Athletics Manitoba Officials & Office Report

September 27, 2016

OFFICIALS

* Jane Edstrom will be officiating at the Olympic Games in Rio
* Due to a lack of availability of mentors, we did not have any officials attend the Tri Province meet for mentoring
* We have received (or will be receiving) a $3500 grant from CSG 2017 host society for officials training. We will use these funds to bring in mentors to work with our officials for upgrading or we will send our officials away to be mentored.
* We will be getting new nametags for everyone and set up an info night for all club parents to try to recruit more officials.
* There will be an Officials’ Committee meeting October 3 to create a mentoring and upgrading plan in advance of 2017
* A call has gone out to all Manitoba Officials asking them to indicate their availability for both Canada Games and the National Youth (Legion) Championships
* Most of the migration of officials’ files from paper to electronic tracking is complete. The files need to be turned into the AM office. A summer student (Ben Allen) completed this work for the files we did receive. This format makes tracking progress and identifying those who are ready for upgrading and mentoring much more straight forward.

OFFICE

* The Manitoba Games was successful. This is was the first year we ran a mostly relay meet and added cross country. The changes were well received. The next Manitoba Games will be held in 2020 at a yet to be determined location. We hope to include para events in those games.
* We sent a Midget and Youth team to the Tri Province meet in Regina over the August long weekend. Some of our best athletes in this age category opted out of this meet so the results are not our best showing. A full list of results can be found here: <http://www.saskathletics.ca/images/pdfs/2016triresults.pdf>
* We have started a major review of the Tri Province program and will have an updated plan to share at the November board meeting. The program is not operating the way we (the staff) would like and it can be reconfigured to serve as a better vehicle for coach and athlete development
* We have begun discussions regarding the revision of the Performance Pathway Funding program. Feedback will be collected from coaches on October 5 (there is a tentative fixtures and update meeting scheduled for that day). Athlete feedback was collected last year via a survey
* Construction at the U of M stadium is progressing. The surfacing of the new areas should be completed by the end of the fall (this is somewhat weather dependent). From what I understand the construction in Selkirk and Brandon is progressing as well
* The indoor facility at U of M is going to be resurfaced and renovated beginning in April 2017. The U of M has asked that we collect feedback from our community on the renovations we would like to see. This feedback will be collected October 5 at the coach’s meeting as well
* We are almost done the work on the inventory and forecasting document that will help us determine the actual cost of running Athletics competitions and training. The outcome of this document will be used to revise our membership fees (in all categories) as well as sanction and some rental fees for equipment
* Simon Wang, the Director of Facilities for the Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management and I have started to set up regular meetings and are working on a formalized agreement around facility and equipment use and rental. We have never had an agreement like this, but Simon and I want to take the opportunity to formalize and protect the good working relationship AM and U of M have always had
* The awards banquet will be held November 9 at the Aviation Museum. Erin Teschuk has agreed to be a guest speaker and we are waiting to hear back from one other person. A save the date notice went out to all members and clubs in late August and early September. Formal ticket information and nominee invites will go out in early September.
* Dakota Collegiate and their Alumni is looking put in a 6 lane 400m track as part of athletic field redevelopment at the school. We provided a letter of support for this project.
* Shirley will be retiring as of the New Year, we are slowly working on transitioning elements of her position over to Alanna and Chris. Chris and Alanna are both now at 30 hours a week. We met in early September to review our portfolios and redistribute projects. We will be sending this info to all members and posting it on the website. We still have a few elements to confirm.
* The Diana Stevens Empower Run was held September 18. Registrations were very low for both Concordia and AM. In consultation with Diana’s family we have decided to opt out of the Empower run in the future and instead do a grassroots cross country and an elementary relay meet outdoors to raise funds for the Diana Stevens Fund and to celebrate the elements of Athletics in Manitoba that were most important to her
* Milk Cross Country was held (will be held) on September 27. We expect 2500 – 3000 participants from grade 4-12. The event is held at Kilcona Park.