

MRA REPORT
ATHLETICS MANITOBA MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2020

- All of the MRA sanctioned events that took place virtually have now been completed.
- The Classic Race Series saw 48 women and 45 men participate with 40 of them qualifying for awards. The Youth Race Series was much smaller than usual with 15 participants and 9 award winners.
- Run 150 has now ended with a total of 316 registrants. They came from many parts of the Province and found the program to be valuable in keeping them motivated toward a running goal. We will be awarding 125 medals to those participants that earned 150 points. You can see the medal attached below. The MRA Board has decided that we would like to continue with a similar participation series in 2021. A possibility exists that we may get funding again from the MB150 Host Committee, but we are looking for a sponsor in the event that this does not happen.
- Our Awards Celebration is scheduled to be held on November 30th as a virtual event. We are asking both the MRA members and the Run 150 participants to submit a picture of themselves along with their registration for the event that we are using as part of the Celebration. There will be a “Virtual Podium” for each award being presented, as well as the random draw prizes that are always part of this event. Members of the AM Board are welcome to “attend” if they wish. Here is the registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/MRA-Awards-2020b>. There is no need to submit a photo.
- Our Virtual Race Directors’ Meeting is scheduled for November 21st and will primarily be focusing on live vs virtual events as we have no guarantees what will be happening in 2021. I’m hoping that we can convince the events that decided to cancel in 2020 to consider a virtual option if it’s necessary in 2021. The MRA Board has already decided that we will NOT be charging 2021 virtual events the participant fee (we did not charge in 2020), as we are not offering the same level of support to the event (ie: insurance, equipment, etc). There are no significant changes to our Sanctioning Package other than to make it clear that the \$200 initial sanctioning fee is non-refundable. An addendum to the Agreement was created in 2020 regarding the special conditions of operating a live event during the pandemic, and this addendum will continue to be used if necessary.
- Our 2021 membership is now on sale online through our website. No changes have been made to the fee structure. We are continuing to offer a free membership to any full AM member if they fill out the membership form. We advertise this on our membership page and I am asking AM to do the same on their website.

Kathy Wiens, MRA Executive Director

