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**Athletics Manitoba 2013 AGM Minutes**

**Wednesday, November 27, 2013**

**7:00 pm**

**Sport Manitoba – Theatre Room**

**Present:** W. McMahon, R. Guy (AC), M. Pu Wu, G. Mitchell, B. Walker, K. Booker, J. Campbell, K. Kelly, F. Allen, G. Bates, L. Boyd, C. Trono, A. Boudreau, C. Berube, A. Tough, D. Mandzuk, C. Belof, P. Ericksson (AC), S. Anderson, S. Wear, J. Scofield, G. Towns,

**Regrets:** K. Ferris, O. Babalola, C. Doroshuk

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**Minutes:**

1. Welcome by K. Booker (President)
2. Approval of the agenda (Mitchell, Tough) APPROVED
3. Review and approval of the minutes from the November 4, 2012 AGM (Mitchell/Kelly) APPROVED
4. Business arising from the minutes N/A
5. President's Report (K. Booker):
  - Kevin briefly mentioned how Diana's death had affected Athletics Manitoba's operations and some of the challenges that we have experienced since that time
  - He thanked the Board and others for stepping up

- He thanked Alanna for working on financials and a host of other office details
  - Shirley Boudreau retiring in January
  - Patrick Beckett is doing some training in that area
  - Best wishes to Ming in his new position as Provincial Coach
  - AM Survey (A. Boudreau):
  - Alanna reviewed results of the AM survey (i.e., total number of respondents, 106 athletes, break down of various groups, breakdown by geographic region, membership numbers, general trends - grassroots, school programs, provincial competitions, provincial teams, volunteer recognition and financial stability, high performance, coaching development, active website, social media and access to information) Room for improvements in these areas. School programming rated generally higher.
  - Survey results indicate that we need more coaches and officials
  - LTAD: understanding of LTAD is not very high
  - Kevin on the Strategic Planning Process: Two focus groups (one on participation and the other on performance) have been set for December, 2013. Also in December, there will be a small planning group meeting and then in January, there will be a stakeholders' meeting. Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> is the tentative date for posting job(s) for office staff with April 1<sup>st</sup> as a tentative start date.
  - Overall, K. Booker is very encouraged by the momentum that has been started and looks forward to having C. Trono support AM in the completion of its strategic plan (Mitchell/Berube)
- APPROVED

#### 6. Treasurer's Report (B. Walker)

- clean audit opinion from Craig and Ross Auditors
- Brian reviewed the statement of financial position as of Mar. 31, 2013

- Brian mentioned that we are waiting for the Strategic Plan to be finished before we decide what we'll do with the assets that we currently have
  - Brian then reviewed the statement of operations
  - Appointment of Auditor: Scarrow/Donald recommended as auditors for next year. Motion that Scarrow/Donald be appointed as AM auditors for 2014. (Bates/Campbell)
- APPROVED

7. Office Report (C. Belof):

- Chris talked about the effect that Investor's Group Field has had on the scheduling of meets
- He talked about the hiring of Ming who started in September
- The death of Diana
- Canada Games (thanks to Alanna)
- Support of Athletics Canada
- J. Vince's stepping up for the Empower Run
- Cross Country: age-class championships moved back into October
- Track Attack now at 1500 athletes
- High School series will be taken on by the U of M
- Hershey (Diana's legacy) 3 medals; 3 gold and 2 silver medals
- Junior High membership increased as well
- Midget/Youth trip to Calgary was also a success. Many of these athletes will likely be identified for 2015 and 2017.
- 2015 Western Canada Games
- Some successful performances by athletes like E. Guy, J. Zrinyi, Elhaji, etc.
- Thanks to Boeing for support of Indoor Championships
- Thanks to Legion program
- Empower Run a real success and was run in Diana's memory
- Increase in membership fees from AC mentioned at the end of Chris's report

- Question from W. McMahon re: which athletes were funded and which were not. C. Belof responded to question and a lengthy discussion followed. W. McMahon proposed a motion that we direct the Board to pay out the 6 athletes who were not funded.
- J. Campbell explained that the Board had voted on the matter earlier and the decision was unanimous. W. McMahon urged the Board to reconsider as, in his opinion, the process was not nearly as clean as it could have been
- K. Booker decided to table the motion to the next Board meeting when W. McMahon's motion and this matter will be discussed further.

8. Athletics Canada (P. Ericksson/R. Guy):

- emphasized the importance of a strategic plan
- "Athletics *in* Canada" more than just performance (participation, performance and positive experience 3 pillars)
- Talked about performance targets that have been set
- What kind of organization do we want to be?
- Providing leadership in all areas of programming
- Manitoba is one of the leaders in terms of school programming
- Para-athletics needs strengthening
- National Team program/membership fees
- Increase in overall fees would eliminate national team fees
- Road running and Master's athletes – more focus in the future and a new staff member will be hired to cover this area in the near future
- Improving the level of the competitions will be a goal as well – a part of all three pillars mentioned above
- New marketing program in the process of being developed
- Working together is so important – no one can do this by themselves.

- Peter talked at length about the AC high performance review and planning to date. A few brief questions followed his presentation.

9. Nominating Committee Report ( K. Booker)

- 8 names for 6 positions
- Glenn Bruce has decided to resign from the Board as has Fred Allen.
- Although Sonny Anderson arrived at the meeting, he was not present when voting occurred
- Call for further nominations from the floor. G. Mitchell nominated J. Scofield and she accepted and spoke briefly about her background. S. Wear has also decided to let her name stand and spoke briefly about her connection to athletics.
- Motion that nominations be closed (Mitchell/Campbell) APPROVED.
- Voting
- Election Results:
- K. Kelly, S. Wear, G. Mitchell, J. Schofield, B. Walker and G. Towns all elected to the Board
- Next Board meeting: **Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>** with subsequent meetings to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every 2<sup>nd</sup> month.
- Motion to destroy the ballots (Bates/Campbell) APPROVED

10. New Business N/A

11. Adjournment (Campbell, Bates) at 9:20 p.m.