

Athletics Alberta Officials' Annual General Meeting
Sunday, October 18th, 2009
10:00 AM – 12:15 PM
Red Deer College, Room 2002A
Red Deer

MINUTES

Attendance

Philippa Fairbairn, Bud McInnis, Ian Gordon, John Takahashi, Cathy Simpson, Maureen Horlick, Louise Buskas, Darlene Kowalchuk, Jack Leman, Pat Inglis, Sandy Deere, Ray Deere, Estella Rung, Louise Delsing, John Goldsmith, Bruce Suffield, Al Spady, Vernon Schmid (teleconference), Ian Maplethorpe (board representative).

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

Ian called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Motion: To accept the agenda.

Darlene / Pat - Carried.

3.0 Approval of Minutes of October 19, 2008.

Ian Gordon noted corrections to the draft minutes posted on the Athletics Alberta web page.

Motion: To approve the corrected minutes of October 19, 2008.

Ray / Philippa - Carried.

4.0 Business arising from the Minutes of October 19, 2008.

Item 5.1 Record Forms

Ian Gordon noted that the record form posted on the Athletics Alberta web site still needs correcting, even though Ian contacted Peter Ogilvie in this matter. Ian will email Ian Maplethorpe and Bruce Suffield on the requested changes.

Item 7.0 Open Forum

Jack asked what action followed from the letter Ian Gordon wrote to the President of the Board of Athletics Alberta expressing concern that Athletics Alberta policies need to be followed with regards to officiating at meets. Ian stated there was no response or follow up.

5.0 Reports

5.1 Chair – Ian Gordon (see attached).

Bud stated that he has not yet received permission to schedule any mentoring sessions at the World Master's Indoors Championships.

5.2 Northern Zone Coordinator - Philippa Fairbairn (see attached)

Ian Maplethorpe stated that there is a lot more cooperation from the Sherwood Park staff than the Foote Field staff in preparing equipment for meets. An example cited was the fact that the 2 wind gauges at Sherwood Park have now be fixed.

5.3 Southern Zone Coordinator - Ian Gordon (see attached).

5.4 Central Alberta Coordinator - Bud McInnis

- The only meets held in Red Deer this year were school meets.

5.5 Training Group Coordinator – Darlene Kowalchuk (see attached).

- Last week, a horizontal jumps clinic, and a vertical jumps clinic were held in Edmonton.
- Next week, an umpire clinic and a throws clinic are scheduled.

Bud mentioned that over the last year, there were 37 attendees of national level clinics, 32 of whom passed.

5.6 Statistician / Upgrading Coordinator – Irene Gaudet (see attached).

Motion: To accept all the above reports as presented.

Estella / Sandy Carried.

5.7 Liaison with Athletics Alberta – Ian Maplethorpe

There are 2 new tracks that are going to be built in Alberta. They are in Ft. McMurray and Frog Lake.

6.0 New Business (no new business was brought forward).

6.1 New IAAF Rules

Ian Gordon discussed new rule changes effective November 1, 2009. There are 3 main significant areas in which there are changes. These are:

- 6.1.1 Start Rule
- 6.1.2 Ties (Track events and Vertical Jumps)
- 6.1.3 Substance on implements (Throws)

7.0 Other Business

7.1 Dangerous Weather

Ian reviewed the past history of attempts by the officials, beginning in 2002, to bring forward a lightning policy to both the NOC and Athletics Alberta, and nothing was accomplished. The recommended policy by the officials at that time was the 30/30 rule, where if thunder occurs within 30 seconds of lightning, the storm is too close, and the area is cleared until 30 minutes after there is no more lightning. There was discussion on an incident at this year's Age Class Provincial Championships, where there was a dangerous lightning storm. There was general agreement that the area should have been cleared long before the Local Organizing Committee decided to suspend competition. In future, if there is no policy in place or policy is not promptly acted upon by the LOC, officials need to clear the area in case of any dangerous weather.

Bruce stated that he has done research on lightning safety, and the 30/30 rule is not appropriate. The recommendation should be that if you can hear thunder, clear the area, and do not resume activity for 30 minutes after any thunder and lightning have ceased. Bruce will be bringing this issue forward to the Board of Athletics Alberta. Ian Maplethorpe said there are devices on the market that give an alert for lightning.

7.2 Meet Management

At a meet this last summer a coach initiated a discussion with regards to the way meets are being run. Specifically, there was no technical meeting, and IAAF rules were not being followed with regards to the seeding into heats, the lane draws, and the advancement rules from one round to another.

The IAAF rules of competition in this regard are not followed by some of our meets, and there was agreement that the rules need to be followed. There was also agreement that the coach was correct in bringing this forward, and that the officials also need to give their support in this matter.

A significant factor of some of the meets not adhering to Athletics Alberta sanctioning requirements is the lack of due diligence on the part of Athletics Alberta to ensure its

own policies are followed. Just because meet management are following their own past procedures that they have used does not mean they are correct, and Athletics Alberta needs to follow up to ensure full compliance with sanctioning requirements. It was also discussed that the competition secretary is a technical official. As such, coaches should not be in the secretariat area.

Motion: That the Chair of the Officials' write to the Chair of the Personnel Committee and the President of the Board of Athletics Alberta, that the Athletic Alberta rules of competition are not always being followed, and that the Meet Directors need to abide by these rules. A copy will also be sent to Peter Ogilvie, Ed Moore, and members of the Boards of Directors.

Louise/Jack Carried.

Ian will draft a letter, and pass this by Louise, Jack, and Vernon before sending it.

7.3 Athletics Alberta Web Page

Ian Gordon asked for feedback on the usefulness and content of the Officials' Zone portion of the Athletics Alberta web page. General interest in continuing to maintain it in its present form was expressed. Even though there are items mailed to all officials, such as the NOC/NOC Bulletin and the Alberta Officials Bulletin, it is still useful to post these. These are good references, and can be used by new officials. Jack is the liaison for the web page, and anything to be posted is handled by him.

8.0 Nominations and Elections

8.1 Statistician

Incumbent: Irene Gaudet
Jack nominated Irene. Irene was acclaimed.

8.2 Southern Zone Coordinator

Incumbent: Vacant
Darlene nominated Cathy. Cathy was acclaimed.

8.3 Central Zone Coordinator

Incumbent: Bud McInnis
Philippa nominated Bud. Bud was acclaimed.

Motion: That nominations are closed

Ray/Estella Carried.

9.0 Adjournment

- Ray moved that the meeting be adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Attached Reports

Chair Report, Fall, 2009 - Ian Gordon

As of August 31, we had 157 registered officials in Alberta. This is the largest number of officials that we have had in recent history. On our grading chart, there are 17 level 5 officials, 18 level 4, 30 level 3, 29 level 2, 25 level 1, and 53 provisional officials. On the grading chart, there were only 15 not registered as officials.

During this year, Alberta officials helped in supporting twelve indoor meets (seven regional, four provincial, and one national level meet) and twenty-one outdoor meets (ten regional, and eleven

provincial level meets). The only national level meet during the last year was the Golden Bear meet (indoors).

Overall, we have a reasonable balance of officials in all the disciplines. The race walk was our weakest area, but we now have 3 level 3 officials plus 2 level 2 officials. Note that in view of the number of race walk officials required to properly judge a walk, we still need to improve in this area, but we have progressed very significantly.

Right now, we are weakest in combined events where we have no qualified referee, and in field referee jumps where we are low of numbers and have very few up and coming candidates. Other areas which are in need of more officials include starters, starters assistants, and vertical jumps.

There were six mentoring sessions for levels 4 and 5 this last year. One of these was indoor, and five were outdoor. After the indoor season, Mary Wittenberg was upgraded to level 5, Vertical Jumps, and Vernon Schmid was placed on the Secretariat National List. This fall, Heather Climenhaga was upgraded to level 4, Starters Assistant, and Norma Morgan was upgraded to level 4, Horizontal Jumps. With only one National level meet in the province, it is becoming very difficult to have mentoring sessions to help in the upgrading process.

With the new rule changes, Philippa and I have re-worked both the level 2 and level 3 exams. Any future exam should use the 2010 version.

There are only four officials who do not have email addresses at this time. Correspondence to officials is through email, except for those few without email addresses. This includes the NOC/NOC (National Officials Committee) bulletin and the Alberta Officials' Bulletin. The Athletics Alberta Officials' Zone portion of the webpage is kept fairly current, and can be used as a resource for rules, specifications, and various other materials. Note that track diagrams have been moved to the Resources > Track and Field Facilities section.

Registration can now be done on-line, and must be done every year. Please take the time to register as an official. Registration has implications for national funding and for insurance, so it is very important that you do register.

We look forward to an interesting year. Rule changes will have an impact, especially at the start line. Many of us will be going to the World Master's Championships in Kamloops this March. I wish all a very successful coming year in officiating.

Northern Zone Report- Philippa Fairbairn

With most of Alberta's meets taking place in the southern part of the province this summer, it was relatively quiet in the north. As usual, the St. Albert Challenge in May was our first meet of the outdoor season. We provided approximately 18 officials each day.

The Hershey's Provincial final on June 20 was followed by two major meets on back-to-back weekends in July. A skeleton crew worked the Hershey meet but we had a good turn-out for the Provincials on the July 4/5 weekend. Thirty-eight local officials worked on the Saturday and 32 on the Sunday. Two out-of-town officials worked both days. There was a major problem on the Sunday of the Provincials. Foote Field had only one usable discus/hammer circle. With many of the younger athletes competing in the discus event, as well as the more senior athletes, the number of entries was large. This meant that those officials working at the discus circle did not finish until a couple of hours

after everything else was over. Clearly, having all the discus/hammer events on the one day was not a good idea.

The Sherwood Park Classic a week later was a somewhat more leisurely meet. Strathcona County staff members deserve special praise. They do a wonderful job and are more than willing to provide whatever assistance is needed. Apart from some wind gauge problems this meet ran very smoothly with approximately 25 local officials working each day.

Several Edmonton-area officials travelled to out-of-province meets this summer. In some cases it was for mentoring purposes and/or for experience, but in other instances it was in response to an urgent request for officials in a particular discipline. Northern zone officials also provided assistance at some of the Calgary/Medicine Hat meets.

Southern Zone Coordinator Report – Ian Gordon

The Southern Zone hosted five indoor track meets in Calgary at the University of Calgary this past winter. There was also a meet held in Lethbridge at the University.

The outdoor season in southern Alberta saw the following seven Provincial level meets: the combined events/spring challenge meet in Calgary, the Chinook Throws Gala meet in Lethbridge, the High School Provincials in Calgary, the Rocky Mountain Relays in Medicine Hat, the Caltaf meet and the senior provincials in Calgary, the Western Canada Midget Championships in Medicine Hat, and the Senior +55 Games in Airdrie. In addition, there were 3 local meets in the New Balance series.

The Lethbridge track is now in place, and meets will be capable of being held there next year. It is hoped that the Chinook Throws Gala will once again become a top ranked meet with a good number international competitors in attendance.

The Medicine Hat area continues to improve greatly. At our last upgrading meeting, there were 6 new level one officials, plus 3 new level two officials. With their enthusiasm, they have been awarded next year's high school provincials.

Training Coordinator Report – Darlene Kowalchuk

The following clinics were held in Alberta since the last AGM (Oct 2008).

2008 / 2009 Alberta Clinics						
CLINIC	DATE	LOCATION	ATTENDEES	CLINICIAN	LEVEL	PROVINCIAL (P) or NATIONAL (N)
Throws	Nov 15 / 08	Calgary	4	Ray Deere	3	P
Intro	Jan 14 / 09	Edmonton	21	Jack Leman / Fidelma Muldowney / Darlene Kowalchuk	1	P
Starters Assistant	Jan 16 /09	Edmonton	6	Bud McInnis	3	P

Intro	Jan 22 /09	Calgary	17	Doug & Carol Kyle	1	P
Intro	Apr 15 / 09	Edmonton	8	Jack Leman / Philippa Fairbairn / Darlene Kowalchuk	1	P
Starter	May 3 / 09	Calgary	1	Ian Gordon	3	P
Throws Referee	Jun 13 /09	Calgary	3	Estella Rung	3	P
Intro	Jun 23 /09	Medicine Hat	14	Marg Derbyshire	1	P
Horizontal Jumps	Jul 9 / 09	Edmonton	1	Darlene Kowalchuk	3	P
Throws	Sept 15 /09	Edmonton	1	Darlene Kowalchuk	3	P
TOTAL			76			

The following level 3 clinics are being held in Edmonton in October – Saturday, October 17 – Horizontal Jumps (4 attendees registered) and Vertical Jumps (5 attendees registered); Saturday, October 24 – Throws (3 attendees registered) and Umpire (4 attendees registered).

Anyone requiring a clinic please let me know by email at dzkowalchuk@shaw.ca.

Statistician Report 2008 – Irene Gaudet

The following people were upgraded this year.

For level 1:

Donald Chartrand (Medicine Hat)	Pat March (Edmonton)
Shelia Chartrand (Medicine Hat)	Mary Beth Meeuwisse (Calgary)
Bill Clements (Calgary)	Maxine Scringer-Wilkes (Calgary)
Jeff Davis (Edmonton)	John Tyrrell (Medicine Hat)
John Goldsmith (St. Albert)	Joe Walsh (Ardrossan)
Garret Haubrich (Medicine Hat)	Doug Weber (Redcliff)
John Hinkey (Edmonton)	Laura Weber (Redcliff)
Belle Magilton (Cypress County)	Jennifer Welchman (Edmonton)

For level 2:

Diana Andriashek	Simon MacKintosh
Bellerine Crosson	Hazel McClarty
Jeff Davis	Christine Rapp
John Goldsmith	Miriam Stanisavljevic
Garret Haubrich	Cindy Stephen
Cammie Kannekens	Donn Taylor
Joan Knight (Huang)	John Victor
Karen Kusler-Young	

For level 3:

Robert Barclay (Umpire)	Gordon Murray (Throws)
Joan Barnett (Photofinish)	Michael Samson (Photo Finish Chief)

Jessie Ching (Racewalk)	Roy Simmons (Umpire)
Carl Cooke (Throws)	Al Spady (Starters Assistant)
Nikki Kornelsen (Competition Secretary)	Graham Steacy (Throws Referee)
Nikki Kornelsen (Photo Finish Chief)	Sandra Wigg (Starter)
Darlene Kowalchuk (Throws)	

For Provincial Jury of Appeal

Louise Buskas

Please remember to send in your **original** cards and mentoring reports (I got some photocopies and had to ask for the originals). Thank you.

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