

**Junior Development Committee Meeting
January 17, 2010**

Members Present:

Len van Ryswyk	Alwilda van Ryswyk	Dave Short
Jackie Barrington	Dawn Copping	

Regrets:

Tom Dingle	Peter Maryschuk
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Approval of Agenda – approved Dave, seconded Jackie

Minutes from September meeting

- Some past minutes needed to be posted on the BC Athletics web site
Jackie to send minutes to Brian
- The minutes of the September JD Committee meeting were approved by
Dave, seconded by Jackie, Passed

Business Arising from Minutes

- Information on website re: awards for Coach of the Year and the Jane
Swan Award needs to be updated
- Criteria for the awards need to be more specific, Dawn will update

Events Approval for 2010

- Dawn met with Brian McC Calder and Ron Bunting to discuss
implementation of the new events for JD athletes in 2010
- Members of the JD Committee believe that implementation should be
given a grace period of one year
- For multiple events, Clubs have a choice of various combinations of
events to offer athletes, not just a Pentathlon
- There was some concern about changing the events from five to three
- Dawn suggested that varying the multiple events would give Clubs an
opportunity to offer more multiple events in their meets thus encouraging
athletes to become more interested in multiple events
- Committee members decided to keep the Pentathlon as the
Championship event with changes from the 800M to 600M for 9 to 13
years
- Clubs can host other combinations of multiple events at other meets
- The Committee voted to keep hurdle heights the same as in previous
years
- Len noted that increasing the distance between hurdles might be difficult
to achieve as longer distances between hurdles
- Alwilda moved that the distances should be kept the same and have a
discussion with hurdle coaches
- Motion seconded by Len and approved by all

- There was also discussion around the need to disallow 12/13 year old athletes from running 400M
- Was there scientific evidence for changes
- Members would like to know at what point in an athletes life does the lactic acid system develop
- Also why was the water jump taken from the Steeple chase for girls
- Jackie moved a motion that a knowledgeable person in track and field from BCA should take these changes to groups of Clubs for discussion before implementation, this was seconded by Dave
- Clubs need to have a 30M board to replace the foot fault plastiscene board for the nine year old to eleven year old athletes who participate in long jump

JD Awards Standards

- New standards have been set by Athletics Canada (AC) in various distances for JD athletes
- There is a need to look at other countries to see what the standards are for these new events
- In order to give JD awards there should be criteria set so that all athletes, parents and coaches know what the criteria is in order to get an award
- For athletes who live in remote areas, it may be difficult and expensive to attend three or more meets
- Dawn moved and Dave seconded the motion that athletes from geographic/economically remote areas who reach standards that can be considered for a JD award
 1. Must attend at least one championship meet
 2. Must attend at least one other sanctioned meet during the track season to be considered for an award

The 3% rule and dominance will no longer be considered for an award. Athletes will only be considered for an award if they make standard.

Action: These motions will be sent to the BCA bulletin for publication before the season starts and also placed on the JD page.

There was some discussion as to whether standards should be developed for Cross Country running.

Len pointed out that it would be difficult to create standards for Cross Country because:-

- Distances were often not measured accurately
- The weather is often variable
- The terrain is not the same on all courses
- Elevation changes are not constant

A motion not to adopt standards for Cross Country was moved by Alwilda and seconded by Dave. All present approved the motion

- There is a need to update the photos on BCA website
- Parents/coaches are asked to send updated photos for posting on the BCA website. These can be sent to Dawn Copping
- The Crest standards need to be updated for new distances

Collection of Awards Data

- Meet results have to be sent to Tom Dingle (Tom please give the format)
- Information should be sent within two weeks after the meet

Championships for 2010

- Alwilda moved that Championships be awarded for a period of two years
- There was some discussion on attendance to Championship meets away from the Lower Mainland
- After much discussion the motion to host a Championship meet for two years was seconded by Len and approved by the committee
- The application form to apply to host a championship meet needs to be updated.
- The need for a two camera timing system and a suggested schedule will be added to the application form
- There was discussion on how the vote for 2010 JD Championship was awarded
- The Process for voting to host a Championship meet needs to be clarified
- There will be no proxy votes in the future
- Member Clubs will need to be present in order to vote to host the meet

Action: Schedules need to be sent to the Committee from Kamloops for the JD Track and Field Championship meet and Ocean Athletics for the JD Pentathlon meet. These will be approved at the May committee meeting.

Awards Banquet

- A venue is needed to host the JD banquet in October
- The date will be October 30, same day as the Cross Country Championship in Aldergrove
- Jackie will contact Laurel Wichmann to inquire about the possibility of renting a Salvation Army banquet room
- Dave will contact Jerry Swan to see if a venue is available in the Valley
- There was also discussion on changing the format at the banquet
- Use of the Power Point Presentation would have been more effective if what was on screen was read
- Using posters around the room with athletes' information was suggested as a way to be more effective in displaying the athletes' achievements
- The Format for the banquet will be discussed further at the next meeting

Relays at Meets

- Maureen de St. Croix from Ocean Athletics submitted a proposal to rethink relay formats and scheduling
- This document will be further discussed at the next meeting

JD Web page and JD Manual need to be updated for 2010.

There will be changes to the IAAF rules for 2010.

IAAF Rule 167 – Ties will remain

IAAF Rule 200 – False Starts – false starts will not be allowed for most athletes.

JD Athletes will be exempted from the new False Starts rule. This will go to the Jan 30 BC Athletics Board meeting for approval.

**Next Meeting – May 16, 2010 Brighthouse Richmond
Meeting Adjourned 12:05**