

**ROAD RUNNING COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**  
**Sport BC Building, Richmond BC**  
**April 3, 2012**

**In Person – Frank Stebner, Jim Hinze, Geoffrey Buttner, Jake Madderom, Maurice Wilson, Clifton Cunningham**

**By phone – Jordan Myers, Cindy Rhodes, Bob Reid, Rick Jenker**

1. Review and Acceptance of April 03, 2012 agenda
  - Addition of discussion of Juvenile age groups
  - Motion / seconded – Bob, Jordan – carried.
2. Review and acceptance July 20, 2011 meeting minutes.
  - Race Director conference – discussion is ongoing
  - Whistler 50 relay – was success, 2012 date is 2 weeks earlier
  - Motion / seconded – Jake, Geoffrey – carried.
3. 2012 / 2013 BCA Championship events. Selection criteria.
  - Discussion ongoing regarding development of selection criteria for BCA Championships
4. Age Graded Championships awards – update from Jim Hinze
  - Age graded championships are awarded in Cross Country
  - BCA Board was to consult with staff about establishing, standardized formula with timing companies.
  - WMA should have official tables.
  - Need more feedback from the board on establishing age graded awards.
5. National Road Race championships subsidy- eligibility /announcements/ media
  - Half-Marathon at the First Half Half-Marathon, 107 athletes took part in the championship
  - 5k at the St. Patrick's Day 5k, 85 athletes took part
  - What can BCA and the RR Committee do to call more attention to the championships? Press releases, recognition of prize money awards and athletes
  - Remaining championships are
    - a. Marathon – Victoria October 7<sup>th</sup>
    - b. 8k – Shaughnessy – May 27<sup>th</sup>
    - c. 10k – Sun Run – April 15<sup>th</sup>
  - It has said in bylaws that only an official club can host a championship, has this been edited? When? What is the standing policy?
  - Need to review policies, may have been revised to all sanctioned and certified events.
  - Policy also has 20km listed as championship distance, this was revised at an AGM.
  - Whistler 50, does not plan to host the relay championships.
  - If a media release was developed for 8k championships, Cindy can forward to interior Race Directors and Clubs.
  - Press Release should high light the top male and female, open and masters. Maurice can forward to BCA media contacts.
  - RSS feed of the blog, could be added to club websites. Maurice to forward to the Club directors.
6. Road Race Rankings & Results – eligibility  
Championship Eligibility
  - BC is one of few provinces to subsidize runners to attend national championships.
  - Competition amongst Canadians at championships, has had weak fields.
  - Eligibility / selection criteria are being updated by committee, the following should be considered
    - a. Participation in a BC Championship
    - b. Eligibility period
    - c. By application, selection or by invitation, ie T&F athletes must declare intentions

- d. Look at T&F models, justification of standard, selection order, period timing, and criteria
- e. Look at other distance equivalents
- Discussion as to specific times
- Project needs to move forward, has been stalled since July 2011.
- Maurice to forward to BCA Comm the track selection standards.

#### Rankings –

- AC rankings are now online, generated automatically for members, from sanctioned events
- Best performance is listed, additional as click through on member
- Question for AC / BCA Board – where in policy, does it state that you must be a member to be in the rankings? It is listed as a benefit and as a requirement to be part of teams.
- Some provinces only do DOE and are excluded from listings. Therefore excluding some of Canada's best runners, based on provincial policy.
- Membership – has been an issue with timely membership renewal each year. What is the date for membership renewal? Can members be recognized retroactively? Is there a grace period for membership?
- 7:53 Jordan Myers, excused from conference call.

#### 7. CMAA/AC agreement.

- BCA has agreed to send \$10 from masters memberships to AC
- AC passes this to CMAA, CMAA will recognize all BCA members performances for records and recognition
- CMAA still has not identified the benefits of membership to CMAA for BCA members. Suggestion these could include recognition of master of the month, masters rankings, masters championships.

#### 8. BC Road Running Series – update

- Sooke River event is the last in the Island series, overall island series appears down 10%
- Lower Mainland Series – down overall, Reed 5k, Fools Run, Ice Breaker – all down, St Pats 5k – up
- Interior Series – went from 13 to 8 events, encouraging in region has been the Y Strong Kids Series – building youth numbers had 45-75 kids in each race. Prince George first race in series was up from last year.
- Interior very interested in race director conference to help develop race directors.

#### 9. Junior Development

- BCA Current Junior ages / distance recommendations were
  - a. 10 years, under 10k maximum
  - b. 14 years, half-marathon
  - c. 16 years, 20 miles
  - d. 20 years, marathon
- Few federations have noted ages / distance recommendations.
- Policy recommendation from the Junior Development committee is as following
  - a. 9 years, 3km
  - b. 10-11 years, 5km
  - c. 12-13 years, 8km
  - d. 14-15 years, 10km
  - e. 16 years, up to Half-marathon
  - f. 18 years, up to Full marathon
- RR Committee needs to review and provide input to the Junior Development committee. JD document will be circulated to committee by Maurice.
- Recommended ages / distances can be included with sanctioning, to help educate race directors and parents, reducing injuring and encouraging a healthy progression in sporty by youth.

#### 10. Goals for 2012

- Increase participation in younger age groups (20-30)
- Ways for members to renew prior to Dec 31 deadline
- Increasing new memberships

- Recognize all performances in rankings
- Selection criteria for athlete participation in National Championships
- Selection criteria for BCA Championship hosting
- Online sanctioning form and payment
- New race directors conference and best practices conference
- Increase in numbers – sanctioning, participation and membership

**11. Other Business**

**12. Future meetings**

- Early / mid July?

**Meeting adjourned 8:33pm. Motioned, seconded – Frank, Geoffrey – carried.**

Minutes for review as recorded by Clifton Cunningham  
Circulated to committee August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012.