



November 22, 2012

Following the positive response of last year's Membership Forum, the Board of Directors of Athletics Manitoba invites all interested individuals to once again discuss topics pertaining to the advancement of our sport. We hope that by meeting together we can continue to move forward with a common vision and improve how we conduct our sport.

Facilitator for this meeting will be board member John Neufeld and topics will include:

Long Term Athlete Development

- Success and Challenges
- Sport Manitoba and Athletics Canada Expectations
- Funding Implications
- Club Excellence

Facility

- Exclusive Use
- Competitions
 - Reduction of PSO management
 - Building Volunteer Capacity

Provincial Teams

- Standards & Funding

If there are any other topics you wish to discuss please send to John Neufeld at jfkneufeld@gmail.com by November 28.

Athletics Manitoba Membership Forum

Monday, December 3

University of Manitoba

Room 193 Extended Education

7:00 pm

Please RSVP to chris.belof@athleticsmanitoba.com by Friday, November 30.



Topic Review from May 31, 2011

Communication

- Feedback included the need to improve our website and make it easier to find pertinent information
- Ongoing feedback required to keep membership informed
- Polled participants on what information needed to be included for Athletes, Coaches and Parents on an ongoing basis
 - *In response a new website was launched September 2012*
 - *Exclusive Use meeting held with clubs to discuss new agreements*

Officials

- All agreed that we need to build capacity and find ways to train more officials
- Survey other provinces to see how they get officials
 - *Feedback from forum was passed on to MTFOA to review*
 - *Officials introduction clinic will be held in conjunction with the Last Chance Meets December 7 & 8*

Competition

- Quality competitions needed with emphasis on progressing athletes through to the Senior level
- PSO should not have to run as many meets; how do clubs take on more competitions
 - *WOA hosted outdoor series in 2012*
 - *AM will not be responsible for as many outdoor meets in 2013; will continue to encourage and work with clubs to manage the competitions*

Exclusive Use

- Access to equipment and cage needs to be easier
- Times frames of training good; Need to work together to maximize training space
- Signage needed for proper track etiquette
- Emergency action plan needed for indoor and outdoor venues
- Need to know who is allowed to train (paid participants)
 - *AM continuing to work with Coaching Council to manage the Exclusive Use effectively*
 - *Membership list will be posted by first week of December as to who is allowed to train in Exclusive Use time frame*
 - *Need to still address access, signage and full emergency action plan*

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback at our 2011 Forum. We appreciate hearing from membership and welcome your ongoing ideas and comments.