

## Athletics Manitoba Board Meeting March 28, 2016

### Office & Officials Report

#### Indoor Season and Officiating

- The indoor season went well. 1700 athletes competed in the Track Attack series; close to 2000 in Elementary Relays and good entries for our Last Chance and Winter Open Meets
- Close to 1500 athletes competed in the High School Series (run by Bison Track and Field) and Boeing (run by WOA) was a success this year again as well.
- Officials training was held in November and January (for photo timing) and in January (for field of play). We have 4 new officials in photo, 4 new officials trained on Hy Tek (this area is a new area of recognition) and 11 new officials trained for Field of Play.
- Sandy and Fred Allen began their Level 4 mentorships at Boeing with Jennifer Campbell and Wendy Verbong respectively. A first mentorship for Joe Kenny in vertical jumps will be arranged for the outdoor season.
- After a call for applications Kathy Kelly has been named the Officials' Coordinator for Canada Games. Joe Kenny will be mentoring under her to learn this role as well.
- Kathy will be assisting the Legion Organizing Committee with Officials' Coordination for Legions. We did a call for applicants in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and NW Ontario. Kathy will not be onsite in Brandon, but we are working on a plan to have a representative there (it may be Donna).
- Scott Murray, a member of Athletics Manitoba's Officials Committee has developed an advance Excel spreadsheet to track officiating credits and monitor each official's pathway. Athletics Canada is going to review this tool and may use it as the foundation for the online system that will do the same nationally. Currently this is all done manually. Athletics Manitoba is collecting meet record cards from all officials and our summer students will put in all the data initially.
- The next Athletics Manitoba Officials Committee meeting is April 7.
- A list of summer meet dates went to all officials March 28 and the Officials' Coordinators will be sending out sign-up sheets as meets approach. We are now using Sign Up Genius an online tool for officials to sign up for meets.

#### Office

- Athletics Manitoba will be hosting the annual Super Seminar Series April 21-24. The focus this year is on throws and speed/strength development. Friday, April 22 is a full day teacher/coach conference with the balance of the days focused on multisport and technical work with CSG and developmental athletes. Larry Steinke and Derek Evely are the presenters. All the info is posted on our website.

- We have interviewed and offered summer positions to 7 summer students. 4 are covered off by Green Team funding, 2 are covered by bilateral funding and 1 is covered by the savings for Chris taking leave without pay for the summer for school and bilateral. They will start part time in mid-April and be with us through the summer. There are three who will be coordinating specific programs (Tri Province, Outreach and Manitoba Games) with the rest have specific office tasks and serving as outreach clinicians. One of these positions is split with MRA.
- All three synthetic tracks will be under construction as of June 26, 2016. We are working on alternate solutions for training. There will be daily (M-F) access indoors for the oval and infield. We are waiting to hear back from U of M on some alternatives for vertical jumps. Three sessions a week will be booked indoors at U of W for horizontal jumps as there is a 60m straightaway and long jump pit there. We will not have access to the horizontal pits indoors at U of M. We are working with the throws coaches to determine a safe location for long throws. We plan to release a revised outdoor training plan in late April. The U of M facility will be fully accessible until June 26.
- We have begun work on a detailed equipment purchase/lifecycle plan. It will be presented at the next board meeting. The purpose of this document is to create a long term purchase/budget/cost sharing plan for equipment for Athletics. The plan incorporates the needs of indoor and outdoor track as well as the equipment required for the track at the Sport for Life Centre
- Athletics Manitoba has created training opportunities for warm weather training camp, pre nationals training camp and an endurance competition tour. These events will go forward if athletes indicate they are interested in going.
- The funding for the 2017 Canada Summer Games team has increased substantially. This is due to the plan our coaching staff presented the performance of our athletes at the Western Canada Summer Games. We will be receiving \$21,600 each year (for the balance of 2015-16, most of which will be deferred; for 2016-17 and for 2017-18). A detailed budget and plan has been put in place and this will be shared with the athletes at a prep squad meeting in April (date has not been determined). The team standards will be released at that meeting. There is a plan for direct athlete funding tied to standards specific to the CSG.
- Athletics Manitoba applied and was approved for a Women in Coaching Apprentice Coach for the CSG. Haley Fisher is the coach in this position.
- 10 athletes will be receiving Athlete Assistance Funding from Sport Manitoba. This funding is provided directly to athletes and it is based on their performance at national and/or international meets. This is separate from the Athletics Manitoba Performance Pathway Funding.
- We had a productive meeting with representatives from Athletics Canada's (AC) Para Athletics unit and Manitoba Wheelchair Sports (MWCSA). MWCSA is going to help us identify athletes. AC is working with AM and MHSAA to introduce amputee athletes

into cross country. We are purchasing racing chairs and throwing chairs with bilateral dollars to help us build a development program for wheelie racers and throwers.

- 2016 is a Manitoba Games Year. Alanna is working with the regions to set up qualifiers. Head coaches have been identified. Our summer students will work with the regions to help the athletes prepare. AM staff, officials and summer students will be on site at the games to run the meet with local volunteers. AM's outreach program has gone out to all the schools and through other networks. We plan to schedule clinics in beginning in mid-April and an online resource and training manual will be ready for roll out then too.
- Evan Ratzlaff was nominated for the Sport Manitoba Youth Athlete of the Year based on his 2015 season. He has been injured this indoor season.