Athletics Manitoba Officials & Office Report September 26, 2017

OFFICIALS

- AMOC will meet October 2 to review the mentorships that occurred this summer and to identify those officials who are ready for upgrading. A more complete report will be provided for the November meeting.
- Tri Province, Canada Games and Legions were very successful largely due to the tireless work of the officials.

OFFICE

- Tri Province went well. We had more open entries than planned and that helped the budget.
- The CSG meet went very well. The host organizing committee did an incredible job.
- The photo booth had a small cost overrun of just over \$3000. CSG is going to cover that off for AM. The booth is an incredible legacy for us from the CSG. It worked really well and supports a full photo timing team efficiently and comfortably.
- The Legion Nationals Meet also went very well. The track was finished on time. The equipment transfer to legion worked well with the exception of the throwing cage. The cage is not really portable from facility to facility. The main cage pieces were left in Brandon and will be stored there for the winter. The cage will come back to Winnipeg in August 2018. After that the cage will not leave the U of M again. It sustained damage in the move and it took about 6 hours to take it down and load it. Brandon is being asked to hire a moving company to transport the cage back to Winnipeg. AM staff can take it down, but moving it is dangerous given the weight of the pieces. Brandon has been informed that in order to hold provincial championships they will need to get a cage for their facility. These discussions are ongoing
- The performance of our team at CSG was one of the best on record. We won 11 medals (2 from Special O). The women's 4 X 100m and 4 X 400m teams broke provincial records in addition wot winning medals. A list of our medal winners can be found on our website as they were part of a dinner hosted by Winnipeg's Mayor and the Premier for all Manitoba athletes who were medal winners at CSG.
- The additional equipment levy fees go into effect this fall. We have been working with clubs to remind them of this and to determine the invoicing process for the additional exclusive use fee.
- The awards banquet will be held November 4, 2017 at the Aviation Museum. We are working on finalizing the nominees and have asked Grant Towns and Grant Mitchell to review the nominees and determine the winners. We use the IAAF scoring tables to determine the winners which aids with objectivity. Connor Boyd is assisting with this event. We are trying something new this year with an attempt to make the evening more of a social gathering. More details will be explained in the board meeting.
- The Milk Cross Country meet is scheduled for September 27. This event hosts races for athletes from grade 4 through 12 at Kilcona Park. Presently there are over 2000 athletes scheduled to compete which makes it our largest entries to date.
- The school/info package with a summary of all our programming for the next year is posted on line. It was distributed to all member schools and clubs in early September.
- We are working on a revised sanction process as well as a bidding process for provincial championships and Tri
 Province (for the years we host). It should be ready for the board meeting, but was not ready for distribution prior to
 it.
- The Canadian Half Marathon Championships for 2019 to 2022 will be held in Winnipeg as part of the Manitoba Marathon.
- Simon Nathan, the new High Performance Director for Athletics Canada will be in town October 4 to meet with coaches and clubs. An invite has gone to our community. If you are interested in attending the session please let me know as participants are required to pre-register with Athletics Canada.
- Our annual face to face meeting with coaches will be held in October. We are currently working on a date that works for everyone as our previously established date turned out to be the day Simon Nathan is in Winnipeg.
- The summer required quite a bit of overtime for Alanna, Ming and me. Ming took a holiday in China to visit his family after a national team assignment there, he has just returned. Alanna and I also took some time to recover and have been in the office together for just a few weeks. There are some follow up elements to take care of regarding equipment and organization of equipment following Canada Games as well as budget and finance follow ups. We are slowly getting caught up and organized for the next season. Please let me know if there is anything you are concerned about.