**BCA JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**January 30, 2011**
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Vancouver Airport Hilton
5911 Minoru Blvd, Richmond, BC

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**
JD Committee Members: (quorum 8/9) Dawn Copping, Peter Maryschuk, Alwilda van Ryswyk, Barb Lund, Bob Short, Shelia Weegar, Besnik Mece, Kevin Harrison
Regrets: Len van Ryswyk
BCA Board Director: Tom Dingle
BCA member guests: Florence Dingle, Larry Neilson

**Meeting:** Called to Order at 3:12 pm – Dawn Copping

**Pre-Agenda Elections:**

- **Election of 2011/12 JD Committee Member-at-large** –
  - **Motion:** To accept the nomination of Kevin Harrison as a member-at-large for 2 year term.
  - Moved: Dawn Copping Seconded: Alwilda van Ryswyk
  - Carried

- **Election of Chair of the 2011 JD Committee** –
  - **Motion:** To accept the nomination of Dawn Copping for Chair of the 2011 JD Committee.
  - Moved: Alwilda van Ryswyk Second: Barb Lund
  - Carried

- **Election of Vice Chair of 2011 JD Committee** –
  - **Motion:** To accept the nomination of Peter Maryschuk for Vice-Chair of the 2011 JD Committee.
  - Moved: Alwilda van Ryswyk Second: Dave Short
  - Carried

- **Election of Secretary of 2011 JD Committee** –
  - **Motion:** To accept the nomination of Barb Lund for Secretary of the 2011 JD Committee.
  - Moved: Alwilda van Ryswyk Second: Dave Short
  - Carried

**Review/acceptance of the Jan. 30, 2011 Agenda:**

Additions to Agenda:
- Business arising from BC Athletics 2011 AGM:
  - 800m or 1500m race walk for 12 year olds and 2000m race for 13 year olds
  - 15 year old Midgets 2010 Standards Tables
  - Possible future committee members

- **Motion:** To accept the Jan. 30, 2011 Agenda as amended.
  - Moved: Shelia Weegar Second: Kevin Harrison
  - Carried
Minutes from September, 2010 meeting and October, 2010 AGM:

**Motion:** To accept the draft Minutes of September, 2010.
Moved: Dave Short    Second: Alwilda van Ryswyk
Carried

October, 2010 AGM Minutes will be approved at the 2011 JD Committee AGM

Business arising from BC Athletics 2011 AGM Resolutions:

1. *Independent athletes and JD Championship Relay teams*

   **By consensus:** The JD Committee recommends to the BCA Board to support the inclusion of independent athletes on the JD Championship Relay teams as per 2011 BCA AGM Resolution #11 below.

   **2011 BCA AGM Resolution #11: Junior Development – Relay Event Eligibility**

   “BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Junior Development rules (JD manual) be amended to allow all competitive members the opportunity to participate in Relay Races at the JD T&F Championships as follows:
   1. Club athletes run under their club affiliation
   2. The athletes run in the age group of the oldest athlete on the relay team
   3. The athletes run as a team of the same gender
   4. That unattached competitive members can compete in Relay Events, under the following conditions:
      a. Join with a club team to participate in the Relay Event.
      b. Form a relay team of only unattached athletes, entering as unattached A, B, C, etc
      c. Form a Relay Team of unattached competitive members and affiliated club members who have not been selected for the Club Relay Team.
      d. Unattached or other club athletes cannot bump another athlete from a club relay team that could form a team of 4 members.”

2. *JD Awards Banquet vs. Local JD Awards Events around the province*

   **2011 BCA AGM Resolution #10:** “BE IT RESOLVED THAT the ‘Junior Development Awards Banquet’ be eliminated.”

   **Motion:** The JD Committee recommends, to the BC Athletics Board, to retain the JD Awards Banquet as is.
   Moved: Alwilda van Ryswyk    Second: Besnik Mece
   Carried

3. *2kg instead of 3kg hammer for 12/13 year olds?*

   **Recommended:** That beginning in 2012 a 2kg hammer should be used for 12 and 13 year old females and 12 year old males.

   **Rational:** European clubs use the smaller weight for children so that proper technique can be practiced before more weight is added. Proper technique helps with handling increased hammer weights and reduces athlete injuries.

   **Action:** JD Committee will gather input from national throws coaches and club JD Program Coordinators and Coaches before the 2012 AGM. If there is agreement around the use of a 2kg hammer then a resolution will be put forth by the JD committee at the AGM.
4. 800m or 1500m race walk for 12 year olds?

**Motion:** The JD Committee supports only an 800m race walk for 12 year olds.
Moved: Tom Dingle  Second: Peter Maryschuk
Carried

5. 2000m race for 13 year olds?

**Motion:** The JD Committee supports a 2000m long distance race for 13 year olds.
Moved: Tom Dingle  Second: Peter Maryschuk
Carried

6. 15 year old Midget Standards Tables and Awards

**Question:** Why were the 15 year old Midgets Standard Tables not on the BCA website before the start of the 2010 Track and Field Competition Season? When asked, no answer was received from the Track and Field Committee, who has jurisdiction over the 15 year olds, thus the question was brought to the JD Committee.

**Answer:** Following the JD Committee’s report to the Board, that the standards were not being used for 15 year olds, the Board made a decision, at short notice, to reinstitute the standards. There was not time for posting. They will be posted in the future.

**Concern:** As some concern was expressed regarding the standards used for 15 year olds, the standards will be reviewed for 2011, before posting. It is important to note that a gold medal at provincials does not mean an award if it doesn't make the standard. Also, a lower placing in an event at nationals may make the standard.

**Acknowledgement:**

The committee’s thanks go to Tom Dingle, BCA Director, Program and Technical Development. He took on the extra task of crunching the numbers for the 15 year old midgets this year. Often this age group is lost in the calculation of awards during the transition from the JD Committee, to the Track and Field Committee jurisdiction.

7. Future JD Committee Members

Representatives from both Kajaks and the Coquitlam Cheetahs might be interested in being nominated to the JD Committee at the next meeting.

**JD Pentathlon Championships for 2011 – host club**

- Kajaks Track and Field Club are considering hosting the 2011 JD Pentathlon Championships.
- Ocean Athletics has indicated availability to host if the committee cannot find another club.

**Recent changes in JD events to meet requirements of the ‘Long Term Development Model’**

- No further discussion was needed beyond that which took place during the items earlier on this agenda.
JD Banquet Preparations

**Action:** Dawn Copping will book the Croatian Cultural Centre, at 3250 Commercial Drive, Vancouver, BC, for October 30th, 2011, for this year’s banquet.

Review the Mandate of the JD Committee

**Action:** All JD Committee members should review the BCA Constitution, Bylaws, Terms of Reference, Rules and Regulations and the JD Manual on the BCA website, before the April meeting.

Raising the profile of the JD Committee in the BC Community of Athletics (see Attachment #1)

**Tabled:** See Attachment #1 for items to be discussed at the next meeting.

Committee meeting dates for 2011:

- Sunday, April 10, 2011
- Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011
- Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011, after the BCA Cross-Country Championships

**Action:** Kevin Harrison will work with Dawn Copping and contact Brian McCalder about a conference call line that could be used for future JD Committee meetings.

Motion to adjourn at 3:00 pm- Carried

Next Meeting

**Sunday, April 10th, 2011 at 10:00 am**

Brighouse Park Meeting Rooms
Brighouse Park at 7840 Granville Avenue, Richmond, BC

Or

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120-3820 Cessna Drive, Richmond, BC, V7B 0A2