

Athletics Manitoba Board Meeting, November 9, 2015

President's Report

There has been little activity in which I have been involved since our September board meeting. I did attend a Branch council meeting on October 14. It did not contain much new information that would be of interest to the Board.

I am involved in the recruitment and selection of the Commissioner(s) to deal with carding, selection and discipline at Athletics Canada. The first interviews occurred on October 30.

I attended the awards night for the MRA, which attracted a large and enthusiastic audience and lots of youth (and older) winners.

I noted the provincial high school cross-country results from Spruce Woods Park, one of the more challenging venues for running in the province. Some of our top athletes from the track also excelled on the trail.

There are significant issues about access for wheelchairs at the U of M track facility which have been brought to our attention by prominent athlete, Colin Mathieson, and we are dealing with those.

Darolyn Walker ran 2:54 flat at the Twin Cities Marathon, a remarkable performance.

I attended 2 celebratory events, on November 6 and 7, regarding induction into the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame, in particular for track athlete Ken Peters, who achieved prominence in the late 1940's. I appeared before him numerous times in Provincial Court when he was a judge and I was a defence counsel. I suspect that neither of us knew about the other's track accomplishments.

I'm looking forward to our awards night on November 10.

Grant Mitchell, President of AM