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### **Athletics Manitoba AGM Agenda 6:00 pm, Tuesday, June 20, 2017 Room 193, Continuing Education, University of Manitoba**

Present: G. Mitchell, D. Harris, J. McMullen, A. Gardiner, T. Turner, G. Towns, J. Neill, B. Pirnie, J. Vince, L. Switzer, O. Babalola, K. Ferris, B. Walker, J. Seymour, M. Wu

Regrets: K. Kelly, J. Schofield, C. Mathieson, E. Guy, J. Kist, J. Baker

1. Call to Order (G. Mitchell)
2. Appointment of Scrutineers - Not applicable (see below)
3. Explanation of Voting Procedures and Powers – Not applicable as number of interested Board members equalled the number of vacancies.

<b>Club</b>	<b>Registered Members as of May 15, 2017</b>	<b>Votes</b>
Athletics MB Officials Committee		1
Bison Track and Field	39	2
Flying M Athletic Club	10	1
MRA	112	5
Prairie Storm Athletics	27	1
Roadkill	2	1
Stride Ahead Tough Track	177	8
Winnipeg Optimist Athletics	219	10

4. Approval of the Agenda (Switzer/Towns)
5. Approval of the minutes from the 2016 AGM (Switzer/McMullen) Carried.
6. Business arising from the minutes - none
7. President's Report – (G. Mitchell)
  - It has been a successful year, thanks to the staff for their continued work
  - Staff changes in 2016-2017, Shirley Allan Boudreau retired and Chris Belof departed to pursue coaching, he has been hired as a full time coach in New Brunswick
  - AM is engaged with a lot of prep work for Canada Summer Games (CSG) and National Legions
  - Meets continue to be successful (i.e. recently Jr High and MHSAA champs)
  - Grant is active on the branch council with Athletics Canada, there will be a new chair at Athletics Canada. Gord Orlikow will be stepping down and Bill McMacking is expected to be voted in as the new chair



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- There are 4 vacancies on the Athletics Canada board, three 2 year positions and one 1 year position. There are 12 candidates vying for those spots. All are strong candidates, hopefully those not elected will continue to contribute to the organization
8. Office Report (D.Harris) Report as submitted. Donna added that the Sport for Life Centre at 145 Pacific will open soon, Athletics Manitoba is looking to create training time there for clubs and schools. The Performance Pathway funding was extended in 2016-2017 to include the funding of elite road runners who compete in the Junior or Senior (i.e., Open) age categories. A comment was made to note that in addition to the work being done by the office, clubs are doing great work to develop athletes, coaches and officials as well.
  9. Approval of Auditor's report and financial statements (B.Walker). Brian walked the Board and members through the financial statement for the 2016-2017 fiscal year (ending March 31, 2017). Athletics Manitoba was given a clean opinion which is the best statement that can be received, it indicates that nothing was materially misstated. The 2016-2017 fiscal year was a budgeted deficit due to a donation to the Sport for Life Centre for spike friendly flooring at the track and high salary costs. The donation was a one-time initiative and staff salaries have been decreased due to the departure of Shirley and Chris. The legacy from Juniors was used to cover off purchases related to the photo timing upgrades for Canada Games. There are no longer any restricted funds. Brian finished the report by discussing the Winnipeg Foundation Funds. A question was asked about how the Dave Lyon funds are used now that all national teams are self funded (the fund was originally intended to offset the costs for athletes on national teams that were not funded). G. Mitchell agreed that we could look at revising the criteria. A request was made to follow up with Edith Lyon to let her know who was receiving the award. Athletics Manitoba staff will follow up. There were a few questions asked about revenues and expenses by those in attendance relating to exclusive use (internally an amendment to coding exclusive use is required) and travel (travel fluctuates due to the location of Tri Province meets and games years). Motion to approve the March 31, 2017 financial statement acknowledging that the coding regarding exclusive use requires amendment (Switzer/Seymour). Carried
  10. Appointment of an Auditor – Motion to approve Scarrow and Donald as auditors for the 2017-2018 fiscal year (McMullen/McMahon)
  11. Election of Directors – There were five board members whose board terms expired at the 2017 AGM: Grant Mitchell, Kathy Kelly, Jessica Schofield, Brian Walker and Jayme Baker. All but Jayme indicated they wanted to return to the board. Jason Neill was the only nomination to fill the vacant position.

Jason is a former athlete who competed at nationals and the Canada Games finishing in the top 8 in both competitions. He has been involved with coaching throws (although not coaching at the moment); however, he is self-employed as a personal trainer. Jason was keen to re-engage with Athletics in Manitoba and looks forward to contributing to the board.



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Tegan Turner and Connor Boyd were nominated to hold the female and male athlete rep positions on the Board.

The officials' representative is filled by a member of the AMOC committee

The coach representative is currently vacant.

Motion to approve the slate of candidates for the Board (McMahon/Switzer) Carried.

### 12. Adjournment

Prior to adjournment there was an opportunity for open discussion. A number of questions and comments were made:

- A question about the loss of dates for exclusive use and communication around training time. Athletics Manitoba is not the only renter of the facility and other groups are able to rent during our standard exclusive use time. The office is working on creating a better process to alert members to the times when training is cancelled.
- A question was asked about a strategic plan update. This is provided to Sport Manitoba annually but not shared with membership. Strategic planning for the next 4 year cycle will begin in the fall.
- Question was asked about programs that follow up from Manitoba Games. Chris' position had been revised to allow for ongoing outreach, but he has now departed and his position will not be filled. Post CSG and Legion the office will review how to engage Manitoba Games athletes and coaches between games cycles.
- Concern was raised about why officials are not coming to meets as well as the ongoing communication with officials about meet assignments. Better communication is required with officials (email and phone calls were suggested). The suggestion that perhaps there are too many meets as also made. All agreed there is more work to be done on the officials front.
- There is a need to try to develop rural clubs in areas where there are facilities. The challenge with rural development is that there needs to be a key person on the ground who is willing to drive the program. Identifying champions in rural communities is key to building programs outside of Winnipeg

Motion to adjourn at 7:15pm (Babalola/Seymour)