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2019 Athletics Manitoba Annual General Meeting

June 18, 2019

5:30 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, G. Towns (Tough Track), K. Weins (MRA), L. Switzer (Winnipeg Optimist), T. Turner (Bison Athletic Club), K. Ferris (Flying M), J. Bower, P. Harms (Prairie Storm), L. Jorundson (Last Mile Track Club), J. McMullan (MRA) W. McMahon (Winnipeg Optimists) (5:47).

Regrets: J. Kist, D. Gray and C. Boyd,

- 1) Call to Order at 5:40 p.m.
- 2) Appointment of Scrutineers (Not required)
- 3) Explanation of Voting Procedures and Powers
 - i. Grant Mitchell explained that pursuant to the Athletic Manitoba Bylaws, we are prohibited from taking nominations from the floor.
 - ii. An election was not required as we did not have more nominees than positions.
- 4) Approval of the Agenda- L. Switzer- Winnipeg Optimists)/P. Harms (Prairie Storm) Carried
- 5) Approval of Minutes from 2018 AGM- J. Howe/K. Ferris (Flying M) Carried
- 6) Business Arising from the Minutes:
 - i. Alanna followed up with Edith Lyon and she confirmed that she would like to be involved in the awarding of the Dave Lyons grants. A meeting will be scheduled with her to discuss how this will work going forward.
- 7) President's Report- Additional Comments:
 - i. Grant reiterated that it has been a privilege to be involved with the organization. He confirmed that he has been elected for a one (1) year term for the Athletics Canada Board of Directors.
 - ii. Grant suggested that there should be a discussion in relation to time limits for board member terms as part of the Strategic Process. He confirmed that most of the other branches have such time limits in place.



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- iii. Grant confirmed that he attended the Athletics Canada AGM with Kathy and Alanna. He indicated that there was a fair bit of discussion at this meeting in relation to Andy McInnis and Ken Porter being sanctioned/expelled. The Investigative Report in this regard is available online. There was also a discussion in relation to the decision re: Caster Semenya.
- 8) Office Report- Additional Comments
- i. Strategic Planning- Donna Turner will be working with the data from the survey so that we can discuss at the September board meeting.
 - ii. Equipment Update- A form has been prepared to log repairs that are required and will be circulated this month. There will also be a system put in place for new equipment requests.
 - iii. Wayne confirmed that there is currently an issue with implements as we only have one 5kg Shot Put available. Alanna confirmed that three have been ordered.
 - iv. The question was posed as to what equipment has been purchased since the equipment levy began. Alanna went through a non-exhaustive list as follows: the addition of two doors on the indoor throwing cage, indoor and outdoor shot puts, starting block repairs, and hurdle cross bars.
 - v. It was agreed that an annual reporting process will be put in place for equipment purchases and repairs throughout the year and this will be included in the office report that is submitted at the AGM on an ongoing basis.
 - vi. We need to circle back to our previous discussion relating to the establishment of an active equipment committee.
 - vii. CSG Capital Contingency Project- The University will be responsible for any excess costs over and above the grants (a further \$100,000 federal grant was received) that has been awarded to cover the costs of the accessible washrooms. Work was scheduled to begin by the end of June and is supposed to be finished by the end of October.
 - viii. High School Provincials will be hosted in Brandon in 2020. Brandon may also be hosting Tri-Province. The Manitoba Games will be in Dauphin. There was a discussion in regards to whether there is interest in extending a club to Brandon. Patricia confirmed that she was actually having a meeting tomorrow to discuss having a track team at Brandon University. We also need to discuss the recruitment of officials from Brandon.
 - ix. The Brandon Track is being used by the community. Athletes are not allowed to train at the indoor facility (it is restricted to walking and jogging).



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- x. We discussed facilities in Carman and Laurel confirmed that the cross country training takes place on the road and the track practices take place in the hallways of the school. The lines have been repainted at their outdoor facility.
- xi. Legacy Grant- Display Boards, there is a meeting on June 19, 2019 to discuss fundraising the rest of the money that is required.
- xii. Kathy confirmed that we currently have 80 people on the officials' mailing list but 20 to 25 core individuals. It was acknowledged that we need more clinics so we can recruit more officials province wide. Kathy confirmed that since last winter we have two new master clinicians. Wayne and Larry confirmed that Winnipeg Optimists would support a push for more officials. This will be discussed again as part of the Strategic Plan.

9) Committee Reports:

MRA:

- i. Kathy provided a Report on behalf of MRA.
- ii. They have had a successful push for new members. The current membership is 467 with 72 memberships signed up at the recent Expo at the Manitoba Marathon. Info tables are also set up at MRA events to help promote new memberships.
- iii. MRA has also started a Wooden Nickle Campaign to promote new membership which has been successful.
- iv. All of the current MRA programs are paying for themselves.
- v. Kathy confirmed that free memberships are still available for AM members. There is a form to be completed. Currently there are 18 people who hold joint memberships and most of these people are from Carman.
- vi. MRA has 46 events on the calendar this season. They are looking for a new sponsor for the classic race series (formally Stride Ahead).
- vii. In terms of new initiatives, Kathy confirmed that they have tried posting race direction positions, and are working towards encouraging green events (reusing bibs at the Ice Cream Run and purchasing biodegradable cups).
- viii. MRA is also working on re-doing their website.
- ix. Kathy confirmed that Grant Towns and Terry Fox were recently nominated to the MRA Hall of Fame. MRA is working with Athletics Manitoba to hopefully move the Hall of Fame plaques to the Field House from their current location at the Convention Centre.



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- 10) New Business- Strategic Planning Process
 - i. Alanna asked whether we want to have an in-person meeting to supplement the information we received from the survey.
 - ii. Wayne indicated that his view was that a discussion on action items would be helpful but there is a concern about slowing down the process.
 - iii. Karen Ferris and Grant Towns both indicated that they would attend on behalf of their respective clubs if a meeting was scheduled.
 - iv. Wayne confirmed that if a coaching committee is constituted that he would like to be included.
 - v. It was concluded that we'd reconsider this issue after the survey results have been reviewed in more detail.

- 11) Approval of Auditor's report and financial statements (B. Walker)
 - vi. Our auditor report came back from Scarrow & Donald LLP and there were no material issues raised.
 - vii. Brian reviewed the financial statements.
 - viii. We are projecting a small deficit again.
 - ix. The funding previously listed as bingo funding is now referenced in our documents as Sport Manitoba Program Funding.
 - x. Travel expenses are higher in this year's budget because Tri-Province being in Alberta.
 - xi. Brian confirmed that deferred contributions is a reference to the monies that will not be recognized until assets are depreciated. This will be attributed as income to the organization over the next number of years.
 - xii. Larry asked what will happen to the club monies from Bingo in future years. Alanna confirmed that these monies will not be impacted for next year. We have also been told that some funding will be in place for the following four years but the allocations are yet to be determined. It is likely that Sport Manitoba will implement some parameters on the distribution of funds.
 - xiii. Kathy asked about the increase in bad debts. Alanna confirmed that there were some invoicing errors that had to be corrected as write-offs.
 - xiv. Larry asked what our current membership numbers look like. Alanna confirmed she would confirm this information in her office report for the AGM on an ongoing basis.
 - xv. Motion to approve Auditor's Report- Larry (Winnipeg Optimist)/ G. Towns (Tough Track)- Carried

- 12) Appointment of Auditor
 - i. Brian recommended that we continue to use the services of Scarrow & Donald



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ii. Motion to appoint Scarrow & Donald as auditor- J. Howe/P. Harms (Prairie Storm)- Carried

13) Election of Directors-

- i. The terms for Grant Mitchell, Kathy Kelly, Brian Walker and Jessica Schofield are ending. With the exception of Grant, the remaining board members have agreed to put their name forward for re-election.
- ii. Patricia Harms and Dimitri Gray who joined the board of the course of the year.
- iii. Motion to move the slate of nominations- Kathy Kelly/ Grant Mitchell - Carried
- iv. As per the by-laws, as past-president, Grant will be sitting as the nominations chair for the next two years

Meeting adjourned- Karen Ferris (Flying M)- 7:11 p.m.

Motion to move elect Kathy Kelly as president, Omena Babalola as vice president, Brian Walker as treasurer and Jessica Schofield as secretary- J. McMullan (MRA)/P. Harms (Prairie Storm)- Carried