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Athletics Manitoba Board Mtg Minutes

7pm Tuesday, May 24, 2022

ONLINE

Agenda:

1. Call to order – 7:07pm
2. Adoption of agenda – Doris (Brook 2)
3. Approval of Minutes
 - Business Arising from the minutes
 - Edits – Marilyn Fraser (not Williams) – Formatting, spelling etc.
 - Approval of minutes to be conducted over email... Brook to send revisions/corrections
4. Summary of Business from email communications/motions – n/a
5. Presidents Report
 - Attended Night of Champions for induction of MF to Sports Hall of Fame. Great event.
 - Also attend MRA Hall of Fame/Awards night – incredibly well done and well attended!!
 - Grant Mitchell was the guest/keynote speaker and did a great job
 - Athletics Canada – AGM in Halifax
 - New CEO
 - Meetings went well, not a lot of conflict btw branches. Good group to work on any future projects etc.
 - Prior to Halifax met with reps for World Police Fire Games. Winnipeg to host in summer 2023 (10 day event!)
 - Technical leads Terry Armstrong. Jim Murray, Doreen Bechtle
 - Looking for Board approval of the event
 - Great opportunity for our officials as level 4-5 are not required so a great opportunity for growth and development.
6. MRA report
 - Have had 3 separate discussions to debrief the event, felt there was more time needed for people to mingle! (That's why the event started late to begin with). Many people had not seen each other in decades.
 - In the future there won't be as many inductees! (6 was because of the year delay due to covid)
 - Pleased with how many people did stay until the end despite the length
 - Small profit from the event of \$300!! (Correction from previously submitted report!)
 - Membership is trending very well, not too far off 2019 which was highest numbers in almost a decade. Lots of NEW members, and youth are starting to come back as well.
 - New Executive and President. Krista Waring has stepped down. Derek Boutang (previously secretary). Krista is staying on as past president.
7. Office report
 - Highlighted that the late indoor season has really made the turn around to outdoor challenging for staff. There is a lot to do and substantially less time than usual. This combined with the bad weather has made May tough.
 - There has been some positive news regarding confirmation of funding grants. We are still waiting on the application package/procedure for the AC branch grants and we do not yet have confirmation of our Bilateral grant application.
 - Question was brought up regarding the PD points for Officials – 1pt allocated for attending "Officials AGM". We have not had an officials AGM in years, does this mean a National AGM?
 - Alanna did not know the answer, and will have to follow up with NOC to get clarification.



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8. Treasurer report

- We're still waiting on the draft statements from the Auditor. We have until July 20th to submit to Sport Manitoba. We're just in the process of finalizing these. We will need to do the vote for the approval of the audit via e-mail.
- Alanna updated the interim financials. The highlights are that we received significantly more wage subsidy than anticipated (program got extended resulting in us receiving about 45,000 rather than the \$18,000 we had anticipated) and then there a number of events planned for the season that we had anticipated deficits on, that either did not happen or were more profitable than expected. This contributed to a further positive increase in our financial position.
- Karen asked a question about the variance from the budget on staff salaries (why the actuals were lower than budgeted?)
 - Alanna confirmed that we actually had approximately \$7,000 budgeted for casual staff that did not get used (programs did not occur).
- There is also some shifting between salaries and summer student salaries that won't materially change the final numbers. (Community Dev Coordinator position is still showing as part of the summer staff line item, rather than with the rest of the office staff salaries).

9. Committee Reports

- Masters
 - Greg indicated that the next newsletter is in the works and they are really hoping for good attendance in Regina in July.
- Awards
 - Committee met last week. There have been a few different awards targeted and good progress made on that front.
 - The Committee is still working on the new criteria for the Hall of Fame Award Categories.
 - A nomination has been put forward for a Lieutenant Governor Award.
 - Greg also added that CMA Board approved nomination for induction of Chris McCubbins to the CMA Hall of Fame. Ceremony will be done as part of the Canadian Outdoor Championships in Regina.

10. Questions from submitted reports?

Discussion/Decisions

11. Board members willing to assist with Age Class Provincials and proposed BBQ event?

- This is referenced in Alanna's Office Report. We discussed whether this would be well received. Kathy indicated that she felt that this was a great idea. It was agreed that notice/coordination would be important to get good participation. There was discussion about whether a food truck would be better than coordinating a BBQ ourselves. Given the coaching commitments that the office staff would have, there was consensus that this would likely makes the most sense.
- Kathy suggested that we maybe look at the trials for July 9th. This event might be better suited because it will be shorter for the officials. This date would also give us some more time to plan.

12. Athletics Canada rebranding project

- Alanna explained that the option was put out to the branches to pick up on the Athletics Canada logo. Athletics Alberta did this right away. Athletics NB is in the process and Quebec has officially agreed to be on board as well.
- Today, Alanna had a conversation with the Executive Director from Quebec. He confirmed that this conversation happened through discussions at the board level. It also lined up where they were at with what they were doing as an organization. The ED mentioned that he thought that they thought it was



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appealing for Provincial Team Athletes. It means that we can sell/order through the Athletics Canada Store.

- Alanna has not had the detailed discussions with AC because she is still in discussions with the other branches
- Alanna wants the board to think about this so that we can come back to it later.
- Alanna is going to send the AC branding package around to the board members after the meeting.

13. Athletics MB AGM Business

- Proposed date change- July 5th or 12th?
 - We agreed to proceed virtually on July 13th as Wednesday would be easier for the clubs.
- Positions up for re-election
 - Teagan, Karen, Omena (are up for re-election), Doris and Greg are up for re-election.
 - Omena and Greg both agreed to let their names stand again.
 - Alanna asked that everyone up for re-election get back to her by Thursday next week.

14. World Police Fire Games

- Kathy Reported with respect to the new Winnipeg Fire Police Games:
- We are involved in three events: Decathlon, Track and Field and "Toughest Competitor Alive"
- Kathy will be the officials coordinator.
- There will be some investment for this event from the office in terms of equipment but there will be new equipment that will benefit our organization.
- We need a full complement of officials- expecting 8,000 to 10,000 athletes. 10% of athletes will be track and field. Kathy Weins also confirmed that there would be a ½ Marathon and a 10K cross country.
- Kathy confirmed that they (MRA) were contacted about the event but they have a conflict with the Gimli race and so they had to decline to participate.
- Alanna is concerned that there is going to be an issue with the cross-country event that doesn't seem to have someone assigned to it. This is not something that we want to fall onto our office staff because we don't have capacity to do both the track and field events and the cross-country.

15. Motion: Brook moved to have Athletics Manitoba Board of Directors support the track and field events for the Winnipeg Fire Police Games (seconded- Greg)- Carried

16. Motion to adjourn- 8:52 (Karen/ Omena seconded)