

## **President's Report to AGM of Athletics Manitoba**

June 13, 2015

### ***Introduction:***

- have now served as President for over two (2) years, my third AGM in this office
- great executive team and working with Donna continues to be a pleasure, with her passion for the sport, boundless energy and organizational skills – has done a great job of building structures to allow greater input from coaches and athletes to our decision-making
- attending as many monthly Branch meetings as possible – hit most of them and will attend national championships/Olympic trials/AGM in Edmonton at the start of July
- have been chair of the Nominating and Governance Committee of Athletics Canada
- extensive work in establishing and filling the position of Commissioner for Athletics Canada to adjudicate internal disputes
- have attended a lot of meets in the past year – we continue to enjoy a "Golden Age" of local track with twice as many athletes achieving or surpassing standards as we had budgeted for
- officials, coaches and AM office staff continue to work hard to ensure that we are ready for Canada Summer Games next year

- we continue on a solid financial footing, as illustrated in our annual financial statement – good work of Donna, Alanna and our treasurer, Brian Walker
- thank you to 3 long-standing Board contributors, Secretary David Mandzuk, as well as Gord Bates and Jennifer Campbell – among them, they must have over 30 years of participation on the AM board – losing a lot of institutional knowledge and experience, but we are confident that they will help out ad hoc if we need their support – new Board will have several new faces, and at least one change on our executive
- we will need a renewed focus to support our colleagues in the MRA to help through challenging financial times after the loss of a major sponsor
- always special to anticipate an Olympic summer
- very much appreciate the support I have received from Donna and her staff, from our Board of Directors and from the Athletics community