

President's Report

Wednesday October 12, 2011

Annual General Meeting

- It has been another productive year for the Board of Athletics Manitoba. The board is continually working on strengthening the associations solid foundation and has continued to help move Athletics Manitoba forward to serve its membership in a more productive manner and expand our programming by:
 - Continuing to follow and update our strategic plan (which models Athletics Canada's).
 - Following a sport business management plan that looks at the following areas to better service membership:
 - Athletes, Programs, Coaches, Officials, Administration, Community
 - The Canadian Juniors National Championships 2011 was a great success. Thank you to the Host Organizing Committee, Athletics Manitoba office staff, MTFOA officials, all the volunteers, coaches and athletes for all their hard work.
 - Conducting performance review meeting with staff (with David Mandzuk and myself).
 - Continuing to provide indoor and outdoor competitions for our athletes but encouraging clubs to undertake more of the competition schedule.
 - Sustaining membership (700). Club memberships have remained stable. Participation numbers have increased because of our school programs.
 - Continuing to provide certified coaching programs (from RJT through all NCCP programs) to equip coaches and teachers to provide appropriate implementation of skills to athletes.
 - Continuing to offer the Junior Development program. The program focuses on all disciplines of track and field and consistent with the principals of LTAD and the avoidance of early specialization. It has been popular with rural and multi-sport athletes who cannot commit to full time track and field training.
 - Utilizing our senior and recently retired athletes as an introduction to possible coaching and officiating careers.
 - Continuing to provide provincial team opportunities for athletes Midget through Senior age to encourage training and competition opportunities.
- I would like to thank Diana Stevens, Sean Bayton, Chris Belof and Shirley Allan Boudreau, AM board members, volunteers, officials and our Summer Staff – Michelle Stevens and Alex Allen for all their hard work and dedication to athletics.
- Thank you to Jeff Vince, Brian Walker, and Diana Stevens for all the hours of work on making sure Athletics Manitoba and the Canadian Juniors financial books are current and all budgets assigned to our various line items were adhered to. Our financial books have a 'checks and balance' system in place. Athletics Manitoba thanks Dennis Lang for coming into the office to double check the financial books.
- Our major source of funding is still Bingos. Sport Manitoba has a new program for 2011 – 2012 called the Special Initiative Bingo Application. The focus is for PSOs to apply for additional bingo(s) for special projects and new initiatives aimed at athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers. What this means for PSOs is that our bingo allocation money was reduced by 10%. This grant does allow clubs to apply but all applications have to have the endorsement of Athletics Manitoba. A copy of this document will be placed on the Athletics Manitoba website.

Finally the board and executive would like to thank Richard Winton, Jennifer Ervick and Randy Paracholski for all their hard work with the board over the years. Your commitment was greatly appreciated by the athletics community. Congratulations as well to Jennifer Ervick on her recent wedding.

Submitted by Jennifer Campbell