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Athletics Manitoba Board Mtg Minutes

7:00pm Tuesday, Nov 17th, 2020

VIA ZOOM

Present: K. Kelly, G. Mitchell, J. Schofield, A. Boudreau, K. Ferris, O. Babalola, D. Sawatzky-Dickson, J. Howe, K. Wiens, P. Harms, D. Gray, P. Harms, B. Walker, D. Gordon, G. Athayde

Regrets: T. Turner, T. Daigle, and O. Akinola

1) Call to order-7:03

2) Adoption of Agenda- Motion- D. Sawatzky-Dickson (2nd- P. Harms)- Passed.

3) Approval of Minutes- Motion- G. Athayde (2nd-D. Gray)- Passed

4) MRA Report

- All of the MRA events went virtually except for Kleefeld (which went well).
- The Youth Series would normally be about 150 and only about 15 participated this year with 9 of them winning awards.
- MRA has observed that virtually running isn't great for youth events.
- MRA is applying for more funding for next year to do an event like Manitoba 150 again next year, essentially a "Manitoba 151". If they do not receive the funding to do this, they will be adding another event. There were many participants who inquired about whether this event would be repeated. They had 150 winners of the medal.
- MRA is expecting to get new members as a result of the Manitoba 150 event
- They are doing a virtual awards ceremony.
- The Race Directors meeting is this coming Saturday.
- Kathy confirmed that the Winnipeg Police Half-Marathon sounds like it is going virtual for May of next year.

5) Office report

- Alanna confirmed that she is continuing to work with some of our community partners including: the Winnipeg Newcomers Sport Academy and Fit Kids/Healthy kids. There are challenges with virtual events especially because of a lack of internet access.
- AM was approved for a City of Winnipeg Community Incentive Grant. Alanna is working with the University of Manitoba to finalize the process so that the display board can be purchased in the early New Year. We now have all of the funds for this.
- Alanna is waiting for the quote on the indoor throwing cage.



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- Sport Manitoba has asked us to confirm whether we are interested in continuing to participate in Western Canada Summer Games. In 2019, BC did not attend the Western Canada Summer Games. Alanna has reached out to the Provinces and Territories to ask their thoughts and so far has only heard from the Yukon (confirming that they are interested in continuing).
- The winners of our Awards are being announced over Instagram and the certificates will be mailed out once all winners have been announced.
- Sport Manitoba will be making an announcement shortly regarding Manitoba Games.
- The NOC has confirmed that upgrade timeframes have been extended.
- Alanna is going to get clarification from NOC specifically with respect to the criteria and will speak with Kathy and Doris before going back to NOC.
- IFF process will be a bit different this year. There is a call later this week with Sport Manitoba to clarify next steps for this year.
- We have been receiving a wage subsidy for 75% until November when it decreased to 60% until January when it is expected to go down to 50%
- Alanna confirmed that we have our one remaining summer student who will continue to work until December 15th (she is managing our social media)
- Grant confirmed that there are significant changes coming to the Athletics Canada Code of Conduct very soon. A lot of work has gone into this and we are going to want to re-visit our Code of Conduct once these come out.

6) Treasury Report

- Most of our revenue is from the normal Sport Manitoba funding, summer student grants and the Manitoba Lotteries monies. We have received \$52,389 in CEWS funding up to July. Right now, this Program is expected to continue until June of next year (at the small scale as outlined in the Office Report).
- The salaries have been covered by the Sport Manitoba funding and the summer student salaries were covered by the Grant and this has allowed us to stay on budget despite the lack of income.
- The forecast outlined in the report includes some assumptions with respect to expenses that are still to be paid out such as Athlete Assistance and depreciation.
- We have not had to cash in any term deposits so far because of the CEWS benefit.
- Brian confirmed that this wage subsidy is not a loan (i.e. it does not have to be paid back).
- There is a line for equipment which includes the display board and the cage (but we haven't received the actual quote for this so it will have to be updated once the information is available).
- "Ticket sales, fundraising and other"- this includes two grants that we received that are being used for the display board.



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7) Committee Reports

o Athlete Council – Donnae

- There were no concerns raised at the last meeting which is a testament to the work the office is doing to keep the membership up to-date.

o Equipment Committee – Ted

- Ted was not able to make it but Alanna will get an update from him following the meeting.
- We haven't yet addressed the issue of replacing the Equipment Manager as Scott had stepped down from this role. Kathy Wiens says that MRA's equipment manager might be interested in taking on this role and she and Alanna will touch base after the meeting.

8) Western Canada Summer Games – Discussion

- Grant suggested that we respond that we are interested in participating if we have the funding but currently we do not have the funding and without it we are not in a position to participate.
- There was a consensus that the entity that cut our money should bear the blame to those who are disappointed that we are not there. If they want to avoid that they can get us the money.
- We discussed the benefits to the athletes of the WCSG
- Janice suggested that there would be buy-in if the event was more inclusive
- Motion- Athletics Manitoba would be interested in WCSG but only if sufficient funding can be obtained to support this (Grant- 2nd- Omena)- passed
- Alanna is going to draft a response and circulate.

9) Master's Committee– Discussion

- Greg volunteered to be the Manitoba Director for the CMA. The next meeting is tomorrow.
- Greg has also had discussions with Kathy given that about 60% of their members are Masters Athletes.
- Greg also confirmed that he is also prepared to chair the Masters Committee for AM.
- Grant confirmed that Sheldon Reynolds used to be the Manitoba representative and Jeff Vince would also be a good contact for this.
- Omena said she is happy to assist on this committee as well.
- Kathy K. confirmed that we were open to have the committee craft their own terms of reference.
- Karen suggested that Gord Flett and Jason McDonald may also be interested.
- Kathy W. suggested that Clemis Laurila might also be interested.

10) New Business- Governance Committee



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- Kathy said that she will send some further thoughts in regards to terms of reference and circulate them to the board.
- Alanna noted that the Awards Committee was something Noelle was going to work on after the Awards Banquet was over this year but with her leaving, this has been put to the side until we have a new person in the position.
- Kathy suggested that we may want to craft the terms of reference for the committee.

Adjournment- (Motion to Adjourn-K. Wiens- 8:46)