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Office Report

Audit

- We are not likely to get our completed Audit until end of May, early June.
 - As a result, we will need to schedule a short meeting to approve the audited statements.
 - However, we have provided the updated internal statements to the end of March 31, 2022 as were submitted to the auditor.

General note

- The late/lengthy indoor season has DRASTICALLY impacted our transition to the outdoor season.
- Things are ok, however we essentially lost a month and a half of preparation time that we usually have between seasons.

Funding/Grants

- Green Team funding application has been submitted – APPROVED. 4 summer students hired
 - Noel Kendle, Asha Gurney, Brianna Tynes, Adam Chahid
- Jumpstart Community Development Grant has been submitted – APPROVED.
 - 15k for Community Development Coordinator staffing position.
- CPC Paralympic Sport development fund – No update yet.
- Bilateral funding application complete – Sport MB review process is underway, we won't know status or approved amounts until well into June.
- Athletics Canada Branch Grants – application has not yet been launched. Project/program draft is ready to go as soon as application process opens up.

Competitions

- Summer Competitions
 - Tentative outdoor schedule is online now and includes additional club twilight events
 - Throwing cage was not put up prior to Spring Open due to weather (and resulting safety concerns). Resulted in Discus and Hammer having to be cancelled.
 - Cage will be going up on Tuesday 24th (should be up by the time we are meeting, or I've jinxed it by writing this and it's still sitting on the ground....)
 - Spring Open was otherwise a great success, lots of volunteer help and clubs were amazing.
 - Age Class Provincials as many will have noticed is being held on the same weekend as the Manitoba Marathon (Due to other scheduling constraints this was the best of the available options)
 - Meeting was held with Rachel Munday regarding parking logistics
 - Will send out instructions to all registered participants and have signage onsite to direct traffic. Everyone will be able to park in soccer lot as usual.

Officials

- April National Officials Committee and Branch Officials Chairs meetings
 - Level 4 and 5 evaluators are being trained across the country. There are still some issues with the small number of individuals identified to be evaluators. MB training has not occurred yet. Course is 3 hours, so can easily be scheduled in the evening.
 - As a result, current upgrading process is split between the old system and the new system – depending on where evaluations/mentorship take place will determine which process is used.



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- Normal rule that N/NC credits and mentorships are valid for 5 years had already been extended to 7 but ALL branches requested additional extension due to the complications and challenges of recovering and getting access to events.
 - This will be reviewed (and hopefully approved) at the next NOC meeting
- New Evaluation forms for Level 3-4-5 are ready, will be used for upgrading if applicable.
 - In the few branches that have started using them already, feedback has been positive (simple, clear and easy to use).
- Clinics
 - Level 1 + 2 are online and active. We should be receiving an automatic email notification anytime someone completes the courses. That is not happening yet so trying to sort out that technical issue.
 - Level 3 clinic material is all ready to go. Dropbox will be created and access provided to BOC (i.e. Alanna). Materials will then be provided to clinicians.
 - The plan is to maintain a 2 year update/review cycle that matches the rule book cycle.
 - There is a quiz included in each clinic
 - Level 3 exam is a separate online form that is completed after the clinic
 - Level 4 clinic material is NOT ready to go. Some disciplines are done, but still working their way through the rest. In the mean time branches can still host clinics using the “old” material until such a time as the new content is all completed.
 - Goal is to have materials available by Sept 2022.
- AC website has finally begun to get substantial content updates, with official’s resource section getting populated.
- Implementation of the Level 4+5 Maintenance Program (Similar to coaches PD points)
 - Officials will need to obtain a minimum of 30 points over a 4 year period to maintain status.
 - Rules training – 15 pts
 - National training in a discipline (post certification) – 10 pts
 - Pts per year (with a min 8 CR) – 2 pts
 - Other training – 2 pts
 - Attend Officials AGM – 1 pt
 - If you don’t meet the criteria, will be required to pass a theoretical exam in the discipline (80%)
 - Complete an evaluation
 - Clock will start Sept 2022
- Recruitment initiatives/ideas
 - Officials committee needs to schedule their next meeting! With summer competition schedules that might prove tricky, but hopefully we can pull together something soon.
 - In the meantime, we plan to engage one of our summer staff to compile volunteer information from 2018-2022 seasons. We will sort through that information, and contact anyone that is well on their way to having enough credits to be recognized as an official.
 - The goal is to personalize the approach, tap people on the shoulder, and provide them with specific, easy to follow next steps.
- Staff would also like to organize a small BBQ at the conclusion of Age Class Provincials in June.
 - This event would primarily be for officials and volunteers (coaches would certainly be invited as well)
 - Everyone would be notified prior to the weekend that this event will take place, but then during the meet we’d like to have someone go around to events, check in with the officials and volunteers and personally give them their “meal/drink” ticket and make sure they know about the event and are invited to stay.



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- Obviously, it wouldn't be a lengthy event, BUT perhaps it could be an opportunity to everyone hang out briefly after the meet and chat. Hopefully it might help the volunteers feel like part of the community and encourage them to stay involved in the future.
- Need to determine whether we would do a casual self-hosted BBQ, OR if it would be easier to cater the event and bring in a food truck. We will apply to Sport MB for Special Initiative funding for this event.
- **WOULD BOARD MEMBERS BE WILLING TO ASSIST WITH THIS PROJECT?**

Athletics Canada AGM

- Mat Gentes has been confirmed as the new CEO (no longer interim)
- Branches have the opportunity to join the national rebranding project – is this something we'd like to consider?
- We have reached out to two of the other branches that have already made the change.
 - What process did they follow? (Membership consultation or Board decision)
 - Any concerns or complaints from the membership? (before or after the launch)
 - Benefits?
- Visual example to be provided during the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Alanna Boudreau – May 20, 2022