

Athletics Alberta Officials' Annual General Meeting
Saturday, April 16, 2016
1:35 PM – 3:00 PM
Sheraton Hotel
Red Deer

MINUTES

Attendance

Pat Inglis, Estella Rung, Liz Haubrich, Philippa Fairbairn, Louise Delsing, Bud McInnis, Marg Derbyshire, Eric Wittenberg, Louise Buskas, Jack Leman, Sean Freeman, Ian Gordon

1. Welcome and Introductions

Louise called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: To accept the agenda

Ian Gordon/ Eric Wittenberg- Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes of November 15,2014.

Motion: To approve the minutes of November 15, 2014.

Bud McInnis/ Louise Delsing - Carried.

4. Business arising from the Minutes of November 15, 2014.

4.1 Athletics Alberta is working on developing the position of Technical Delegate appointed for each meet. If this happens, the Technical Delegate will be responsible to ensure that meets are properly staffed. It is hoped that as a result there will be sufficient officials at all future competitions.

4.2 Recognition items will be further discussed under item 6.2.

4.3 Thanks go to Jack for reviewing and updating the exams (Item 6.5 of the previous minutes).

4.4 Athletics Alberta is not willing to create a board position for Officials' Representative.

5. Reports

5.1 Calgary Coordinator – Cathy Simpson

It was a busy year. Calgary hosted the regular 4 meets in the indoor season, with three meets made up of track events and one meet for field events. These were all well attended.

We had 6 outdoor meets starting with Spring Challenge in early May, Caltaf in June, the Summer Meet/Hershey at the end of June, and 3 New Balance Meets.

Just so we didn't get rusty we also had three twilight meets. Two were hosted by Airdrie and one by Calgary.

We also provided officials for The Chinook Throws Gala and the ASAA High School Championships in Lethbridge.

Many of the Calgary officials were invited to attend the Canadian Senior, Junior and Paralympic championships, the Pan – Am Juniors in Edmonton and the Western Canada Summer Games in Fort MacMurray.

We have a solid base of committed and dedicated officials. Many of our officials are attaining higher levels and are actively mentoring junior officials. We will always need to rely on our parent volunteers to run a meet but they are a very well trained group.

5.2 Northern Coordinator - Philippa Fairbairn

We have had the usual busy indoor and outdoor seasons in Edmonton. When we look back to the summer of 2015, the two highlights were undoubtedly the Canadian National Championships and the Pan-Am Juniors. The great majority of officials who worked these meets were from Alberta. Both provided our senior officials with the opportunity to make extensive use of their knowledge and skills while the newer officials were exposed to a more formal officiating experience. And for all officials it was an opportunity to witness some very exciting performances--performances that several of Canada's high performing athletes produced again at the World Championships in Beijing. And this July we get to do it all over again as the athletes vie for a spot on the team that will be competing at the Olympic Games in Rio.

There was some trepidation ahead of the Western Canada Summer Games in Fort McMurray last summer but ultimately all went well. We had the support of officials from BC, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, with all officials flown to Fort McMurray at the local organizing committee's expense. The meet gave some of our up-and-coming officials the opportunity to experience an out-of-town meet. Such travel is the "carrot" we try to dangle out there. I should also mention that the meet organizers in Fort McMurray worked really hard to make things go as smoothly as possible. The meet director, John Bole, also did a sterling job.

For the most part we had the usual round of provincial-level indoor and outdoor meets The U of A hosted a new meet in February--the Golden Bear Challenge. University-level athletes were the primary focus of this meet and the Golden Bear Open. Neither meet included events for the bantam and younger age-groups but the U of A did hold another specifically for them. The end result of this separation did mean that the Golden Bear Open became more manageable in terms of scheduling officials, with fewer concurrent field events.

Ahead of the past indoor season Brad at AA applied some fancy technology to my usual sign-up sheet. The results seem to have been positive for the most part. The sheet is still available in the old-style format for those who wish to stick with the familiar.

The ASAA Provincial high school championships to be held in Edmonton in early June will include paralympic and special-needs athletes. That could add an additional complication to the meet.

Many thanks to all our officials for the outstanding work they have done during the outdoor and indoor seasons.

5.3 Medicine Hat Coordinator – Liz Haubrich

We are a small but enthusiastic group in Medicine Hat. We have one Level 4 Horizontal Jumps Official who is working on Photo Timing; two Level 3 Starters working towards their Level 4; a Competition Secretary Provincial Level 3; a Level 3 Umpire who would like work on Field Events levels and one Level 2 Vertical Jumps official who is working to a Level 3. In addition there are several Level ones and twos who want to officiate at the levels they have achieved.

Our officials worked at the Kiwanis Run, Jump, Throw meet, Senior and Junior High Cities and the Junior High Zones in Medicine Hat; Senior High Zones and ASAA High School Provincials in Lethbridge; CALTAF in Calgary; Pan Am Juniors and Nationals in Edmonton and last but not least the Western Canadian Summer Games in Fort McMurray.

This year our focus is to train a team of volunteers to operate our recently purchased photo timing equipment as well as to encourage all our volunteers to apply for their Level one and register with Alberta Athletics!

We had a busy and enjoyable year and we look forward to the coming season.

5.4 Provincial Upgrading Coordinator – Irene Gaudet Spring 2015 to Spring 2016

For level 1:

Emly Anderson (Edmonton)
 Sydney Anderson (Edmonton)
 Todd Antoniuk, (Edmonton)
 Annette Case (Sherwood Park)
 Trevor Elliott, (Edmonton)
 Selma Guigard (Edmonton)
 Michelle Gword, (Airdrie)
 Elizabeth Haubrich (Medicine Hat)
 Selma Isret (Edmonton)
 Alix Steward, Edmonton
 Trudy Tienkamp (Sherwood Park)

For level 2:

Emly Anderson
 Henry Charrois
 Chris Coy
 Julie Francois
 Selma Guigard
 Hakan Haskoylu
 Milan Kostelnik (backdate to Fall 2014)
 Shivani Naidu-Barrett
 Darrell Penner
 Terry Protz
 Dale Ronsky
 Dilini Vethanayagam
 Ciera Wolf

For level 3:

Marianne Chichak – Umpire
 Deirdre Choate – Vertical Jumps
 Bing Chu – Jumps Referee
 Mihaela Cozma – Horizontal Jumps
 Mihaela Cozma – Starters Assistant
 Meta deBruijn – Vertical Jumps
 Jon Hirst – Photofinish
 Tracy King – Starter's Assistant

Ben Kluyts – Throws
 Lisa Lem – Umpire
 Cathy Simpson – Starters Assistant
 Joanne Sargeant – Throws
 Darwyn Starner – Throws
 Jennifer Welshman – Walk Judge

5.5 Communications / PR Coordinator

A bulletin was published in last fall, and Jack Leman is working on a bulletin for the spring.

5.6 Chair

Officials upgraded nationally last year were:

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| Carl Cooke | Throws 5 | October 2015 |
| Irene Gaudet | Field Referee Throws 4 | October 2015 |
| Irene Gaudet | Horizontal Jumps 4 | October 2015 |
| Ian Gordon | Jury – National | April 2015 |
| Roger Hazlewood | Starter 5 | April 2015 |
| Jack Leman | Jury – National | April 2015 |
| Vernon Schmid | Photo Finish Chief Judge 5 | April 2015 |
| Dale Schoenthaler | Technical Manager–National | April 2015 |
| Al Spady | Starters Assistant 4 | October 2015 |
| Mirian Stanisavljevic | Horizontal Jumps 4 | October 2015 |
| Mirian Stanisavljevic | Vertical Jumps 4 | October 2015 |
| Sandra Wigg | Starter 5 | April 2015 |

Athletics Alberta Officials' Policies were re-worked, but the AA website does not reflect this. Louise will circulate these to the officials' committee, and re-submit them to the AA Board.

Athletics Canada website has no information that was previously published in the NOC Directory, and any information within the old directory is not available.

Last year, Alberta officials did a great job. In spite of some organizational problems, officials helped make the National Championship meet a success. Many other meets, such as the Pan-Am Juniors and the Western Canada Summer Games were also very successful.

There has been very poor communication with the NOC on the upcoming Olympic Trials. Invitations need to go out, conditional on final National approval.

Louise went to Dubai as an ITO – Paralympics. In discussions with other international officials, she asked how their officials are organized. Although in other countries the Athletic Association oversees their officials committees, none have direct control over these committees.

Clinics

| Discipline | Date | City | Clinician(s) | Level | # Participants |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------|------------------------------|-------|----------------|
| Introductory | 20-Nov-14 | Calgary | I.Gordon/ R.Deere | 1 | 7 |
| Introductory | 20-Jan-15 | Edmonton | J.Leman/M.Samson | 1 | 5 |
| Clinicians | 6-Mar-15 | Edmonton | H.Climenhaga/P.Faid | N | 11 |
| Horizontal Jumps | 30-Mar-15 | Calgary | Pat Inglis | 3 | 3 |
| Starter's Assistant | 6-Apr-15 | Edmonton | Heather Climenhaga | 3 | 6 |
| Introductory | 13-Apr-15 | Edmonton | J.Leman/M.Samson/P.Fairbairn | 1 | 7 |
| Starter | 4-Jun-15 | Medicine Hat | Ian Gordon | 4 | 5 |
| Umpire | 20-Jun-15 | Calgary | Jack Leman | 4 | 5 |
| Field Referee Throws | 2-Jul-15 | Edmonton | Estella Rung | 4 | 6 |
| Starter's Assistant | 2-Jul-15 | Edmonton | Heather Climenhaga | 3 | 11 |
| Vertical Jumps | 2-Jul-15 | Edmonton | Mary Wittenberg | 4 | 16 |
| Horizontal Jumps | 3-Jul-15 | Edmonton | Norma Morgan/Pat Inglis | 4 | 15 |
| Throws | 3-Jul-15 | Edmonton | Irene Gaudet | 4 | 12 |
| Umpire | 3-Jul-15 | Edmonton | Jack Leman | 4 | 12 |
| Combined Events Ref | 31-Jul-15 | Edmonton | Brenda O'Connor | 4 | 3 |
| Race Walk Judge | 31-Jul-15 | Edmonton | Heather Climenhaga | 3 | 6 |
| Vertical Jumps | 31-Jul-15 | Edmonton | John Chang | 4 | 4 |
| Umpire | 31-Jul-15 | Edmonton | Louise Buskas | 4 | 8 |
| Field Referee Jumps | 1-Aug-15 | Edmonton | Eric Wittenberg | 4 | 7 |
| Track Referee | 1-Aug-15 | Edmonton | Louise Buskas | 3 | 15 |
| Introductory | 19-Nov-15 | Calgary | Ian Gordon/Ray Deere | 1 | 27 |
| Introductory | 20-Jan-15 | Edmonton | J.Leman/K.Phillips/M.Samson | 1 | |

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6. New Business and Discussion.

6.1 Budget Update.

The officials' budget has been cut from \$9000 in 2014-15 and \$7000 in 2015-16 to \$5000 in 2016-17. Athletics Alberta has indicated that more funds are available if required.

6.2 Recognition Items

This year, the recognition item will be a Tilley clone hat for those with 15 years or more service.

Motion: Next year, 2 plaques be displayed, one in Calgary and one in Edmonton, listed all those with 20 years or more of service. Moved by Marg, seconded by Jack, carried.

6.3 2016 Meets

This year, the Olympic Trials will be in Edmonton. Athletics Canada and CBC are currently negotiating terms for CBC to host, but if this fails, there will be live streaming of events. It is suggested that officials practice protocols, such as marching on and off the field, at a provincial level meet prior to the Olympic Trials.

6.4 Introductory Officials' Clinic

We need to review our level 1 and level 2 clinics and upgrading. In order to retain new officials, we may want to have a senior official escort the new official around a meet to introduce them to a variety of events. This may either replace or supplement a power point introductory clinic.

7. Nominations and Elections

7.1 Vice-Chair/Secretary

Ian Gordon

7.2 Calgary Coordinator

Cathy Simpson

7.3 Provincial Upgrading Coordinator

Eric Wittenberg

7.4 Members at Large

Ken Philips

Chris Baker

Nominations were made for the positions listed above, and all were acclaimed.

Motion: We accept these nominations. Moved by Marg, seconded by Pat, Carried.

8. Adjournment

Ian moved that the meeting be adjourned at 3:00.