

Athletics Manitoba President's Report

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"I have attended many of the indoor meets held so far this season and all have been well run by organizers and officials, although it would be nice to have a big clock on the track to show the times of each race. I attended the Semi-Annual General Meeting of Athletics Canada and the related meetings of the Branch Council. One of the big news items of the meeting was the release of National Team Coach Peter Eriksson, which only occurred after extensive consultation with stakeholders. The results that occurred under Peter were impressive, but there were many conflicts in his relationships with AC partners. Hopefully his successor will be able to combine success in the stadium with positive relationships with athletes, coaches, officials and administrators.

I did raise the question of screening of athletic therapists and the other branches appear to have missed the fact that such medical personnel do not have screening through a professional organization, the way physiotherapists and nurses and doctors do.

We continue to discuss the best approach for selecting sites for hosting national events. Consensus on this issue has not been easy.

The subject of automatic annual fee increases was also discussed and will be the subject of more debate in future meetings.

While I am absent from the January board meeting due to a trip to Galapagos (to celebrate retirement, 40 years of marriage and winter holiday), I expect to be available for future meetings and AM events. Have a great meeting!"