

GREYHOUNDS TRACK AND FIELD CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2020
LOCATION – online Zoom Meeting, BC

Online attendees: Urith Hayley, Sam Walker, Julie Valente, Deborah Lee, Alan Essex, Edwin Liu, Cindy O'Brien-Hugh, Larry Johnston, Janet Ross, Roger Swetnam, Valerie Scott, Hardev Sandhu, Sheila Allison, Harold Morioka, Sharon Hann.

Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 1:45 pm

2. Motion to adopt 2019 minutes as published.

Moved: Edwin Liu

Seconded: Al Essex

All in favour.

#8 – Harold – unable to hear, Urith to follow-up.

3. Motion to adopt 2020 budget and 2021 Membership Fee.

Membership fees to remain at \$100/year for 2021.

Accepted: Sharon Hann

Seconded: Alan Essex

All in favour.

4. Constitution – Currently, our Constitution states we are to provide track and field coaching, related training equipment and training assistance to Masters citizens (age 35 years and up) of British Columbia in accordance with regulations established by the Board of Directors as amended from time to time.

Our Constitution will be revised to include **To host Athletics Meets, including local, Provincial, National and International competitions, for Master and Senior Athletes in BC.**

Moved: Edwin Liu

Seconded: Larry Johnston

All in favour.

5. President's Report – Urith Hayley

The Greyhounds received approval of a grant of \$21,310 from the New Horizons for Seniors Federal Program. The grant is to enable us to buy photofinishing hardware and software along with other equipment that we will need to host Mini Meets starting in 2020. Gary Silvester will lead the project and will be calling on club members to assist him in this endeavor.

FinishLynx equipment was shipped on Tuesday but has been delayed at Customs in Richmond. A broker was contacted who expedited the shipment and it has been cleared at Customs. We do not know the new delivery date as of yet. We will order the Wind Gauge now but not the pole-vault standards as they are large and we need to arrange where they will be delivered.

The mini-meets are sanctioned by BC Athletics and scheduled to go ahead in August 2020 provided the current health crisis passes before then.

Currently we have 2 mini meets scheduled in August – Throws and Sprints still a go.

The Jumps Mini-Meet requires updated protocols before proceeding. For example, sanitizing of the mats and pits after each jump.

Highlights of 2019

- Hardev Sandhu led a small group (Karl Mey, Sheila Allison, Deborah Lee, Surinder Shah, Dave Ullis, Jasbir Sandhu, Harjinder Kang, Harold Morioka) to win the Harold Morioka trophy at the 2019 Canadian Masters Outdoor Championships in Quebec.
- Tom Dickson was awarded the BC Athletics Masters Athlete of the Year Award and inducted into the Canadian Masters Athletics Hall of Fame.
- The Canadian Masters Indoor Championships in Saint John, New Brunswick, was cancelled after our members arrived.

Thank you to our volunteers that keep our club functioning:

Urith Hayley – our President

Julie Valente – secretary

Deborah Lee – treasurer and registrar

Alan Essex – Equipment Manager – control the equipment and throws protocols during practices

Hardev Sandhu – Equipment Manager Support

Roger Swetnam – maintaining and upgrading our website

Harold Morioka – Ambassador for athletics; maintains the BC Records and Canadian Relay records, helps organize our annual banquet and Greyhound AOY, nominates athletes for local community BC and Cdn AOY and Hall of Fame awards.

Gary Silvester - Octathlon and jumps coach (including pole-vault)

Edwin Liu - preparing the financial statements.

Pete Pretorius - annual review our financial statements.

Sam Walker – our coach, for organizing weekly practices, coordinating meet entries, maintaining Greyhounds Best Records, photo diaries of our meets and Greyhound AOY awards.

Sheila Allison is our new Medical Liaison/Club Safety Officer.

6. Treasurer's Report – Deborah Lee

Community chequing account. \$ 6792.41

Society account. \$ 6737.11

Total 13,529.52

The following members contributed to the travel fund by rounding up their membership fees or providing a separate donation to a total of \$952. Thank you to all.

Hardev, Dave Tetzlaff, Cindy, Jim Carwana, Kelly and Suzanne, Frances, Kevin, Karl Mey, Marina, Spencer, Halimah, Joe Hill, Lisa, Olesea, Jay, Larry Johnston, Rob, Marie. (in no particular order).

In 2020 there were no claims on the travel account due to the pandemic. \$2200 For future use.

Coaching fees for Luca need to be reviewed due to his absence.

Sam has temporarily donated his coaching cheques back to the Greyhounds !!!

Thank you, Sam!

Zone 3 gives money to cover the cost of track rental which is not happening this year, however we will be getting money back for the dates we have not used the track.

Motion to accept the financial report ending January 2020.

Moved: Larry Johnston

Seconded: Sam Walker

All in favour.

7. Appointment of 2020 Financial Reviewer

Pete Pretorius will be asked to be Financial Reviewer.

8. Coach's Report – Sam Walker

The 2019 season ended with what appeared to be a promising future with the main focus being on the 2020 WMA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Toronto, Ontario, however with the pandemic our season was cut short.

We had a few members compete in Washington, in Richmond for the Harry Jerome Indoor Games, and in Kamloops for the BC Masters Indoor Championships. A few members traveled to compete in St John, New Brunswick but the Canadian Masters T&F Championships were cancelled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

A few members were faced with some injuries. Brian Carnate injured himself playing basketball but we are happy to announce, he is back to training.

Karl Mey suffered a sub-dural hematoma from a fall in his driveway in the winter, however, he is back to running hills.

Thank you to Al, Sheila, Harold, Renata, Hardev for cleaning up the sand pits.

This year we have 13 new members totaling 92 with the passing of Les Robson, our Founding Member.

An attempt to contact Luca Molinari by email and phone has gone unanswered. Currently we are not aware of his future plans with coaching throws.

Javelin/Shotput coach, Byron Collier is willing to offer support in the throws department but he is not available most weekends. His preference is to work with groups during the week.

Gary will continue to assist members with PV and High Jump.

Hopefully we can train together again in July 2020, however this is governed by BC Athletics.

Thank you to Sam for continuing to send the members our workouts and supporting us from a distance.

9. Club Ambassador Report – Harold Morioka

Harold spoke with Hugh Norris from Surrey Parks and Recreation regarding a new equipment building.

When Harold asked about resurfacing the track at N.S., Hugh said this would be unlikely due to the fact that it would be very expensive and the track is located on Surrey School Board land not the City of Surrey land. The original track including the jumping and throwing facilities were financed together by the City and School Board.

He learned that Ocean Athletics is financing 100% of the resurfacing of their track in South Surrey.

Hugh estimated the cost of an equipment building at \$600,000 as it would include a washroom, so we would need sewer and power. These services were factors in the high cost, not the building itself. In addition, this would require excavation of the bank and a retaining wall would be need to be added. The estimate for the building alone would be \$30,000 to \$50,000 per Elaine's husband.

Harold will contact the Surrey School Board to inquire about the building.

The Throwing areas require a thorough clean up but this is unlikely. The area would have to be levelled with the addition of proper fill, salt to kill the weeds and proper drainage.

Jumping areas need proper sand. Currently temporary boards are in the jumps areas and we are unsure of the location of the official ones.

We also need to congratulate our president, Urith for winning the BC Athletics Executive of the Year Award and the Greyhounds Les Robson Service Award for contribution to the club. An honour that is highly deserved.

10. Elections – Directors – Rotating 2 years

Sam Walker performed the duties of the Returning Officer for the AGM. Our Bylaws stipulates that we rotate the elections of Directors every 2 years to avoid a complete change in leadership on one year. Alan Essex, Edwin Liu and Urith Hayley were elected in 2019 and all have agreed to continue in 2020. Positions open in 2020 are the Treasurer and Secretary positions. Deborah Lee and Julie Valente have agreed to stand again in those positions. There are no other nominations for these positions. Both returned by acclamation.

2020	Director/Treasurer	Deborah Lee
2020	Director/Secretary	Julie Valente

11. New Business

Return-to-Track (BCA Guidelines for Training and Competition During Covid-19 Pandemic).

Members need to fill out a waiver prior to resuming group training. You will receive a confirmation email when completed correctly.

Sheila Allison will be our Medical Officer/Club Liaison.

Her role is to ensure that as a club, we that follow all guidelines from Athletics Canada and BC Athletics.

We also need permission for Surrey Parks Board before we resume group training.

Jumping and relays will not be done at this time.

Starting blocks must be cleaned between athletes use.

At every practice, we need to take attendance and each member must answer questions regarding history of a fever, cough or have been traveling, etc.

Harold borrowed the Greyhounds tents. Deborah mentioned that we could let members use these for their personal use for a nominal fee, TBD.

12. Adjournment

Moved: Larry Johnson

Seconded: Roger Swetnam

AGM adjourned at 2:55 pm