



## **TRACK AND FIELD / ROAD RUNNING / CROSS COUNTRY**

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

**January 11, 2016**

**5:30 pm**

**Sport Manitoba, 145 Pacific Ave.**

**Present:** J. Baker, J. Vince, K. Kelly, D. Harris, D. Mandzuk, L. Francis, B. Walker, G. Mitchell, J. Schofield, J. McMullen, O. Babalola, J. Campbell

**Regrets:** G. Bates, K. Wiens, E. Guy, J. Edstrom, K. Ferris

- Call to order at 5:38 p.m. by President G. Mitchell
- Approval of agenda (K. Kelly/D. Mandzuk)
- Treasurer's Report (B. Walker) Preliminary approval of budget is being sought at tonight's meeting. Final approval will be done in early March. Some additional work needs to be done to the budget to account for the \$15,000 one-time donation for the new Mondo surface in the new facility at Sport Manitoba. Donna explained a few other items that have been revised to respond to what looks like a deficit at this time. It was acknowledged that there is some variability over time depending on where meets, AGMs and SAGMs are held and the costs of travelling and other factors as well. G. Mitchell encouraged us to have in person presence at AGMs and SAGMs to maintain our status and reputation and involvement in Athletics Canada. We also discussed partial subsidies for attending such meetings, to meet budget objectives.
  - Motion to approve draft budget: (Campbell/Kelly) *APPROVED*.
- Athlete and coach funding: 41 athletes have reached standard which is much higher than was expected. (Reference to the three levels of funding - \$300, \$600, \$750 levels). Majority of athletes are funded at the \$300 level. A discussion ensued re: funding of coaches. The coaches of athletes who are funded at the \$750 receive \$500 for travel and/or professional development to support their funded athletes at meets or to enhance their knowledge. The pros and cons of various scenarios were discussed. This topic had already been discussed at the most recent coaches meeting. The Board will follow-up on this matter and make a recommendation at the March Board meeting.
- Decisions and Discussion:
  - IFF Review: AM Board was involved in creating IFF as part of the strategic planning exercise last year. Suggestion that Board meet outside of regular Board meetings to discuss this further. K. Kelly - Under "Challenges" under Policy Review - Complaints and Discipline Policy appears to be the only policy that is still outstanding. Others policies have already been reviewed and revised so this should be noted. Note about promoting para athletes more than we have done in the past. Other minor revisions suggested.
  - PPF revisions: Already done earlier in the meeting.
  - Road Running funding: Off-track committee. Discussion re: funding of road running athletes in a similar way to track athletes. MRA and AM will need to discuss how athletes are funded differently in these two sports. Further discussions need to continue on a go-forward basis. We may also need further discussion on how AM might promote 'Sport for Life' more than it currently is.



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- Responsible Coaching and background checks. Donna has checked with Sport Manitoba – varies greatly across sports. We will need to discuss this further at future Board meetings. Not sure about what happens within the individual clubs. Possible connection with on-line modules developed by the Canadian Centre for Child Protection may be explored.
- Officials Recruitment: Donna talked about her conversations with other sports and what their expectations are of athlete parents. General consensus that we will need to ramp things up before the Canada Summer Games next year.

Adjournment at 7:07 p.m.

**Next meeting March 14, 2016**

### **Mission statement:**

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

### **Vision statement:**

*Inspiring participation, achieving excellence, maximizing potential*