

Officials' Annual General Meeting  
Encore Restaurant, Aldergrove, B.C.  
Sunday October 18, 2009

**Members Present - 42**  
**Regrets – 19, see attachment**

**Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Anne Lansdell, seconded by Allain McCallum  
Demonstration of uniforms for Kamloops games, requested by Sanda Turner, added to the Agenda

**Announcements**

- Sue noted that recognition items would be given at lunch and other items were available to buy
- John reminded members that yearly dues can now be mailed to BCA for member not associated with a Club. Club members can get their registrar to send dues to BCA. Everyone is reminded to tick the box for "Officials". Anyone who wants to work at World Masters must be a BCA member official.
- BC Athletics will institute a Risk Management Plan by 2011. The Plan may include Criminal Record Checks for volunteers, including officials
- Officials are needed for the BC Cross Country Championship in Stanley Park, October 31
- Open positions for BCA committee will be taken from the floor
- John thanked sponsors; Achilles and Valley Royals Clubs for providing the venue and lunch for the AGM. Cards were signed and will be mailed to Achilles; Sue presented Gerry Swan with his card
- No condolences were necessary this year, but well wishes were sent to Jason Swan who is recovering from a mountain bike accident, and Iain Fisher who is recovering from a broken ankle
- Recognition were given to 2008 award winners – Jackie Barrington and Wally Smeaton, Officials of the Year; Alice Kubek, long time service award; Helen Newman, Novice official and Maureen de St. Croix, most inspirational official.
- Ken Porter received the Sports Official of Canada Builders Award

### **Approval of Previous Minutes (October 19, 2008)**

Motion to accept minutes, moved by Anne Lansdell, seconded by Mark Lillicrap; there were no errors or omissions in the minutes.

### **Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

- John noted that there was no need to create a list of officials on BCA webpage since the names and level of all Level 3-5 officials can be found on the NOC directory

### **BCA Officials Committee Annual Report**

- John outlined the duties of the BCA officials' committee
  - advises BCA on upgrading and education
  - not a society and cannot vote at BCA executive meetings
- The Committee works in cooperation with member clubs of BCA and receives donations from coaches, clubs and other organizations
- Committee members are elected by membership and the chair is elected by the committee
- The chair appoints positions. 2009 members were recognized. Anne will be retiring from the committee and John thanked Anne Lansdell for her work on the committee
- Regional contacts were also recognized – Carol Cull, Lower Mainland; Alwilda van Ryswyk and Bob Cowden, Interior; Alice Kubek, Anne Lansdell, Vancouver Island and Judy Gaisky, Prince George and the North.

### **Committee Budget**

- Budget runs from April 2009 to March 31, 2010
- \$17,700 given for the year
- Money is provided for competitions, officials' travel, workshops, recognition and benefits
- Free rule books given to member officials; Level 2 and up
- \$9,591 currently unspent but will be spent by March on indoor competition, workshops and committee meetings
- \$3,200 in donations were given from various sources

### **Competition Expenses in 2009**

National Championships	\$2, 145.79
Provincial Championships	\$917
Local Meets	\$2,020.73

Total

\$5, 083.52

### **Review of 2009 Activities**

- Many projects were undertaken by the committee in 2009
- Track & Field Manual for Meet Directors was finalized and posted on the BCA website
- Quick reference cards are under development and a draft version is posted on Vancouver Island Athletic Association (VIAA) website. [[www.victrack.ca](http://www.victrack.ca) under the VIAA tab.]
- Support for facilities development undertaken, Peter Fejfar is providing technical assistance to various facilities
- Program for U-18 officials was adapted and developed
- The \$200 travel grant program was developed
- John and Carol Cull responded to numerous requests for assistance from many sources
- Officials provided assistance to 70 competitions and supported high school, twilight, all-comers meets and BC Special Olympics Summer Games. These games will be held in BC in 2013, and SO National Championships in BC in 2014
- Evaluations and credits were earned at the World Police & Fire Games which ran well because of the expertise given by many officials
- A breakdown of events by Regions were given – zones 1 & 2, 4; zones 3-5, 47; zone 6, 16; and zones 7 & 8, 3. Alwilda noted that officials in Kamloops attended many school meets that weren't recorded. John would like to know about all events attended by officials.
- He also noted that while the majority of meets are held on the Lower Mainland, there are only 70 officials registered at BCA from this region. The Interior has 59 registered officials; Vancouver Island has 55 and the North has 20
- John noted that senior officials are the best way to recruit new officials and he urged all officials to make use of the contact cards
- He reminded officials that upgrading information is posted on BCA website and requests for upgrading can be emailed to Kathy Terlicher, using the on-line form.

### **Competition Highlights for 2010**

World Indoor Masters, Kamloops  
BC Youth and Junior Championships, no known venue as of date  
BCJD Championship, no known venue as of date  
BC Summer Games, Langley BC

### **Goals for 2010**

- Continue to build partnership with Clubs
- Provide leadership to ALL athletic events in the Province by responding to all requests
- Develop self sufficiency in each region
- Continue to promote officiating through networking
- Gain public recognition by the use of Acknowledgement Text; have this text read at all events

### **Strategic Planning**

- Increase membership to 250 officials, currently 204 are registered
- Need to find ways to continue involvement of officials in the North and on the Island
- Level 2 officials on the Island need to work outside of their regions to gain more experience
- Kamloops officials need to continue to develop the program for officials in the South Okanagan
- Priority List in Strategic Planning - Track Referees, Umpires and Walk Judges are needed in all regions
- **Parking Lot Items** – great ideas that need ownership – develop an interactive website for IAAF rules; develop a video based training for throws; develop a meet directors course for use with the meet directors' manual

Motion to adopt Chair's report was given by Jeff Byington, seconded by Penny Roze. Report was accepted

### **Presentation on IAAF Rule Changes (Alice Kubek)**

Alice reported on New Rules for 2010 – See Pages 11,12

Junior Development athletes (up to and including age 14) will continue with the present rule on false starts (first against the field). [except for BC Summer Games as the 14 and 15 year

olds compete together there.]Masters will also not adopt the new false start rule.

### **Presentation on International Paralympics Rules (David Weicker)**

David's presentation will be posted on the BCA website

- David attended the Boiling Point Meet for Para Olympians
- David reported on the brief history of these games – they were developed after the war for veterans
- They are now held at the same venue as the Olympics
- Rules can be found on the International Paralympics Committee (IPC) website
- There is a classification system and each disability carries it's own system
- Reclassification can be done in 3 stages – stage 1, by examination; stage 2, sport specific and stage 3, during competition
- A few rules will change in 2010; the wind gauge which is normally set at 1.22 M is set at 0.95 for wheelchairs.
- No discussion mentioned at the games re: dwarfs (David noted that terms dwarf, blind and deaf are commonly used, and are apparently inoffensive)
- In the call room wheelchairs are measured without the athlete
- Chairs are measured from the ground to the seat pad
- Throw seats are also measured to the height of the seat
- Amputees must wear legs of equal length, must wear prosthetic on the track
- Reminder to Starter's Assistants, helmets needed for all races 400M or greater
- Number is worn at the side of the helmet
- A bib number is worn at the back of chair
- One warm up lap is given around the track (officials need to use their good sense in terms of warm up, depending on level of meet)
- Guides for runners who are blind must wear a vest and runners with visual impairment are assigned two lanes
- If either guide or runner go out of lane the team is disqualified
- For races greater than 400 metres, two guides are allowed. Only one exchange is allowed and must be done on the straightaway
- Track referee must be notified and the guide runner must move away without interfering with other athletes

- Throws chairs must be tied down with non elastic material
- New AC director for IPC is David Craig

### **Facilities Review (Peter Fejfar)**

- Peter reported on all facilities for track and field in the Lower Mainland and Okanagan.
- A number of facilities have been renovated and improved but not all have made a request for his expert advice
- South Surrey has applied to host the 2010 Canadian Masters Championship meet. the throwing cage at this facility may be moved into the stadium (under discussion).
- Swangard Stadium in Burnaby is in major need of repairs but no plans to do so in the near future
- BC Summer Games will be held in Surrey in 2012. This may result in renovation of Bear Creek Park (badly needed).
- SFU is basically a running facility as the throwing areas need a lot of work
- UBC has a new facility which Peter has not yet seen since the surface material was applied.
- Maple Ridge, Bear Creek Park, and other facilities do not have proper rails (see Rule 160.1). No records can be accepted from these tracks.
- Minor repairs are needed at Minoru in Richmond
- Throws area in Kamloops need attention
- Nothing is known about Mercer Stadium in New Westminister
- The City of Vernon has applied for funds to build a new track
- Officials were not requested to review renovated pole vault and track in Kelowna or the new throwing facilities at Coquitlam
- Rotary Stadium (Swan Track) is still the best equipped facility in the Lower Mainland.

### **Business Meeting**

#### **Elections to the Branch Officials' Committee**

- The six vacant positions were filled for a new two-year term by members who had allowed their names to stand for election/re-election, (Carol & John Cull, Lin Hopkins, Bob Cowden, Alwilda van Ryswyk and Sue Kydd). No nominations were given from the floor

### **Resolution**

- John presented a resolution which will be brought to the BCA AGM in January
- This resolution would require any organization or Club hosting a Championship meet to adhere to the IAAF rule which requires 2 electronic timing systems for track results
- After much discussion as to the affordability to Clubs, the wording of the resolution, the electrical systems at stadia, the resolution was passed by members and will be presented by John at the BCA AGM

### **New Business**

- John explained the policy on travel expenses and noted what payments are covered by this policy – officials traveling within their region, travel to National or Provincial championship meets
- Officials travelling to Club meets must abide by the service that the Club is willing to provide.
- Keith Newell raised the issue of participating at unsanctioned meets. He related the incident of an official who fell at the hotel at a recent meet. John noted that school districts typically provide liability insurance for their meets. The Insurance document from 2008 will be circulated again.
- Keith noted that it is important to have extended health coverage when traveling to meets outside of the Province
- Keith also noted that a \$36 membership, paid to Sports Officials Canada gives protection up to \$5 Million
- John noted that membership in BCA provides coverage for accident and liability for sanctioned events
- Officials who are invited to participate in other unsanctioned events meets should ensure that there is adequate insurance coverage
- Municipal venues may have liability insurance and John also noted that many home insurance policies carry liability insurance
- Questions were raised on H1N1 at the upcoming Kamloops games
- Dale Loewen and Laurel Wichmann both said that information is listed on BCCDC and Health Authority websites
- Anyone who is feeling ill should refrain from attending the games

- Sue announced the success Neil Chin Aleong, Len Van Ryswyk and other Master athletes were having at the World Championships in Australia

There being no further business, Alwilda moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:15, seconded by Bill Koch

Submitted by J. Barrington



Members Attending Officials' AGM  
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Members Attending

Jeff Byington  
Shirley Byington  
Bob Adams  
Nancy Fitzpatrick  
Bill Koch  
Keith Newell  
Iain Fisher  
Bert Englemann  
Dave Short  
David Weicker  
Laurel Wichmann  
Kathy Terlicher  
Judy Armstrong  
Marthy Merkt-Caprile  
Enrique Merkt-Caprile  
Kirstie Merkt-Caprile  
Jake Madderom  
Joan & Bob Cowden  
Peter Hesketh  
Penny Roze  
Jackie Barrington  
Carol Cull  
John Cull  
David and Lin Hopkins  
Sanda Turner  
Allain McCallum  
Randy Stuart  
Alwilda van Ryswyk  
Sue Kydd  
Mark Lillicrap  
Dale & Janice Loewen  
Alice Kubek  
Anne Lansdell  
Diana Hollefreund  
Keith Newell  
Ken Porter  
Cheryl Elke  
Wayne Elke  
Michele Peacock  
Wally Smeaton

Regrets

Shirley Young  
Sheryl Bonnett  
Neil E. Chin Aleong  
Evelyn Parent  
Karen Davidson  
Roz and Jack Showers  
Len Bonnett  
Mel and Raelene Zabolotniuk  
Aileen Lingwood  
Lorna Lundeen  
Ann Juteau  
Bob Rogers  
Louise Melville  
Sandra Dever  
Norma Werk  
Kristina Shearer  
George Reilly

Gene Sanderson  
April Arsene  
R. Adams  
Al McLeod  
Peter Fejfar

## **NEW RULES 2010-2011**

127.4 – Umpires are to report incident even if the athlete (or relay) does not finish the race

144.1 – Assistance - permission to give verbal times only allowed if no visual displays at relevant points

162.7 - Any athlete responsible for a false start shall be disqualified. In combined events one false start per race shall be allowed--any athlete(s) making further false starts shall be disqualified

167 - In the case of a tie for any place, including first, the tie shall remain

180.5 - If one or more athletes permitted by the Referee to continue under protest such athletes shall compete in subsequent rounds before all other continuing athletes in the competition and, if more than one, in the same relative order according to the original draw

180.2 - Except for vertical jumps, in case of a tie for any place, including first, the tie shall remain

181.9 - (new) - For ties in vertical jumps, unless otherwise decided - in advance by the Technical Regulations of the meet, or by the Technical Delegate (or Referee if no TO) during the competition, a jump off shall be conducted as follows:

a) athletes must jump every height until a decision

reached

b) each athlete shall have one jump at each height

c) they shall start at the next height after the ***last*** height cleared

d) the bar shall be raised if all successful, lowered if all miss (2 cm for high jump, 5 cm for pole vault)

e) if an athlete decides not to jump he automatically forfeits the right to first place. If only one other athlete remaining he is declared the winner regardless of whether he clears that height

INDOOR - 214.6 - in the 800 metres up to 2 athletes may be assigned per lane

WALKS - 230.7 and ROAD RACES - 240.6 - in races with large numbers there shall be 5, 3, and 1 minute warning shots before the start