

Minutes from the Coaches/Partners Call- April 16th

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1. Updates from the U of M:

- The news regarding the U of M facility has not changed; it is not suspected that there will be any new updates until exams are done. Claude is going to begin talking with Laura Hilash about bookings for the upcoming indoor season.
- **U of M Athlete Recruitment:**
 - i. Claude has already been contacting and getting contacted from interested athletes.
 - ii. Any Athletes that are planning on attending the U of M in the Fall and want to join the team should be contacting Claude now.
- **U of M Student Eligibility:**
 - i. With the abrupt end of the University Term, there will be different options in place for how student- athletes' grades are being used for their upcoming years of eligibility.
 - ii. Claude will be working with athletes to review their marks and different options.
- **Team Budget:**
 - i. Financial hits at the U of M will seriously impact upcoming school/competitive season. It definitely won't be like past years; we'll have to be creative with our money. Not sure yet what the actual response
- **Canada West:**
 - i. There is a CanWest meeting coming up where they will be discussing what the 2020-2021 season will look like.
 - ii. The 2021 Canada West Indoor Championships are scheduled to be hosted in Manitoba, Feb. 26th-27th.

2. MB Games:

- No updates until the end of the month. Waiting on the Sport MB Board decision.

3. Summer Competitions:

- It is still impossible to say whether we will have a July-August Competition Season. But we would like to be prepared with a plan just in case!
- **Competition Dates:**
 - i. Remove the July 10th-11th meet from the preliminary calendar – too early.
 - ii. Noted that it would be best to extend the competition starting mid-July to late-August. It would be ideal for most technical training groups to have 2-4 weeks of technical training underway prior to competition.
 - iii. Proposed that we could aim to kick things off with a small evening meet, the week of 13-17th
 - iv. 24th/25th – would then be the earliest we would want a two-day event.
 - v. Both Winnipeg Optimist and Tough Track would like to host events; Bison Athletics would like to host a couple Twilight meets in the evenings.
 - vi. Brandon would also love to have us still host an event there if possible
 - vii. Look at moving Provincials late into August (last event of the season).
 - viii. There is the possibility that, *if things were open*, there might still be other restrictions.
 1. Could consider setting up mini evening meets for each event group. I.e. Distance night, Throws night...
 - ix. Will need to communicate all options and potential scenarios to officials and recognize that they might not be available!

4. Summer Schedules 2021:

- Nationals are confirmed for Montreal, June 24th- 27th, 2021
 - i. Will move to Langley BC in 22 and 23
- 2021 Calendar is looking a lot like the 2020 Schedule; however, once certain events get confirmed, we will have to have another group meeting to review and sort out options for Provincial, Trials, and Tri Province.
- SOM is also hosting their MB Games in June so this will affect our calendar as well (we will likely lose a weekend to their event).

5. Ideas and New Potential Projects:

- **Coach Education:**
 - i. Club Coach – Once this is up and running, we will share specifics with everyone but for now...
 1. The basic idea is that modules will be offered multiple times over the course of one week, and they will be open to participants from across the country. (MB Coaches can attend a course being offered in Ontario etc).
 2. There is a Learning Facilitator Course on April 20th to get everyone up to speed with the online format and platform. Course will begin to be offered online in May.
 - ii. There are LOTS of online resources available for coaches now – links are all on AC site
 - iii. NACAC presentations start today.
- **Athlete Resources:**
 - i. We can also pull together lists of existing online resources, (similar to our coach education information) Will try to group links by age category.

6. Questions:

- **Green Team:**
 - i. Have not received any information yet; however, once we have information, we will be contacting our summer staff applicants to let them know.
- **Status of Lottery Funding:**
 - i. We are still receiving our Sport Program Funding BUT all of our other funding is on hold until further notice; in some cases AM has to re-apply.
 - ii. Club support funding (“bingo funding”) is currently on hold until we learn more.
 - iii. Overall financial impact to Sport MB and all PSOs has been substantial and we are still trying to sort out what funding will remain.
- **Cross-Country:**
 - i. Will certainly have to look at a revised competition schedule, but hard to say at this point what true impact will be.
 - ii. SK is host CanWest and as a result are not hosting one of their other regularly scheduled events earlier in the season. If the border to the States opens by the XC season, then Claude will investigate this. Chris McCubbins Age Class event, may need to be moved earlier?
 - iii. Could consider hosting a Cross-Country series, with small races hosted every Sunday. This would depend on what the High School season looks like, and/or whether there will even be a cross-country season this year for High School.

Next call in another 2 weeks – April 30th.