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Minutes of Athletics Manitoba Board Meeting

Monday, July 14th, 2014

6:30 pm

Sport Manitoba Building – Lecture Theatre

145 Pacific Ave.

Present: G. Mitchell, B. Walker, K. Kelly, D. Mandzuk, C. Belof, D. Harris, F. Allen, G. Towns, K. Wiens, J. Schofield, J. Neufeld., G. Bates, O. Babalola

Regrets: J. Campbell, S. Wear, K. Ferris, C. Doroshuk, A. Boudreau

1. Call to order at 6:33 p.m.
 - Welcome to Donna Harris, new Executive Director of Athletics Manitoba as of September 15th, 2014
 - A big thank you to Chris Belof for agreeing to stay on as AM Program Manager
2. Approval of agenda (Kelly/Schofield) Carried.
3. Approval of minutes from June 23rd meeting (Walker/Schofield). Juniors' surplus should be changed to \$28, 942 from \$18,241. Amended minutes approved.
4. Matters arising from the minutes- none
5. President's Report (G. Mitchell): Donna Harris, new Executive Director begins September 15, 2014. Summary of conference call with other AM affiliates re: the awarding and hosting of major national events such as the Juniors and the National 5 and 10k. No other news at this time.
6. Treasurer's Report (B. Walker): No report at this time.
7. Office Report (C. Belof): July 4 and 5th - Provincial Age Class Championships. Everything went well and there was a good turn-out for the event; however, the last three events were a wash-out due to weather. K. Kelly suggested that we ask the Equipment and Facilities Committee to look into working with the University to try to improve drainage and maintenance of the outdoor track. Meet season is now over. D. Stevens Empower Run next major event on September 28th with cross-country season to follow. Provincial teams (Midget and Youth) competing in Saskatoon this coming weekend.
8. MRA Update (K. Wiens representing J. Vince/MRA): Over half way through race calendar at this point. Numbers are generally down but they are up in fun and mass participation events. Discussion re: increasing participation in all events, particularly the Timex Series. Conference call planned for later this month with the AC Road Racing Coordinator. Brief report re: youth (16 and under) road running events (Youth Series). Only about 10-12 young people participating in the

youth events at this time. Discussion re: how to involve more track athletes in shorter road running events.

9. Officials update (C. Doroshuk): Cindy not able to be at the meeting. No new information at this time. MTFOA has work to do on training more officials and increasing numbers overall.
10. Equipment Committee (J Campbell): See report from Jennifer attached to minutes. General consensus that we should have a plan for future equipment upgrades so that AM can plan for this on a go-forward basis. Chris and Jennifer to bring this item forward for the next meeting. O. Babalola suggested that we look at developing a Purchasing policy.
11. Resignation of Board member S. Wear noted. The AM Executive has agreed that this Board positon should be left vacant until the AGM in November. Nominations for new Board members will begin shortly. K. Kelly agreed to head this initiative up.
12. Awards Banquet (C. Belof): November 3rd at the Norwood Hotel. Suggestions or feedback from last year gratefully accepted. Suggestions for possible speakers also welcome. A. Gardiner's name suggested as a possible speaker for the event.
13. Date for SAGM/AGM (C. Belof): At last meeting, we decided to move next year's AGM to June rather than in November although this year, we will need to have a meeting in November. We need to look to see if this is possible with our current by-laws. November 17th suggested as a possible date.
14. Bingo Proposal (C. Belof): New bingo allocation strategy has been outlined. Opportunity for AM to get a bigger cut from bingos so that we can better support provincial team athletes. Recommendation that we bring a motion forward to be considered at the September Board meeting. The intent of the motion would be to strengthen our elite team/provincial team funding given what we heard during the strategic planning process. Suggestion that the Board receive a proposal in advance of the next meeting for Board members to consider.
15. Consensus that we plan a year-end get-together some time before the end of the summer for all Board members, including Carolyn Trono to celebrate all that has been achieved during the past year including the appointments of Donna Harris and Chris Belof. David and Jessica to look into options.
16. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

*Next meeting September 15th, 2014

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- Vision statement: *Inspiring participation, achieving excellence, maximizing potential*