



**March, 2016 Athletics Manitoba Board Meeting**

**March 29, 2016**

**5:30 p.m.**

**Sport Manitoba, 145 Pacific Ave.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** D. Harris, G. Mitchell, D. Mandzuk, G. Bates, E. Guy, J. Baker, K. Ferris, K. Kelly, J. Schofield, J. Campbell, J. Vince, O. Babalola, B. Walker

**Regrets:** Judy McMullen

- 1) Call to Order at 5:32 p.m.
- 2) Approval of the agenda with amendments (G. Bates/D. Mandzuk)
- 3) Treasurer's Report (final budget approval):
  - B. Walker walked the Board through the statement of Revenues and Expenses as of end of March, 2016
  - Looking at about \$10,000 surplus
  - Some big expenses that haven't been accounted for as of yet as well as outstanding UM Exclusive Use fees
  - B. Walker responded to questions from Board members
  - B. Walker directed discussion to Balance Sheet and walked Board through it answering questions along the way.
  - The board had a conversation about the surplus and what it will be used for. It was agreed that a specific plan for the surplus funds needs to be developed. Donna is working on a plan to earmark the funds for specific needs such as equipment purchase/upgrades and long term equipment planning/purchase.
- 4) President's report: New wording from Athletics Manitoba of rule re: decisions on locations for national championship events. More information forthcoming.
- 5) MRA report – no representative
- 6) Office Report:
  - New equipment plan being developed
  - Off road committee has been struck and initial meeting held
  - Legacy dollars for D. Lyons, and D. Stevens funds have been received
  - 6 athletes have made national teams. Discussion re: disbursement of funds followed.
  - Consensus that we should use 90% of the available funds and divide them evenly among the eligible athletes and save 10% to carry over to next year. Motion to be brought forward to this effect at the next Board meeting.
  - Hiring 6 summer students this year
  - Criminal Record Checks and Child Abuse Registry checks will be expected of all club coaches whose clubs get bingo funding effective Nov. 20/16. Plenty of advance notice will be given.
  - Will be asking Athletics Canada to put this issue on the agenda for the next AC AGM so that a broader national policy is considered.
- 7) Complaints and Discipline policy (to be deferred until May meeting)



- 8) Refund and Storm Policy: Donna discussed highlights from draft policy re: refunds on entry fees and what the process will be if weather becomes bad during a meet. In the future, this will be in the technical packages for meets and on the AM website. No late entries accepted at the track – this has become current practice.

Question: Will this apply to other similar traumatic events? (power disruption, terrorism etc.)

Discussion ensued about how we treat club and unattached athletes. Some discomfort in treating these athletes differentially. Motion: If a meet is cancelled due to inclement weather, no refunds will be given. APPROVED. Storm policy has been approved.

- 9) Performance Pathway Funding: Donna reminded the Board what we discussed at the last meeting and walked through the re-worded policy. Motion to approve Revised Performance Pathway Funding policy. Friendly amendment by E. Guy that #9 (Annual plan review with athlete/coach and AM representatives) become mandatory for both groups of athletes. Approved.
- 10) Awards Committee Rework and requirements: Nothing new here but the intent is to engage the Awards Committee in seeking awards for deserving athletes as they come to our attention throughout the year rather than just before the AM Awards Banquet. Suggestion that we also include AM members who are not Board members, Eric, Grant, Karen and Chris B. agreed to let their names stand. Grant Towns will be approved again to be part of the committee.
- 11) AGM agenda prep – Some agenda items will include: membership, sanction, background checks tied to bingos, membership fee revision for Bantam/Pee Wee athletes, unattached athletes (should they pay a higher fee than club athletes?) etc.
- 12) Elections: Kathy chairs as VP. Some board members' terms will be up and they were asked to consider whether or not they will stay on.
- 13) IAAF Rule – mixed gender and pacers – Motion needed to approve. Not necessarily enforced across the country. Discussion of the use of pacers ensued. This is an IAAF rule and from this point forward, the rule will be enforced. No motion needed as it is already IAAF rule.
- 14) Refugees: Some discussion by other Athletics Canada affiliates that entry fees not be assessed for new refugees based on the date of their arrival in Canada (i.e. those who have been in Canada for two years or less). All provinces except Manitoba and Ontario have voted in favour of this motion. Motion: That AM support the motion that entry fees be waived for refugees who have been in Canada for 2 years or less (based on their arrival date). APPROVED. To be passed on to Athletics Canada.
- 15) Sponsorship Committee budget request (G. Bates) Need assets to hold new events. Committee would like a small budget to be able to create new events. (Motion: D. Mandzuk/J. Campbell). APPROVED.
- 16) Mission and vision statement discussion: Question from J. Vince - How did mission statement get changed? Discussion ensued on the history of the change. O. Babalola very helpful in this regard. After an extensive discussion, it was agreed to keep the mission statement as is with the exception of deleting "(Athletics) from the end of the statement. Thanks to K. Ferris.

Revised statement reads as follows: *Athletics Manitoba promotes performance excellence, long-term development of athletics, and sport for life in Manitoba.*

17) Information Sharing:

- Training facilities: All three tracks (Pan-Am, Selkirk, and Brandon) will be renovated over the summer. Max Bell hours will be available but on a limited basis only, 3 times a week.. UW track will also be available. Throwers may be training at Grant Park. Reminder that the Pan-Am track at the UM will be available until the end of June.

Adjournment at 8: 00 p.m. **Next meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.**