

## January Office Report – Athletics Manitoba

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- The Athletics Manitoba Awards evening was held November 10. The event went well and was well attended. A debrief meeting with staff and summer students will be held January 11 at U of M. A new location is needed for 2016. A revised terms of reference for the awards committee will be developed for the March board meeting.
- The Officials Committee met again the first week of January. A call for an official's coordinator for Canada Summer Games will go out this week. RECRUITMENT, UPGRADING, UPCOMING TRAINING. Jane Edstrom attended NOC meetings as both a NOC member and Manitoba representative in mid-December.
- There are two new people being trained on Hy-Tek and they have been having a good experience. Including a summer student who is already trained and Shirley we now have four people who can work in this area. This is a good start as the trainees need to work with the program quite a bit to become familiar with it. A few more people will be needed in this area but the two new volunteers are a good start.
- The Sport Manitoba Integrated Funding Framework (IFF) report is due January 13 and Athletics Manitoba will make a presentation/attend a meeting with Sport Manitoba on January 18 with regard to our progress on the plan we submitted in 2015. Donna, Alanna and Grant will attend this meeting on behalf of Athletics Manitoba. A budget for 2016-17 is to be included in this plan. The board will be asked to provide a preliminary approval of the budget at the January meeting with final approval sought in March. There are some parts of the budget (i.e. Canada Games, Officials and the para program associated with bilateral) that will not be confirmed until late February or early March.
- The off-track committee had a conference call in December to determine the next steps. The purpose of this committee is to determine how parallel and fair funding opportunities can be created for off-track athletes (cross country and road runners). There is some background information being collected and the next meeting is planned for February. Once a proposal is developed it will come to the board for approval.
- On the Canada Games front Claude, Alanna and I met with Sport Manitoba in late November to provide our plan through 2017 and to debrief 2015. The meeting went well. We should be informed of our funding level by the end of January. Provided the funding comes in at what we anticipated we are planning to organize a warm weather training camp for speed/power athletes in late April early May and a competition tour for endurance athletes in late May/early June. Alanna and Ming as well as Claude will travel with these groups respectively. An athlete education series called the "Canada Games Speaker Series" was initiated in December. This is targeted at Canada Games athletes but includes other performance pathway athletes as well. The aim of the program is to educate athletes, parents and coaches on the elements needed to be a successful elite athlete. The first one focused on being a 24 hour athlete. It was held in December and featured Colin Mathieson and Brent Lohmer as presenters. The second deals with Nutrition and will be held January 9 and the third and fourth will focus on Performance Anxiety. Feedback so far has been positive.
- The Canada Games coaching staff met early in the New Year to revise team standards. More revision is required. The standards will be released in February-March and a prep squad meeting will occur at the conclusion of the indoor season. An information meeting around the training camp will also be held in February.
- The Last Chance meet was held December 10 and 11. The meet went well.
- The AM Winter Open will be held January 14 & 15. Entries are currently open.
- Track Attack registration is ongoing. There will be a training session held January 12<sup>th</sup> for all teacher volunteers with the first meet taking place Jan 19<sup>th</sup>.
- MB Games coaching staffs are close to being finalized. We have a few spots with the Central and Winnipeg teams that still need to be filled. Team selection processes are being confirmed with the Head Coaches from each region and will be distributed and posted online as soon as possible.