

BCA Road Running Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 19, 2008

Sport BC Room 201

Attendance:

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

Frank called the meeting to order at 6:40pm after the AGM.

1. Acceptance of Agenda

Bob/Clif moved the acceptance of the Agenda. Carried.

2. Review and acceptance of January 8 minutes.

Discussion- Frank reported that the road running committee meeting at the 2009 BCA AGM will be on February 1. Bob suggested that one of our meetings should take place with one of the Gunner ShawX-C races in the fall.

Motion to accept the minutes – Geoffrey/Clif – Carried.

3. Athletics Canada

a. Run Canada Road Running Website.

i. Frank reported that there is now a Run Canada RR website accessible from the Athletics Canada site.

b. AC AGM May 25, 2008

i. Tom Hastie is going to put forward BCA motion to recommend changing the Masters age for both male and female athletes to 40+.

4. BCA Sanctioning for Road Races.

a. Online sanctioning application status.

i. Maurice reported that the system has been corrected. The system will be available for testing sometime after the BCA office moves at the end of March. Should be ready for testing in April.

b. BCA sanctioning agreement (contract) with sanctioned events.

i. Maurice is working on an agreement. He suggested that we need an additional step in the process. The approval of sanctioning should be done before the insurance approval.

c. Review of sanctioning forms for 2008.

i. Maurice suggested that we need a little more emphasis on risk management. There should be a reminder to the race directors of the importance of such things like the availability of medical personnel and other safety issues.

ii. Bob suggested that we could be charging for additional insurance certificates. That seems to be more of a problem on the Island than in the Lower Mainland where one certificate appears to be sufficient.

- d. Late sanctioning applications (within 30 days) \$3.00 discount?
 - i. We will accept new sanctioning applications even though the race advertising may not include the discount. BCA will waive the \$3 fee for first time events, but the events should offer the \$3 discount if asked by a BC member. In reality this has not really been a big issue.

5. BCA Road Running Championships 2008

- a. Lakeside 5K - 9 March 2008
 - i. Maurice reported that the race was well organized and that the Penticton Pounders did a fabulous job. He mentioned that it was a difficult process to determine award eligibility for the athletes that entered on the day. Might be impossible for a larger race unless a computerized process was put in place to check BCA competitive membership.
 - ii. Bob commented that two other races held in the Lower Mainland on the same weekend had better participation and more competitive fields. Maurice stated that no other race had applied for the 5k championship. Trudi wondered if the race directors are aware of the application process.
- b. Running Room Shaughnessy 8k 25 May, 2008
 - i. Frank reported that Lions Gate Road Runners are promoting the championship event. They have arranged free entries to 8 other 8K races for the overall winners. They are also trying to find sponsorship for some prize money. LGRR is also providing a perpetual trophy for the overall Open winners. Prairie Inn Harriers are providing a perpetual trophy for the Masters winners
- c. BC Road Race Championship agreement with BCA
 - i. Under review with Maurice.

6. Timex Series 2008/2009 & Other BC Road Running Series

- a. The series is similar to last year with one less event.
- b. A potential sponsor has approached BCA and our committee to sponsor and enhance the 2009 Timex Series. Suggested prize money in all categories as well as a 'free entry' to a final celebration race to honour the winners. Frank will ask the potential sponsor to submit a formal proposal to BCA and our road running committee.
- c. Since one of the committee's objectives for 2008 was to enhance the Timex series, this proposal seems timely.

7. Status of resolutions to BCA AGM

- a. BCA Championship eligibility review
 - i. Greg reported that not everyone could attend the eligibility meeting proposed for April 23. He will find another suitable date. Greg reported that the meeting is being organized for the sub-

committee to come up with a recommendation to the Board concerning BCA Road Racing Championships and Greg indicated that the sole issue before this sub-committee is the membership requirements to be eligible to participate in a BC Athletics Championship event and how it would impact BC Athletics. Bob suggested that this issue needs to be addressed. Under the current rules, very few clubs are willing to host a championship. He suggested that this problem is unique to road running and should not concern the cross country and track and field Committees of BCA.

Greg also confirmed that that changes to eligibility can be immediate once approved by the board, and do not have to go back to the membership at the next AGM.

- ii. Frank reported that he masters committee agreed to support the BCA AGM resolution #5 that was referred to their masters committee. This confirms that the masters age eligibility for Road running Series events is to be based on the age as of the final day of series.

8. Off Road Races

- a. Rick mentioned that several of the Interior Series races are partly run on gravel surfaces or grass fields and asked if that was within the rules for Road Races. Maurice suggested that the IAAF rules for world championships probably would not allow that, but we may need some flexibility for regional races. He mentioned that some races that are obviously trail runs have been moved to the cross country calendar.

9. Next meeting Wednesday June 25th, 2008 6:00 pm at the new BCA Offices

As of April 1, 2008 the new BCA address will be:

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10. Meeting adjourned at 8:09