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## ATHLETICS MANITOBA HIGHLIGHTS – 2015/2016

- Best ever performance at the 2015 Western Canada Games (27 medals)
- Hosted 2015 Tri Province Meet
- Continued indoor school series (elementary, junior high and high school athletes); 5500 athletes in total
- Continued outdoor junior high school championship meet 1500 participants
- Created the Athletics Manitoba Performance Pathway Program, an athlete funding program tied directly to Athletics Canada NexGen standards. Three tiers of funding (\$300, \$600 and \$750) for athletes based on the achievement of standards that are 6% or 3% off the NextGen entry point for each age and event or meeting or exceeding the NextGen entry point. At the top end, coaches are eligible for individual funding as well. 41 athletes and 4 coaches received funding through this program
- Revised the structure of officials from an arms-length group outside of Athletics Manitoba (the Manitoba Track and Field Officials Association – MTFOA) to a committee of the board of Athletics Manitoba reporting directly to the President. The Athletics Manitoba Officials' Committee is chaired by the Executive Director and is comprised of 4 additional members; 2 that were selected by MTFOA and 2 that were selected by the Athletics Manitoba Board of Directors.
- Created an officials pathway
- Scott Murray and Kathy Kelly were named as Officials' Coordinators for Athletics Manitoba.
- Kathy Kelly named as the Officials Coordinator for Canada Games 2017 and Legion Championships 2017 and 2018
- Completed a major budget revision moving from Simply Accounting to Quick Books, and from a generic system to a detailed project-by-project set up.
- Began the transition of amalgamating our Manitoba Games, Bilateral and Outreach programs. 5-7 summer students are hired each summer to deliver this program primarily in rural Manitoba. It will take a few years to increase participation and grow the program. A 4 – 6 week training programs were provided to the groups involved and we are creating an online resource to demonstrate the basics of each event.
- The office transitioned to Microsoft 365 for Cloud back up and email management
- Social media policy created
- Twitter and Instagram accounts created
- Training Camp and Endurance Competition Tour framework (this program was not implemented due to low or no athlete response)
- 2016 Super Seminar Series was a success, over 50 participants over 4 days of sessions. Larry Steinke and Derek Evely were the presenters
- Continued partnership with MRA
- Through bilateral funding developmental racing chairs and a throwing chair was purchased in anticipation of para athlete development programs. Chris Belof is working with one wheelie athlete and was named to the Canada Games Coaching Staff.
- Canada Games Funding has increased significantly. Investments are being made in coach development, direct athlete funding (pre select and A standard) and sport science (biomechanics, nutrition and psychology) as well as strength and conditioning for targeted athletes.



- Work has begun on a comprehensive review of equipment encompassing everything from consumable equipment used at meets through to major equipment, buildings and technology. Once an inventory is complete there will be a consultation process to determine how to set up and maintain regular equipment purchases for practice and competition.
- Work continues with the Canada Games Host Society and U of M on the construction of the stadium at U of M as well as work with the City of Brandon on the Athletics facility there.
- Planning for the 2017 Canada Games and the 2017/2018 National Legion Championships is ongoing. Athletics Manitoba is involved in a supporting role to both host organizations.
- The following athletes from Manitoba made national teams:
  - $\circ$  Evan Ratzlaff, Caleb DeJong, Shane Dillon Pan American Juniors
  - Victoria Tachinski World Youth
  - o Jennie Baragar Petrash World Junior Cross Country and NACAC Cross Country
  - Erin Teschuk World Championsips
  - Ming Pu Wu was named as a coach to the World Youth Team, but was unable to travel