

Minutes of Officials' Annual General Meeting
Aldergrove, B. C. October 19, 2008

Members Present 35 (list attached)

Prior to the Approval of the Agenda, John invited Iain Fisher to pay tribute to Jack Harrison BC Athlete, Official and Coach who passed away recently. Iain noted that Gerry Swan from Valley Royals was more familiar with Mr. Harrison. Gerry gave a brief history of Jack's involvement with track and field in B. C. Anne Lansdell noted that Jack was a family friend who worked as a starter for many years.

Sue Kydd paid tribute to Willi Krause, a long standing coach in Trail who coached many Olympians. Condolence was sent on behalf of BCA members. Sue noted that the field house in Trail has a permanent memorial to Willi.

After the tributes John reminded members that 1) fees for BCA are due and can be sent in anytime. Members affiliated with a club must pay through the Club's registrar. 2) Award nomination forms are due.

He thanked Achilles International Track Society and Valley Royals for sponsoring the cost of the lunch and April and Gerry for procuring a meeting place.

John introduced the award winners for 2007

Ian McNeil– Diana Hollefreund

Ralph Coates Award for long standing service – Hugh Morrison

Mary Temple Award, novice official – Dave Short and Daryl Palmer

Dave Coupland Inspirational Award – Winston Reckord and Gerard Dumas

Alice Kubek presented Keith Newell with his (NOC) Wall of Honor award.

Motion: To adopt the Agenda
M/S/C Sue Kydd, Peter Fejfar

Business Arising from Previous AGM Minutes (October 28, 2007)

- List of cell phone numbers was not compiled due to privacy issues and the inability to keep the list current

- List of officials with certification not yet placed on BCA's website, may be done in the future, pending resolution of issues respecting privacy.
- Creating posters to promote BCA officials' membership was placed in the parking lot (good ideas with no current implementation strategy)

Annual Report of the Branch Officials' Committee Chair (John)

John explained the role and structure of BCA Officials' Committee

- An advisory body for BCA, without voting status
- Represents NOC, and administers its programs in BC
- Has a mission statement
- The committee is elected by BCA Officials at their AGM
- Chair is elected by the committee
- Positions are appointed by chair
- Committee has 12 members serving two year terms. 6 members are elected yearly to provide continuity of service

Regional Contacts for BCA Officials

Zone 3,4,5 Lower Mainland – Carol Cull

Zone 1,2 Interior/Okanagan – Alwilda van Ryswyk and Bob Cowden

Zone 6 Vancouver Island/Central Coast – Anne Lansdell and Alice Kubek

Zone 7,8 Northern BC – Corine Masich

Financial Report

- Budget for 2008-2009 is \$15,900
- Budget is spent on competition expenses, meetings, training and mentoring, equipment, recognition benefits to officials and rules books
- \$5, 739 left in budget, this will be spent by March 31, 2009
- Funds will be spent on training for officials to attend indoor meets
- Funds needed to send someone to conduct a Level 2 workshop in Prince George
- Sponsors provided \$1833.60. Spratt-Shaw will be donating \$500.

Competition Expenses

National Championships	\$2,154.43
Provincial Championships	\$1,250.83
Local Meets	\$1,340.22
Total	\$4,747.22

Keith Newell noted that BC was one of the provinces which pay officials travel expenses for National Championships in their home Province.

Review of 2008 Activities

Committee Projects

- Recruitment .Diana Hollefreund was thanked for her efforts in increasing the number of officials in Zone 6 through the VIAA
- Sue, Laurel and Jackie updated the volunteer flyer
- Meet directors' manual is in the final draft stages, it should be ready for publication soon
- Bob Cowden and John Cull provided information for officials on insurance coverage at non-sanctioned events (included in Annual Report)
- Laurel was successful in getting BCA to join Volunteer BC at a cost of \$75 yearly. All clubs can now use this service by checking information on Volweb.ca. This project needs evaluation to ensure that the service is useful.
- Bob revised the existing U-18 manual, and BC now has a U-18 officials' program (ages 13-17). This program will not be school-based; it will encourage friends and family members of existing BCA members to join BCA as U-18. There are 4 U-18 officials registered
- Peter Fejfar (Technical Sub-Committee) examined facility upgrades in Maple Ridge and South Surrey. Coquitlam is still under construction.

Competitions

- 61 events requested officials (mostly Track and Field)
- Schedule of events for 2009-2010 now available, not all events currently listed.
- Carol, John and April were recognized for serving on the HOC for the National Junior Championships in 2007 and 2008. This event provided 11 mentorship opportunities
- Zone 1 and 2 hosted 7 events in 2008
- Zone 3, 4, and 5 hosted 40 events
- Zone 6 hosted 12 events
- Zone 7 and 8 hosted 2 events
- Many events conflicted and placed a strain on officials for support
- A fixtures meeting will be held in November at BCA in Richmond to try to develop a less conflicting schedule.
- Officials' membership has grown by 23%, thanks in large part to Vancouver Island, the number of officials now stand at 197.

- Committee members will continue to concentrate on recruitment to try to reach a target of 250 officials.
- BCA officials are best ambassadors for the sport. Business cards and flyers are available for distribution by Senior officials.
- John and Sue have developed an acknowledgement text which will be given to meet directors/announcers at all events to recognize the help given by officials.

Education/Mentoring

- Fewer workshops given this past year
- Bert Engelmann will present a Level 1 workshop on the North Shore
- Peter Fejfar presented a National Clinic in Windsor
- Alwilda and Sue presented Level 1 workshops in Interior and the Lower Mainland
- Dale Loewen presented a National level workshop for Starters in Abbotsford
- More Level 1 trainers are needed for next year

Upgrading

Level 1 – 22 officials

Level 2 – 10 officials

Level 3 – 10 officials

The number of new Provincial level officials poses a challenge for training and mentorship. Trainers will be needed to mentor these officials to Levels 4 and 5.

Officials by Zones

Zones 6 Vancouver Island/CC 55

Zones 3, 4 and 5 Lower Mainland 76

Zones 1,2 Interior/Okanagan 76

Zones 7 and 8 Northern BC 17

Information on official development and upgrading is available on BCA website; all forms have been updated.

Competition Highlights for 2009

- Canadian Masters Track and Field Championships, Kamloops
- World Police and Fire Games, Vancouver/Burnaby
- BC Youth, Junior and Senior Championships, Abbotsford
- February 20-21, Kamloops Indoor Championships
- BCJD Championships, South Surrey

Goals for BCA Officials for 2009

- Promote officiating through BCA clubs
- Provide leadership at all athletics events
- Promote self sufficiency in all regions
- Increase the number of officials to 250

Parking Lot Projects

- Develop an interactive web based program to review technical rules
- Develop video based training for throws officials
- Develop social networking – Facebook, my space etc.
- Create posters to promote BCA officials' membership

Motion: To accept the Annual Report
M/S/C Jeff Byington/Sue Kydd

Elections

Nominees for vacant positions (6, 2-year terms) – Jackie Barrington, Alice Kubek, Kathy Terlicher, Laurel Wichmann, Shirley Young and April Arsene were re-elected by acclamation.

New Business

Motion *To recommend to the Board and CEO of BCA to enter into negotiation with the Canadian Olympic Committee and VANOC to have BCA officials appointed as volunteers to positions that would represent their knowledge and expertise working with elite athletes.*

M/S/Defeated Sanda Turner Jeff Byington

Discussion

- Officials are able go to the VANOC website and choose an area in which to volunteer, and those that are interested have done so. They have been contacted by Vanoc, and interviews are proceeding. This process also applies to the Paralympic Games
- Sanda noted that not everyone might have the computer knowledge to engage in this process.

Motion to adjourn the business meeting
M/S/C Wally Smeaton Mark Lillicrap.

After a delicious lunch, hosted by *Encore Restaurant* and paid for by Achilles International and Valley Royals Track and Field Club, Bob introduced 4

members of Kamloops Track and Field Club – Cheryl/Wayne Elke; Helen Newmarch and Sandra Dever.

NOC Update

Keith Newell gave a short update on NOC. He noted that the NOC's newsletter was now coming as an email. NOC NOC is distributed by Athletics Canada twice a year. The AC Database is not complete, and some members do not receive it. NOC NOC is also available on the BCA website.

Keith noted that all information needed for mentoring and upgrading is on the AC website.

A point of contention was the requirements to upgrade to Levels 4 and 5. NOC requires an official to earn 8 credits after a National Level workshop in order to upgrade to these levels.

Officials who are able to attend meets in the spring, summer and fall often have 8 credits, but cannot be upgraded to Levels 4 or 5 without a National Level Clinic. The opportunity to attend a National Level Clinic is often limited.

Branch Chairs asked NOC to change the 8 credit policy, as it is disadvantageous to Branches who do not have an Indoor season. Keith will raise the issue at the Semi-Annual NOC meeting in Winnipeg. He noted that the intention of the rule is to use the knowledge gained from the national level clinic before being upgraded to higher levels of officiating.

Branch Chairs would like to see the 7 steps process of becoming a photo finish judge reduced to 5 steps, folding in the redundant Provincial and National Lists.

John thanked Keith for funding the 4 officials who attended the National Championships in Windsor, Ontario.

Keynote Speaker

Judy reminded officials of the World Masters' Indoor meet scheduled for Kamloops in 2010. Kamloops T & F Club and the City of Kamloops are now in the planning stages. She thanked John and Carol for agreeing to act as

Officials Managers. Judy would like to bring officials to Kamloops two days before the meet starts if funds are available.

Kamloops T & F Club is also hosting the 2011 Western Canada Games.

Judy Armstrong presented a video of her trip to Beijing with her son (David) and Olympian son (Dylan) and other Canadian and American visitors. Judy noted that although it was extremely hot, it was an experience of a life time. She mentioned that the volunteers in Beijing were well trained, extremely helpful and cooperative. There were some issues with transportation and Canada House provided a great venue for meals and relaxation.

Technical and Rules Session (ITOs and NTOs)

Keith said that the Start Coordinator position has been eliminated and replaced with a Chief Starter position.

Peter clarified procedures for verifying throwing implements. When someone sets a record, it is not necessary to weigh the implement after the record.

The 4 metre line in javelin should not be treated as equivalent to a runway line. The athlete does not commit a foul by crossing the line before the implement touches down. It is only intended to speed up measuring.

The length of spikes is now being measured by what is protruding beyond the sole of the shoe.

The new handbook may come out at the end of the year or early next year. According to Alice, there will be no major changes in rules, except for doping.

Many thanks to the Clubs and individuals who provided prizes which Shirley distributed to officials throughout the course of the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:00 P. M.

Submitted by J. Barrington

Members Present**Club/Location**

Cheryl Elke	Kamloops
Wayne Elke	Kamloops
Sandra Dever	Kamloops
Helen Newmarch	Kamloops
Judy Armstrong	Kamloops
Bob Cowden	Kamloops
Joan Cowden	Kamloops
Wally Smeaton	Kamloops
Alwilda van Ryswyk	Kamloops
Iain Fisher	Hershey Harriers
Anne Lansdell	Victoria
Aileen Lingwood	Victoria
George Reilly	Vancouver
Peter Fejfar	Delta
Peter Hesketh	White Rock
Dave Short	Ocean Athletics
Randy Stuart	Langley Mustangs
Sue Kydd	Langley Mustangs
Shirley Byington	Surrey
Jeff Byington	Surrey
Laurel Wichmann	Chilliwack T&FC
Jackie Barrington	Coquitlam Cheetahs
Mark Lillicrap	Valley Royals
John Cull	Valley Royals
Carol Cull	Valley Royals
April Arsene	Valley Royals
Dale Loewen	Valley Royals
Janice Loewen	Valley Royals
Sandra Turner	New Westminster
Penny Roze	Prince George
Kathy Terlicher	Burnaby Striders
Irene Hanson-Monnie	Port Moody
Keith Newell	Victoria
Jason Swan	Valley Royals
Alice Kubek	Victoria