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### **Minutes of the Athletics Manitoba Board Meeting**

Monday, September 15th, 2014

6:30 pm

Round Table Restaurant – 800 Pembina Highway

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Present: C. Belof, F. Allen, G. Bates, G. Towns, O. Babalola, J. Vince, A. Boudreau, C. Trono, D. Harris, K. Ferris, J. Campbell, B. Walker, D. Mandzuk, G. Mitchell, J. Neufeld (arrived at 6:59 p.m.)

Regrets: K. Kelly, C. Doroshuk, J. Schofield

- Call to Order at 6:36
- Approval of agenda (Campbell/Bates) *APPROVED*
- Approval of minutes of July 14<sup>rd</sup> meeting (Campbell/Bates) *APPROVED*
- Matters arising:
  - Awards banquet: Meghan Imrie (x-c skier from Falcon Lake) to add to list as guest speaker for banquet. A., Gardiner has also been approached and has confirmed. Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> at Norwood Hotel.
  - Call from Eric Guy re: Male Athletes rep on the Board. Discussion opened up re: having two athlete reps on the Board. Would need to confirm whether or not we would need a by-law change. Will return to this item at next meeting.
- President's Report (G. Mitchell): Monthly call for Branch presidents and Chris has taken those (deferred to Chris's report) and nothing else to report at this time.
- Treasurer's Report (B. Walker): Met with Donna and Alanna re: setting up financial records. Quick Books looks better than Simply Accounting. Reports should be able to be run by program more easily. MRA uses QuickBooks at the present time (J. Vince). Other PSOs also use the program so that should be helpful on a go-forward basis. Diana Stevens Fund: We were to set up a scholarship fund so family will need to be contacted re: this matter. Brian, Donna and Jennifer volunteered to work with the family on this.
- Office Report (C. Belof & D. Harris):
  - AC Branch call: Process for bids has been questioned. Seniors and Juniors and National 5k discussed. General consensus was that the process for site collection was not as transparent as it could have been. Establishing some new coaching award. J. Daly, J. Hunt, and D. Lyon were all mentioned as possibilities. Tri-Council meet in Saskatoon. Over 100 athletes went with mixed results. V. Tachynski, S. Dillon, J. Ortt all mentioned as achieving outstanding results. Office has been re-organized since Donna has arrived.
  - Donna: Thanked Chris, Alanna and Brian to help with budget changes. Help from summer students also helpful. Interviews for head coaches have happened (Claude and Alanna named as Head Coach and Associate Head Coach for the 2015 Western Canada Summer Games and 2017 Canada Summer Games). Alanna will be the head coach for the next cycle of Western Canada and Canada Games (2019 and 2021 respectively). Alanna will be supported with additional leadership training in the future.



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- Met with A. Cameron (IT Manager, AC) to move AM to AC data base for membership purposes.
  - Website: Will need to continue to evaluate to determine what we need.
  - Powerland Computers: Quotes from 3 different sources including Powerland Computers have been sought. Laptops using Cloud technology will be purchased so they can work off site and have files backed up on the Cloud.
  - Met with J. Hnatiuk so discuss new building. Equipment was discussed. Inner city and athlete training development have been explored. New surface, Pulastic (like Mondo) has been explored. Purchase of lighting system to project a track has also been discussed. Day use for the facility for elementary track meets etc. has shown quite a bit of interest. K. Ferris has suggested we contact the U of W re: facility there. BU does not look as promising in terms of Athletics development. J. Campbell provided some advice to Chris and Donna re: upcoming national meets. Timing and location of national meets are a bit of a concern. C. Trono reminded us of the importance of outreach (Brandon) which was a part of AM's strategic plan. G. Mitchell that with Donna, Chris and Alanna on board, we need to think about revenue generation.
- **MRA Update** (J. Vince): Thanked Chris for keeping road running going and looking forward to working with Donna and discussing challenges that lie ahead. Participation is down for competitive events but participation events are way up. Funs runs, mud runs are proving to be very popular. Membership down by 10% but AC leadership on road running has been very positive. Starting up a website that could have all sanctioned races across Canada posted for all to see. More support from AC received very favourably. J. Neufeld asked about how to capture those who participate in the fun events mentioned above.
  - **Equipment update** (J. Campbell): Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> meeting on equipment/facilities meeting. Inventory, pressing equipment and wish list heading toward 2017, storage. Large equipment will be moved Oct, 27<sup>th</sup> back to Max Bell. Approval needed for \$5340 U.S. for cover for pole vault pits. Over and above our budget. Equipment reserve.  
MOTION: To approve funds to pay for pole vault pit covers. Decision to pay for cover for now and pillow top later after conversations with UM and AC. Motion re: purchase the winter cover for the pole vault pit for about \$2000. *APPROVED*. 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to be deferred until a later date.
  - **Run Jump Throw, U of M:** Certification program to be offered to EY and MY teacher candidates Michelle Stevens and Deondra Twerdun to run these sessions. Kinesiology not doing T and F so this will be a good opportunity. Thanks for promoting RJT at the University. 2 hour session may be more suitable for the Fundamental Movement program.
  - **Officials update**(J. Campbell for C. Doroshuk): Brainstorming has been going on for dealing with the Officials crisis. StormTek ponchos to be used as thank you gifts.
  - **Membership Fee increase issue** (C. Belof): Recommendation that Donna speak to clubs about why we are recommending a fee increase at this time. Do we need to bring this to the AGM to vote on and then have it take effect for next year? AC to be increasing fees \$10 for athletes. We voted to go to \$70 at an earlier meeting. Research needs to be done to see what authority we have to increase fees. AC increase as of January, 2015. Refer to staff to see if we have the



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authority to change fees. May place this on the agenda for the AM AGM. C. Trono suggested that we do a comparative analysis. It is important and that we do a sales pitch for why this fee increase makes sense now. What is our authority and what process should we be using? A. Boudreau checked by-laws and it turns out that the Board does have the authority to make fee increase changes. A solid rationale for why we would increase fees will be necessary. G. Mitchell suggested we need to have common messaging on this issue so that clubs realize that, compared to other PSOs across the country, we have the lowest membership fees. A solid rationale is needed. MRA will likely have an issue given the existing MOU between AM and MRA.

- Awards Banquet Update (C. Belof): A. Gardiner has agreed to speak and G. Mitchell will make decisions on awards. Same format, same venue. Improvement awards need to be established across all categories.

Other:

- Date for SAGM/AGM (November 17) but we will have another in June.
- November 10<sup>th</sup> next Board meeting to prepare for the AGM on the 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Bingo Proposal to be brought up at the Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting.
- Adjournment at 8:29 p.m. (Bates/Allen)

**Next meeting November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

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*Athletics Manitoba promotes sport for life, performance excellence, and long-term development of athletics in Manitoba.*

Vision statement:

*Inspiring participation, achieving excellence, maximizing potential*