

**2018 Athletics Manitoba Annual General Meeting**  
**June 19, 2018**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Sport Manitoba, 145 Pacific Ave.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** G. Mitchell, K. Kelly, B. Walker, J. Schofield, A. Boudreau, J. Vince, O. Babalola, J. Howe, C. Boyd, G. Towns (Stride Ahead), K. Weins (MRA), L. Switzer (Winnipeg Optimists), T. Turner (University of Manitoba), N. Merkel, M. Gravner, K. Ferris (Flying M), K. Holt, J. Bower, W. McMahon (Winnipeg Optimists), K. Waring (MRA), D. Sawatzky-Dickson

**Regrets:** B. Pirnie, S. Murray, J. Kist, J. Neill, C. Mathieson

- 1) Call to Order at 7:06 p.m.
- 2) Explanation of Voting Procedures and Powers
  - i. Grant Mitchell informed the meeting that Bruce Pirnie had notified AM on June 19 that he had changed his mind and would not stand for re-election, adding an unexpected vacancy. Grant explained that pursuant to the Athletic Manitoba Bylaws, we are prohibited from taking nominations from the floor. The bylaws do permit the Board of Directors to appoint a new board member and accordingly it was suggested that if the Clubs wanted to nominate someone to be appointed to the Board (we will have one vacancy) they should forward the information to Alana to be shared with the Board at our next meeting.
  - ii. Grant Mitchell thanked Bruce Pirnie and Colin Mathieson for their service on the board as both have decided not to seek a further term.
  - iii. A motion was made to move the slate of nominations (Omena Babalola, Jeff Vince, Jared Kist, Karen Ferris and Janice Howe) (K. Waring (MRA) / K. Ferris (Flying M)- Carried
- 3) Approval of the agenda G. Towns- Stride Ahead/L. Switzer- Winnipeg Optimists)  
Carried
- 4) Approval of Minutes from 2017 AGM- K. Ferris (Flying M) /G. Towns (Stride Ahead)-  
Carried
- 5) Business Arising from the Minutes:

- i. -Larry asked if someone from the office followed up with Edith Lyon as to the recipient of the Dave Lyon Fund as mentioned in the Minutes. Alanna will follow up as this is something Donna would have done, if it happened.
- 6) Submitted Reports:
- (a) President's Report- Additional Comments:
    - i. Rob Guy is completing his term at Athletics Canada as president next year.
    - ii. Timing of nationals has changed- they will now be at the end of July in future years.
  - (b) Office Report- Additional Comments
    - i. An accessible washroom is being added to our outdoor facility with funds received by Athletics Manitoba and U of M as a result of CSG capital fund surplus.
    - ii. The AMOC appointments have been extended by the Board. The AMOC is going to be making a recommendation in terms of terms of reference for the make-up of AMOC. Discussions on this will continue as part of the strategic planning process.
    - iii. Larry congratulated Alanna on her new position and thanked her for her work to date and indicated that they look forward to working with her.
    - iv. Grant Towns asked if the High School championship results will be added to rankings and Alanna confirmed this is in process.
    - v. Grant Towns also asked what the process is when the office receives a call from an athlete looking to join a club. Alana explained that she provides information about each of the clubs and offers contact information for the clubs as listed on our webpage. Alanna reminded people to update contact information with the office if contact information is kept up to date.
    - vi. Grant Mitchell indicated that at the Athletics Canada AGM there was a discussion to unify the under 12 program. This will be discussed again on the Branch call on June 20. Alanna indicated that the current Run, Jump, Throw Program has been implemented very differently across the country and there is no consensus what approach should be taken. Alanna will be following up with the contacts for some of the other provinces to get more information about the programs they are using.
    - vii. Wayne indicated that we need to find a replacement for Hershey.

6) Committee Reports:

MRA:

- i. MRA has started a new event called Run for a Cause which includes partnerships with other causes. This will be on October 21<sup>st</sup> this year.
- ii. There are 44 events on the calendar this year.
- iii. The MRA is also working on an initiative called "Run as Yourself". This is intended to encourage people not to sell or transfer bibs and instead offers an authorized way to trade in a bib.
- iv. MRA Membership numbers are up.
- v. There has been a lot of positive feedback about the virtual training being offered for certain events.
- vi. There has been significant growth in the youth category over the last few years. There are now over 100 youth members and they are very active.
- vii. Larry asked if AM members are members of MRA. Kathy confirmed that there is a process to allow AM members to receive membership discounts for MRA events. There is a form to receive these benefits.
- viii. Jeff indicated that it would be a good idea if the two major clubs were invited to attend at the upcoming race directors meeting.
- ix. Kathy indicated that she is often asked to promote track events and that this is being done on the MRA website.
- x. Krista and Kathy attended at the Expo for the Manitoba Marathon last weekend and signed up 44 new members
- xi. There is a growing interest in trying to be more environmentally friendly events.

7) New Business- Dakota Collegiate Facility

- i. We have been asked to contribute to the cost of this facility.
- ii. Brian indicated that we have about a \$150K of working capital.
- iii. Brian Mayes asked if we would be willing to make a contribution of \$21K which would likely be matched.
- iv. Larry indicated that he would not be against using some of the \$40 equipment fee that is new this year or an additional fee to the clubs.

- v. Brian indicated that this is a workable ask. We've raised \$12,600 from the equipment fee.
- vi. Alanna indicated that she would like some more information in order to decide what amount we contribute including ability for us to book the facility.
- vii. Brian asked who the expected users would be. Wayne indicated there would be heavy school use but also community use.
- viii. The question was asked who would be managing the facility. Grant indicated that he would expect it would be the school and the city (during the summer months).
- ix. There was discussion of a contribution amount from AM, and possibly a further contribution from the clubs.
- x. Karen asked for Alanna to send out a request to the clubs for a formal opinion from each club (as neither Jill nor Andy were able to attend this meeting). It was agreed for Alanna to do this.

8) Approval of Auditor's report and financial statements (B. Walker)

- i. Our auditor report came back from Scarrow & Donald LLP and there were no material issues raised.
- ii. Brian reviewed the financial statements. We have about \$200,000 of net assets. Our revenue went up because of the hosting grant from CSG (\$150K). The cost of the timing booth was paid for from this grant (\$147K).
- iii. Last year we did a donation for the spike friendly surface in the new Sport Manitoba facility. There have also been staff changes that have impacted our expenses.
- iv. Larry asked how our revenue is lower than last year given the money for the equipment. Brian explained that this is complicated but it relates to the amortization.
- v. Motion to approve Auditor's Report- Larry (Winnipeg Optimists)/ Krista (MRA)- Carried

9) Appointment of Auditor

- i. Brian recommended that we continue to use the services of Scarrow & Donald
- ii. The fee for Scarrow & Donald is \$2,500.00
- iii. Motion to appoint Scarrow & Donald as auditor- Larry (Winnipeg Optimists)/Karen (Flying M)- Carried

10) Election of Directors-

- i. Janice was welcomed to the board. The next board meeting is next Tuesday (June 26<sup>th</sup>) at 7:00 p.m. at Butler Hut at the University.

Meeting adjourned- Wayne (Winnipeg Optimists)- 8:35 p.m.