presented – Gordi Kandola / Greg Clark / Unanimous.
6. Reports on JD Coach Award criteria and Jane Swan Award.
- a. New criteria will be posted to the BC Athletics website, and new rules will be used
  - b. This committee should set up a subcommittee that nominates its own candidates
  - c. Clubs should submit nominations.
7. Motion to BC Athletics AGM re. steeplechase heights for 13 and 14 year old boys.

- a. Motion, as Dave Short submitted it to the last board meeting, was passed on to Junior / Juvenile / Senior committee, have heard nothing back
  - b. MOTION: That recommendation be changed to 30", not 33" – Alwilda van Ryswyk / Denise Clement / Unanimous.
8. Motion to raise fee per athlete for Pentathlon Championships to \$20
- 9.
- a. MOTION: BC Athletics should raise the fee per athlete for Pentathlon Championships to \$20 – Maureen de St. Croix / Rob Kragelj / Discussion (Larry feels that it is only one event, so should only be charged as one event, other committee members feel it should be raised) / Passed (57-7).
10. Motion to combine all BC Championships JD to Seniors.
- a. Junior / Juvenile / Senior Committee (Ron Bunting) says "No Way" for this year
  - b. Officials opposed at doing it immediately
  - c. After that, it can be considered
  - d. Larry points out that logistics will not work (too many events)
  - e. Sam questions how many clubs could pull it off
  - f. Several Pros pointed out from our Sept 7 2008 meeting minutes
  - g. MOTION: To present a motion to the BCA AGM that the BCJD Committee wishes to see a combination of all BC Track and Field Championships (JD to Seniors) – Maureen de St. Croix / Denise Clement / Discussion / Passed (40-7?)
11. Applications for JD Championships. Suggested dates June 20 and July 10-12.
- a. Two Clubs have applied for the Championships – Ocean Athletics (July 17-19, capable of moving to July 24-26) / Kamloops Track & Field Club (July 24-26)
    - i. Both clubs capable, can provide all the events needed (hammer / steeplechase / pole vault)
    - ii. Canadian Masters is July 17-19 in Kamloops, July 10-12 is the BC Junior / Juvenile / Senior championships in Abbotsford.
    - iii. SECRET BALLOT – Tom Dingle acted as scrutineer – Ocean Athletics selected
    - iv. MOTION: Ballots be destroyed – Larry Neilson / Rob Kragelj / Unanimous.
  - b. JD Pentathlon Dates should be set as well (despite lack of club)
    - i. June 7 (Sunday)
    - ii. July 11 – compete with BC Junior / Juvenile / Senior
    - iii. July 18 – compete with the Canadian Masters
    - iv. MOTION: Reserve July 18 date on calendar for BC Pentathlon Championships – Denise Clement / Sam Walker / Unanimous.
12. Election
- a. Denise Clement resigning as Zone 6 Rep
  - b. Need Zone 5, Zone 6, Zone 7/8
  - c. One Year to Go (Alwilda, Sam, Peter, Dave, Gordi, Len)
  - d. Re-election this year:
    - i. Zone 5 – Dawn Copping - acclamation

- ii. Zone 6 – Denise resigned – working on a new rep
- iii. Zone 7/8 – None
- iv. At Large – Greg stepping down, will work to bring a new member
- v. At Large – Rob stepping down, will work to bring a new member
- vi. At Large – Three other openings
- vii. MOTION: Investigate the possibility of reorganizing the way the BCJD Committee works – explore technological solutions such as teleconference and emails to make it easier to be participate and be a member of the Committee – Maureen de St. Croix / Dave Short / Unanimous.

### 13. Banquet

- a. Dawn has upgraded by getting nicer certificates for the kids
- b. Nothing for the stage (does anybody have anything?)
- c. Dawn has BC Athletics Spring Signs
- d. Meeting at 9 am at Croatian Cultural Center

### 14. Additions

- a. Brian McCalder has asked the committee to have a discussion re. adding further events to the list of approved meets for BCJD Awards.
  - i. Several requests from individuals that had athletes make award standards at other meets (sanctioned by BC Athletics) be considered for awards
  - ii. Trying to avoid conflicts
  - iii. Issues like different weights / multiple age groups
  - iv. Meets have a choice as to applying for inclusion.
  
- b. Why does each club have to submit their meet's Hytek results to a national registry, but we don't have access to all the results? (Question through Sam from someone in his club)
  - i. In the coming year, Athletics Canada will be changing how everything is done.
  - ii. Dawn explained that they used the list from Athletics Canada, found all sorts of people without BC Athletics membership (as an example)
  - iii. Use list from Athletics Canada
  - iv. Goes into your meet program
  - v. At the end of the meet, it goes back to Athletics Canada
  - vi. In future, we will be able to get access to all the information
  - vii. BC was the guinea pig
  - viii. Everybody will have to put them in, and then everybody will have access to them
  
- c. Why are 2008 BCJD Top Tens not posted yet?
  - i. Tom indicates that All Time Top Ten are ready to be posted
  - ii. 2008 All Time Top Ten is almost ready to be posted
  - iii. Tom submitted a report to the BCJD Committee regarding 2009 standards for crests and awards

iv. MOTION: Tom Dingle provide All Time Top Ten information to BC Athletics for posting on the website – Denise Clement / Rob Kragelj / Unanimous.

15. MOTION: Adjourn – Larry Neilson / Peter Maryschuk / Unanimous – 10:15 pm