

## BCA Road Running Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Sport BC Building, 3820 Cessna Drive, Richmond, BC

Attendance:

In Richmond – Frank Stebner (Chair), Jake Madderom (Secretary), Clifton Cunningham, Greg White, Maurice Wilson. On the phone – Trudi Jackson and Rick Jenkner. Regrets: Geoffrey Buttner, Bob Reid.

Meeting was called to order at about 6:12pm

MOTION – Clif/Jake – That the agenda be accepted as distributed - Carried

1. Review and acceptance of March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 minutes.

MOTION – Jake/Clif – That the minutes be accepted as distributed – Carried

2. Athletics Canada
  - a. AC AGM May 25, 2008, masters motion 40+
    - i. Maurice reported that the motion was defeated.
  - b. RFP for Canadian Marathon Championship
    - i. Frank reported that the Vancouver Marathon had applied to host the 2009 and 2010 Canadian Marathon championships in response to an RFP produced by Athletics Canada. The RFP has been withdrawn and the championship was awarded to Ottawa for 2009. It is not clear at this time what will happen in 2010.
    - ii. Greg White advised that if the Vancouver Marathon had concerns as to why the RFP was withdrawn and the championships were only awarded for 2009 and not 2010, that these concerns should be addressed through BC Athletics.
  - c. Canadian Marathon Champions 2008 in Ottawa
    - i. Frank reported that CMAA awarded medals in 5 year age categories starting from 35-39 and that the host committee awarded an overall cash award to the top 40+ winners (not 35+ masters winners).
3. BCA Sanctioning for Road Races
  - a. Online sanctioning application status
    - i. Maurice reported that the online sanctioning process will not be available for at least 6 months. Maurice said that the new on-line process should probably start with the new calendar year. The manual system is working.
  - b. BCA Sanctioning agreement (contract) with sanctioned events
    - i. Maurice has completed an outline for the document.
  - c. Review of sanctioning forms for 2008
    - i. General agreement that the form needs to be simplified. The space for BCA Officials should be removed or, at least, reduced in size. John Cull is working on

a document that will define the degree of BCA Officials involvement in various levels of Road Races.

- d. Late sanctioning applications (within 30 days) \$3.00 discount?
  - i. Frank brought this item forward (at the request of event organizer Geoffrey Buttner) in light of the negotiations with the HBC race for sanctioning. The concern was that the organizers were told that the fees proposed in the sanctioning arrangement (\$500 per event) “would in all likelihood be less than offering the \$3 discount to all eligible competitive and recreational athlete members of BC Athletics”. Frank reported that had the sanctioning policy been followed, the Victoria HBC Victoria would have only needed to pay 1/3 of the \$500 and the Vancouver HBC 19K would have had to pay approx. Half of the \$500 for all related sanctioning fees.
  - ii. Maurice mentioned that the HBC race had applied for sanctioning, but two weeks before the race indicated that they could not meet the BCA sanctioning requirements. BCA offered to provide sanctioning for a fixed fee. BCA provided the \$3.00 discount to BCA Members in return for the fee. Some members of the committee thought that we should avoid special sanctioning arrangements.
- 4. BCA Road Running Championships 2008/2009
  - a. Shaughnessy 8K – 25 May 2008 – report – Frank Stebner – recommendations
    - i. The committee would like to thank the LGRR for doing a great job of hosting and promoting the event. Frank reported that the participation by the elite athletes was disappointing. 40+ runners won were the overall winners in both the men’s and women’s divisions. Clif mentioned that many of the top runners may have been in Ottawa for the Canadian Championships. Eligibility is an issue. Many of the participants did not have competitive BCA memberships. Frank has distributed a complete report for the event to the RR Committee and submitted to the BCA Board on May 30 for distribution to Board of Directors.
    - ii. Misunderstanding between Greg White, Maurice Wilson and the Event Directors on medal presentations. The medals were distributed by the Chair of the RR Committee at the event.
  - b. Prize money for BCA Events
    - i. Brian McC Calder has indicated that there is no additional money available in this year’s budget for prize money for road running championships.
    - ii. Greg White requested that if the committee wanted BCA to offer additional championship prize money that the RR committee should review the BCA budget to look at where funds can be redirected towards prize money for future BCA championship events.
    - iii. Frank reported that most of the participants in the race did not have competitive BCA memberships. The committee expressed concerns as to why some of the top road runners at BCA are not taking out BCA Senior memberships.
    - iv. Frank suggested that BCA should make more of an effort to directly communicate with the competitive membership of BCA to inform them of

upcoming championships as not all BCA members visit the BCA website on a regular basis. Perhaps BCA can investigate sending out an email blast.

MOTION: Frank/Rick - Whereas the BCA Cross country championships get \$3650 in prize money budgeted from BCA and BC Road Running and BC Track & Field Championships get none .

Be it resolved that the road running committee requests that BCA Board will attempt to fairly distribute BCA championship prize money to all four divisions of BC Athletics.

- Carried (4 in favor, 1 opposed)

- c. Championship agreement with BCA
  - i. Maurice indicated a draft is underway.
5. Timex Series 2009 & Other BC Road Running Series
  - a. Suggestions and recommendations on how to enhance various series.
    - i. Maurice said that a review of the Timex Series and the other Provincial Series is underway. He is looking at 3 or 4 different options and will meet with the race directors before making a decision on future formats.
  - b. Sponsors 2008/2009
    - i. Timex is definitely interested in staying on as a sponsor. Maurice indicated that the age division prizes for the 2008 series will be available. He is looking at other sponsorship for next year.
6. Eligibility Meeting
  - a. Greg reported that he organized a meeting of all of the BCA Committee Heads to discuss eligibility requirements for championship road races. The committee heads voted to reject the recommendation to allow all membership types (including DOE members) to be eligible for championships awards.
  - b. Frank reported to the RR committee that the motion that was presented to the committee chairs was not the same motion that was presented at the BC Athletics AGM.
  - c. Rick Jenkner reported that the BCA board had initially recommended that road running championships introduce an all-comers category. Given that our eligibility motion was defeated this may be an option to create more interest in the BCA Road Running championships.
7. Status of resolutions to BCA AGM
  - a. Frank reported that both the Road Running Committee and the Masters Committee voted in favor of the wording change proposed at the last BCA AGM that would allow some variance to remain in place concerning the calculated date to be used for age determination for a road running series. Greg reported that the board had approved and enacted the change.
8. Funding of BC Teams to National Championships
  - a. There was no seconder for Frank's resolution
9. BCA ROAD RUNNING TEAM SELECTION

MOTION: Frank/Jake - Whereas BCA Staff have in the past been selecting teams for national road race championships without input from the BCA Road Running committee. Be it resolved that a member of the BCA Road Running Committee will sit on the selection team to pick BC teams to the national Road Running Championships.

- Carried
10. Next Meeting
  - a. Frank will circulate some possible dates.
11. Meeting adjourned at about 9:00

Minutes as recorded by Jake Madderom

Redistribution of Originals for feedback – by Clifton Cunningham – October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Revised with Committee Input & Re-circulated – by Clifton Cunningham – October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008

Revised with Committee Input & Re-circulated – by Clifton Cunningham – November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Approved and PDF's submitted to BCA Board – November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008