

Athletics Manitoba Officials & Office Report

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OFFICIALS

- AMOC (Athletics Manitoba Officials' Committee) will meet in early April to review official's files and determine who is eligible for upgrading and mentoring this summer. Dates will also be set for Starter and Umpire clinics as well as the Level 3 Exam
- Athletics Canada provided us with long service pins for officials beginning at 5 years and available in 5 year increments. The pins were handed out at The Bison Classic and Boeing, only a few more to be given out.
- Joe Kenny (vertical Jumps) travelled to the Can West meet in Regina for his first level 4 mentorship and Adam Penner and Rob Renaud started their first level 4 mentorship with Jennifer Campbell at Boeing
- Kathy Kelly and Joe Kenny are working on the officiating assignments for Canada Games and Legions. We have been interfacing with the other branches as well as AC to get this all organized. It is a big job so kudos to Kathy and Joe for taking it on.
- Jennifer Campbell travelled to Edmonton in March to do a mentorship at the USport Championships. Alberta sent a note to us to say the mentorship was successful and that Jennifer did a great job
- Jane has been appointed to the IAAF TOECS Working Group. This group helps set policy and programs for technical officials' education, exams, selection of panels, course curriculum, etc. Other members of this group include; Stephane Merlino (Coordinator), Imre Matrahazi, Jorge Salcedo and Brian Roe and Fredrico Nantes

OFFICE

- The indoor season went well. Great participation and entries in the Track Attack and Elementary Relay programs. Claude had strong entries and new schools in the High School Series program as well.
- The indoor facility at U of M is receiving a complete renovation. The facility will be emptied beginning April 10 and the entire fieldhouse will be resurfaced and new bleachers will be installed. We also anticipate upgrades to the lifting area at the South end of the facility and storage areas.
- We are working on formalized operating agreement with U of M regarding equipment cost sharing and use. We will discuss further at the board meeting. This is a very exciting opportunity.
- We received a \$100,000 grant from the CSG host society to build the photo timing booth at U of M. Terry Armstrong and I are managing this project with a group of engineers and architects. The booth will be in place by July 10 so we can test run all the technology for a final time at the Tri Province Meet July 14-16. It has to be constructed of non-combustible material.
- CSG plans are moving along well, the equipment order for field of play equipment was placed last week, work will begin next week on the transition of the butler hut to a storage area for all our field of play equipment, based on best estimates the warm up area will be surfaced in late April/Early May and games fit-out (stadium prep for games) will begin around July 21. There will be limited training access beginning at that time, we are working with Selkirk and our clubs and coaches to determine an alternate training site during the games. Our games team is selected at the end of June. Our team competes in phase 1 of the games and we check into the village July 27.
- The Legion committee is coming along with their plans. We were able to assist in securing a photo timing crew for them. The Saskatchewan Officials Chair is going to work with the person coordinating travel since there is such a large contingent coming from Sask. We will have a team of summer students to assist with equipment transfer, set up and take down leading into and immediately after the meet. AM staff will not have a specific role during the meet. I will be in Brandon from the 10-13 of August.
- Our annual Super Coaching Seminar is being held April 7-8. Joel Skinner (Derek Drouin's developmental coach) and Guy Schultz (Head Coach Cross Country at Western and successful endurance coach) will be here to present. Sport Manitoba is providing a hosting grant and a coaching academy grant to assist in off-setting the costs.
- We have completed summer student interviews and will be offering positions once our funding is confirmed. We hope to have a team of 6 – 10 students assisting us with various clinics, events and projects
- Chris has accepted a 4 month coaching internship at Altis in Phoenix (this is the club that Andre De Grasse is based out of). We will not be holding a position for Chris when he returns (he is not 100% sure of his plans when

he is finished the internship). Chris did a great job of holding the association together during some difficult times, please take a moment to wish Chris good luck before he departs. His last day with AM is April 7.

- Chris' departure requires some longer term planning around staffing. I will be meeting with the executive in April to review some options, a more detailed update will be provided in May.
- We are no longer required to provide volunteers to work bingos. For this coming fiscal year the funding level will not change. Sport Manitoba continues to keep us well informed regarding this change. At this point we have been told that funding through bingos will continue through 2017-2018.
- There is a lot going on with staff changes, summer students starting, Legions, Tri Province and Canada Games. Tri Province and Canada Games are multifaceted projects for us in that we are directly engaged with team selection and management and well as the running of the meet and, in some cases, renovations and upgrades. We have moved into a time where all of our staff time will be focused upon delivering elements related to these projects from now until mid-August.
- The AGM will be held June 20, 2017. If you were not elected to the board last year, your term is up! In April there will be information circulated regarding board nominations
- The last weekend in March I will travel to Regina to serve as a Master Learning Facilitator for a Run, Jump, Throw Learning Facilitator course with Athletics Saskatchewan, in turn Manitoba will host Evaluator training in April as part of our Super Seminar
- I have also been asked to present at the Coach Advance Program with the Canadian Sport Institute Pacific in Victoria the first weekend in June. I am just finishing my Masters thesis exploring elite coach performance. My presentation is based on my thesis research.
- In other good news both Claude Berube and Ming Pu Wu have been named to the national team competing at the FISU games in China at the end of August. We have a number of athletes who are close to making standards for that team as well as the Francophone Games team.