

Athletics Alberta Officials' Annual General Meeting
Saturday, November 15, 2014
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
ABC Restaurant
Red Deer

MINUTES

Attendance

Ian Gordon, Pat Inglis, Estella Rung, Cathy Simpson, Philippa Fairbairn, Roger Hazlewood, Bud McInnis, Mary Wittenberg, Eric Wittenberg, Bruce Suffield, Jack Leman, Sean Freeman

1. Welcome and Introductions

Ian called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: To accept the agenda

Mary Wittenberg / Estella Rung - Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes of October 19, 2013.

Motion: To approve the minutes of October 19, 2013.

Eric Wittenberg / Philippa Fairbairn - Carried.

4. Business arising from the Minutes of October 19, 2013.

4.1 Louise will bring up the concern regarding sanction and officials at a future meeting of the programs committee.

6.0 Recognition items will be further discussed under item 6.2.

5. Reports

5.1 Calgary Coordinator – Cathy Simpson (see attached)

Ian mentioned that the Calgary Track Council also subsidized travel from Calgary to Edmonton for a few Calgary officials during the 2014 indoor season.

5.2 Northern Coordinator - Philippa Fairbairn (see attached)

5.3 Medicine Hat Coordinator – Liz Haubrich

Nothing to report.

5.4 Provincial Upgrading Coordinator – Irene Gaudet (see attached)

Ian presented Irene's training coordinator report. It was noted that the national clinics held in Calgary were not included in the report. It was suggested that the report be updated to include the number of attendees at the national clinics.

Calgary will be holding an introductory clinic at the end of November. The Edmonton introductory clinic will be held in January.

5.5 Communications / PR Coordinator

There were no bulletins published this year.

5.6 Chair

Officials upgraded nationally last year were:

John Butler	Vertical Jumps 4	April 2014
Peter Faid	Horizontal Jumps 5	October 2014
Ed Moore	Photo Finish Chief Judge	October 2014
Garret Haubrich	Horizontal Jumps 4	October 2014

Alberta has 3 Train the Trainers, Ian Gordon, Heather Climenhaga, and Peter Faid, who will be conducting clinician training early next year. NOC has approved 14 Alberta officials to be trained as clinicians. All new clinician materials have been completed.

5.7 AA VP-Personnel (see attached).

Ian read the report, as Joanne Archibald was not in attendance.

Motion: To accept all the above reports as presented.

Estella Rung/Pat Inglis - Carried.

5.8 Clinics

Discipline	Date	City	Clinician(s)	Level	# Participants
Starter	25-Nov-13	Calgary	Ian Gordon	P	2
Introductory	14-Jan-14	Edmonton	J.Leman/P.Fairbairn/D.Kowalchuk	1	13
Umpire	2-Feb-14	Edmonton	Louise Buskas	N	3
Jumps Referee	7-Mar-14	Edmonton	John Cull	P	7
Horizontal Jumps	8-Mar-14	Edmonton	N.Morgan/P.Fairbairn/J.Cull	N	5
Lapscoreing	8-Mar-14	Edmonton	L.Buskas/C.Simpson	informal	13
Throws	8-Jun-14	Calgary	Estella Rung	P	1
Throws	22-Jun-14	Edmonton	Michael Samson	P	9

6. New Business and Discussion.

6.1 Budget Update.

Ian discussed the current budget, which has almost \$6500 currently remaining. Although several mentorships and meetings are still upcoming, there will likely be a considerable amount remaining which can be used for such items as recognition awards.

6.2 Recognition Items

There was much discussion on this, and several opinions offered.

- Can a sponsor be found? For example, all officials with over 20 years of service in Saskatchewan were awarded nylon jackets in this way.
- Ideally, all officials should be dressed similarly. It is sometimes difficult to distinguish an official when not dressed in white, for example.
- White jackets would be a good addition. Something was available at the IAAF Juniors in Moncton a few years back. Can these be ordered or made?
- Back packs are a good idea.
- Good quality clear rain ponchos are great in that you can see the white official's uniform underneath. Many are still using the ponchos from the 2001 World Championships.

- Some items, such as pens, are not as well appreciated, as they soon are lost or no longer work.

6.3 Clothing Items for Purchase

- This was a continuation of the discussion of recognition items above.
- All thought the jackets we received in Kamloops as part of the World Indoor Masters Championships were great.
- From time to time, navy is a difficult colour to purchase, be it shorts or pants.

6.4 2015 Meets

There are 3 big meets in Alberta this year; the Canadian Jr./Sr. Championships, the PanAm Juniors, and the Western Canada Summer Games. There is also a plan for a pre-Canadian Championship meet in Calgary. Philippa expressed a concern over the officiating at the Western Canada Summer Games, as Ft. McMurray has only one registered official. Our forms, such as umpiring forms, should be reviewed prior to these meets.

6.5 Exams

The exams, especially for level 2, need to be reviewed. Some questions are not appropriate for level 2 candidates.

7 Nominations and Elections

7.1 Provincial Chair

Incumbent: Louise Buskas
Eric Wittenberg nominated Louise. Louise was acclaimed.

7.2 Edmonton Coordinator

Incumbent: Philippa Fairbairn
Cathy Simpson nominated Philippa. Philippa was acclaimed.

7.3 Medicine Hat Coordinator

Incumbent: Liz Haubrich
Estella Rung nominated Liz. Liz was acclaimed.

7.4 Communications/PR Coordinator

Incumbent: Darlene Kowalchuk
Philippa Fairbairn nominated Jack Leman. Jack was acclaimed.

8 Other Business

8.1 Jack Leman pointed out that meet tech packages should comply with AC/IAAF Competition Regulations.

8.2 There was strong sentiment that the officials committee needs a voice on AA Board.

MOTION: The officials' AGM strongly recommends that a representative of the officials' committee be a member of the Athletics Alberta Board.

Jack Leman/Eric Wittenberg – Carried Unanimously

9 Adjournment

- Estella Rung moved that the meeting be adjourned at 12:15.

Attached Reports

Calgary Coordinator – Cathy Simpson

It was a very busy year for Calgary Officials with four indoor meets and six outdoor meets. Although the first outdoor meet had to be rescheduled due to bad weather we managed to survive the other meets and had a few very enjoyable sunny days.

New this year were three meets hosted by the Airdrie Aces track club. They held two twilight meets and hosted the Alberta Summer Games. We had a fantastic turnout from officials and volunteers for the Summer Games and despite scheduling issues and very long days for some of the officials they were a great success.

Many of our officials had the opportunity to travel up to Edmonton for the indoor season and gained valuable experience in officiating at a large indoor meet. Some were mentored or had the opportunity to mentor others. This is crucial to encourage our officials to continue to share their knowledge and encourage others to volunteer.

Several officials also volunteered to officiate at the Chinook Throws Gala in Lethbridge in May..

Ian and Ray Deere conducted an introductory clinic for 17 new officials in November of 2013.

Although our numbers of officials are growing and we continue to encourage them to advance, we appreciate the continued support and assistance from the Edmonton Officials. Thank you for your continued support at the Spring Challenge, High School Provincials, Caltaf and the Alberta Summer Games. We couldn't do it without your help.

Northern Coordinator - Philippa Fairbairn

The 2014 indoor season was extremely busy—with the addition of CanWest and CIS to the normal indoor schedule. The outdoor season was not quite to jam-packed although July saw back-to-back weekend meets with the Edmonton Track Classic on July 5 and 6 and the Sherwood Park Classic on July 12 and 13.

We were able to provide enough officials (but could always use more) for the meets in our area although the 55+ Games in early August turned into a last-minute scramble. Normally we would not supply any officials for that type of low-key unsanctioned meet but the meet director was a former official who had worked at the Commonwealth Games and Universiade when those two meets were held in Edmonton. As a result he was most anxious to have a core group of our officials involved in his Sherwood Park meet.

I do have some concerns about the Last Chance meet scheduled for the last week of November. For a variety of reasons the organizers have been very slow about getting things into place and the officials I have currently lined up are fewer in number than usual. Additionally it has turned into a two-day meet for the first time in several years. If Vernon's schedule has too many concurrent field events in the morning it will be difficult, if not impossible, to provide a chief for each event. The busy morning sessions arise out of a desire on the part of AA to have the peewee and bantam athletes finish around noon.

Provincial Upgrading Coordinator – Irene Gaudet

The following people were upgraded this year:

For level 1:

Henry Charrois (Edmonton)

Lisa Lem (Edmonton)

Shivani Naidu-Barrett (Edmonton)
Darrell Penner (Devon)
Dale Ronsky (Calgary)
Mark Wagner (Calgary)

For level 2:

Marianne Chichak
Dierdre Choate
Mihaela Cozma
Sharon Duke
Dave Dunn
Tracy King
Ben Kluyts
Lisa Lem
Praxede Lepine
Belle Magilton
Noella Lee Pong

For level 3:

Chris Baker – Starter
Chris Baker – Umpire
Bing Chu – Horizontal Jumps
Heather Climenhaga – Umpire
Julie Miller – Horizontal Jumps
Ken Phillips – Vertical Jumps
Denise Roche –Throws
Mary Wittenberg – Combined Events Referee
Jack Yee – Throws

AA VP-Personnel

We have a new Executive Director on the job, James Rosnau. He has worked for Sherwood Park Soccer, FC Edmonton, and the Minnesota Twins. He has coached basketball and during high school, he was coached for throws by Marek, which is an interesting coincidence.

I did forward your draft document (of Officials Policies) to Duane Wysynski and I absolutely will table it at the next board meeting as well.