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Athletics Manitoba Board Mtg Minutes

5:30pm Tuesday, April 21st, 2020

ONLINE

Attendees (via Skype): Ted Daigle, Alanna Boudreau, Patricia Harms, Kathy Weins, Doris Sawatzky-Dickson, Omena Babalola, Dimitri Gray, Grant Mitchell, Janice Howe

1. Call to order - 5:35pm (K. Kelly)
2. Adoption of agenda
 - a. amendment that this is a supplemental meeting due to circumstances around Covid-19. (G. Mitchell) (2nd K. Ferris)
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve with the addition of T. Turner to the attendees (G. Mitchell) (2nd – D. Sawatzky-Dickson)
4. MRA report
 - a. Membership is on hold
 - b. Events up until July are on hold
 - c. 17 people were in attendance at AGM
 - d. RUN 150-200 people involved, going to start virtual events
 - e. Hall of Fame meeting moved from June 8 to September 14
 - f. Has a document on how to plan a virtual event and Alanna asked for a copy of the waiver especially the section related to minors-Kathy noted that any physical but virtual events must proceed cautiously and include these new circumstances into the waivers
5. Office report
 - a. Alanna added to the written report that she met with Simon at U of Manitoba who noted that all campus projects are on hold, including any funding for the new display board.
 - b. That being said, the accessible bathroom at the stadium is going ahead.
 - c. He confirmed that for the time being all activities are cancelled on campus until the end of June.
 - d. They intend to provide 4 week notice on any changes and/or the resumption of activities.
 - e. There is a lot of uncertainty regarding the budget given the provincial mandate to reduce all university budgets and there is not a lot known at this point until the precise numbers are known.
6. Treasurer report
 - a. We were reminded that we had decided to wait to make any major office decisions until we had more information on government benefits. We discussed options for the executive personnel which could be subsidized through EI or CERB. For most, the wage subsidy would be the most helpful, based on a 30% decrease in revenue, 75% of wages would be subsidized. AM could keep staff on with only 25% of salary paid for a total of 100% coverage. There was significant conversation on the nature of the AM relationship with Sport Manitoba. Currently, AM does not have payroll which is handled through Sport MB. Therefore, the only option at this point is to apply for wage subsidies through Sport MB who have not been very helpful or forthcoming on information. At this point, the options are not very clear. Brian suggests that we wait until the end of April
 - b. Alanna reports that employees still have a lot of work to do right now and the cash flow is good.
 - c. Alanna also reported on her persistence in trying to get answers for all of the above questions and issues and Manitoba appears to be less forthcoming than other provinces with whom Alanna has been in contact. There was a lot of discussion between all attendees about this problem and asked for clarification and specifics from Alanna. Alanna confirmed that her emails (April 6 and April 17) have not



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yet been answered. It was noted that Sport MB did layoff many employees, so it is not clear whether this is an issue of staffing or some other resistance.

- d. It was noted that the federal government is moving quickly and will set up portal for wage subsidy (75%) on April 27th. Everyone expressed support for Alanna's persistence in getting answers and both she and Kathy Weins will continue to press for answers.

Discussion/Decisions

7. Sport Program Funding (Appendix #1)

- a. Sport MB Base funding and quarterly Sport Program funding are the ONLY two sources of Sport MB that have been confirmed at this point.
- b. In the past we have split our Sport Program funding into three. 45% to Club Support, 45% to General Revenue, and 10% to Athlete Funding.
- c. Sport Program Funding in NON-RESTRICTED and can be spent on anything (i.e. it CAN be completely put towards general operating expenses if necessary).
- d. Until we receive an update from Sport MB regarding our Program based funding (Sport Initiation and Performance Pathway) we need to use to 100% of the Sport Program funding to sustain general operations.
- e. Once funding is confirmed and programs are back on track, AM will continue supporting clubs
- f. Motion to suspend Club Support (aka: bingo funding) until further notice, and that prior to re-launching the program we update the terms and conditions. (D. Sawatzky-Dickson) (2nd – D. Gray)
- g. Side note that all previously outstanding 2019-2020 club membership fees from the indoor season have been paid in full.

8. WOA submitted questions (Appendix #2)

- a. Are the clubs receiving a portion of the cancelled insurance?
- b. Insurance premium per person is technically \$1.21 annually. We will need to re-activate insurance prior to the return to activity, so would potentially equate to .61 per member for half of a season. Board agreed this was not a logical, especially as we don't know when we'll be able to return to sport (and when we would need to re-activate the accident insurance component)
- c. Are the clubs receiving a portion of the U of M cancellation?
 - Yes. Already processed.
- d. What are we doing with the equipment fee?
 - AB NOTE: There would still be equipment levy contributions from the individual membership fee amounts and from the school program registrations and sanction fees.
- e. Motion to allow Clubs to keep the \$40 Equipment Levy amounts they collected in 19-20 fiscal year in order to support general club operations in these uncertain times. (They can still submit their collected fees if they would rather see it go towards future equipment purchases) (K. Ferris) (2nd – J. Howe)
- f. If the year ends up being cancelled, what amount shall be returned to the clubs.
 - Are there other amounts that need to be discussed? No.

New Business

1. A discussion of when and how to hold the AGM.
 - a. Since it is normally held in June, the question was raised as to whether it should be postponed to September.
 - b. Following some discussion over the pros and cons of both dates, a consensus was reached that it should be held in June.



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- c. Since there is no proposed date change, no motion is required. However, a request was made that we use an online platform other than Skype.

Motion to adjourn (O. Babalola)

Board Meeting dates

May 19th – 5:30pm*

AGM June 16th **

* In May – This will be online again.

**AGM will also need to be online.