

Athletics Manitoba Board Meeting, January 11, 2016

**President's Report**

Happy New Year to all for 2016!

I attended the Flying M and Last Chance track meets to open the indoor season and continue to be impressed with our young talent.

A Commissioner has been appointed by Athletics Canada to address, carding, eligibility, selection and discipline. I participated in the selection process and think we have made a good initial selection. The name will be announced in the week of January 11 (ie. this week).

I missed the semi-annual general meeting of Athletics Canada due to scheduling conflicts that could not be resolved. Alanna and Donna represented Manitoba there. I will be attending the AGM in Edmonton on July 9 and 10.

In consultation with the Executive, I did my first "annual" review of Donna's performance. The Executive is unanimously pleased with Donna's stewardship of AM and her dedication, knowledge and enthusiasm. She seems to be OK with us, too.

The sanction of the Russian athletics program is the start of a renewed commitment to operating an ethical sport, across the globe. This should be seen as a positive by athletics organizations at every level. A message from Gord Orlikow, chair of the AC board, received on January 5, 2016, outlined IAFF's policy going forward. I can forward it to anyone who is interested and has not seen it.

I hope to see as many of our Board members as possible out to the upcoming indoor track events. Don't forget to wear your AM director shirt.

Grant Mitchell, President of AM