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Office Report

Noelle's last day with Athletics MB is Dec 11th.

Job posting as been shared through multiple partners, deadline for applications is Nov 22nd.

Winnipeg Newcomers Sports Academy (WNSA)

- We have been working with WNSA over six months and as of the Fall, we began laying the foundation for a continued track and field program. Prior to this second lockdown, our plan was to incorporate track and field activities *into* the WNSA's pre-existing program on Wednesday Evenings. Then, looking long term, our plan was to create a second evening in the Spring exclusively for track and field that would eventually become an inner-city track and field club.
- Looking into the upcoming months, WNSA has been working towards having online daily challenges for athletes and their families. They have also been exploring other options for families with minimal access to internet. We are planning to assist them where we can over the next few months, and we have secured two instructors that are willing to help with this program: Tayo Babalola & Richard Sylvester.

MASRC - Board and Coach Training

- We asked the Manitoba Aboriginal Sport and Rec Council for trainings surrounding: TRC Calls to Action, Land Acknowledgements, Decolonizing Sport, Boundaries and Language, and Recruiting and Helping to Create a Safe Space. Our hope with these trainings is that we can offer courses for Board education and Coach training and professional development.
- Fortunately, the MASRC mentioned that they are currently in the process of developing these stand-alone courses within their office! Once they are completed, they will be offering monthly trainings focusing on the listed topics and we will be sharing and encouraging our board and communities' members to engage in these trainings.

Fit Kids Healthy Kids & Para Development

- One of our most recent partnerships has been with Fit Kids Healthy Kids, and together we have been working to initiate a long-term para development program. Our mission with this program is to cater to a population of children who have disabilities but are unaware of opportunities. Our goal with this program is to both identify a population of athletes for future track and field activities, and to simply develop a program that supports participation and skill development.
- Our team started working Robert Ellchuck, who has agreed to start the behind-the-scenes process on establishing contacts and connections. He will also be a lead in making sure the FKHK & additional T+F coaches have the proper training.
- Ideally for athlete recruitment we would be starting in schools. This is obviously challenging, if not impossible right now.
- With the current lockdown, we are going to focus on developing online content, resources and information for youth and their families to help build awareness.
- We will also likely be able to pivot and offer some online virtual training for coaches.

Display Board Update

- We have been approved for the City of Winnipeg Community Incentives Grant. (5k)
- Next steps are to process some paperwork through the University of MB (to claim the new funds, AND to access the funds previously raised through the Front and Centre campaign).
- Need to spend money and will then be reimbursed.

Indoor Throwing Cage

- Have sent in photos and dimensions of the existing cage panels, waiting to hear back and get an official quote and recommendations for how they will cut/shape the netting.



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Western Canada Summer Games

- Sport MB has asked us to confirm whether or not we would want to continue to participate in the WCSG moving forward.
- They have given us a deadline of Nov 25th to provide our feedback.
- Internally for us here in MB there are a couple areas to consider.
 - There will be no future funding for WCSG.
 - This means that every two years we will get Canada Games funding, and then in the year after the games and the year of WCSG there will be no additional support.
 - This also means that not only are we not getting any funding to support for Prep Squad or athlete development, it also means that the Sport MB athlete fee (aka: travel costs and uniform costs) would almost for sure increase. (Our current fee structure of \$500 per athlete would have to be increased to cover all expenses... OR we would have to find additional money.. somewhere. lol)
- The next Games would be scheduled for 2023, which will be the year immediately after the now 2022 CSG.
- There is no confirmed host yet for 2023, but it will NOT be MB, so we WILL have to travel.
- The Western Canadian Provincial and Territorial branches have been in discussions to establish a formal Western Cdn Open Championship event. Initially this was to occur in addition to the WCSG.
 - If there is no funding for WCSG, we might be better off prioritizing this new event, and using any available funds to support/send athletes. It could potentially take the place of the Games and also potentially open the door for MORE athlete opportunities... (multiple teams, BC would be involved, better competition etc).
- The WCSG have played an important role in the development of our CSG teams, and they certainly had an important place in our athlete pathway... BUT if they are no longer going to be funded, that now makes them a very expensive project that may not be worthwhile...
- We have reached out to our current Canada Games Coaching Staff for their feedback.
- We have also reached out to AB, SK, NWT and Yukon Branches for their feedback.
 - With CSG getting pushed to 2022, the target date for the first Western Canadian Open Championship would likely be 2023, which would actually conflict with the hypothetical WCSG should they move forward.

Awards

- Nominee announcements are going well on Instagram. Once nominees are announced on social media, they are also being posted on the website.
- An ad-hoc committee of volunteers was pulled together to review the stats/nominees and select the winners.
- Certificates are being prepared and will be mailed out to all winners.

MB Games – Verbal update to be provided during the meeting.

Officials

- National Officials Committee and Branch Officials Committee meetings occurred Nov 4th and 12th. Some updates have been made to NOC resources and upgrading guidelines. Shifting the upgrading system to include true mentors and separate evaluators (in the past the roles were one and the same).
- A professional development point system has been developed to encourage continued learning. Will start as a requirement for Level 5 officials, intent long-term is that this will also be required for officials who choose to “stay” at other levels.
- The meeting will also reviewed Provincial/Territorial events that have occurred during “COVID season”. All Branches have been similarly affected. MB brought forward the impact of this limited season on upgrades and



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credits and it was confirmed that there will be leniency on the expiration of mentorships and clinics. These credits will be extended at least to 6 years, longer if necessary, depending on the length of the restrictions.

Sport MB Annual IFF report

- Sport Manitoba is working on a plan for the 2021/22 IFF documents. Thoughts currently are not to have all the same detailed reporting requirements as past year as they recognize that most sports were not able to carry thru on their Strategic Priorities and sport programming to some extent.
- There is a possibility of a shorter update document only. Will likely be due a bit later than normal, perhaps mid February.
- The Membership Demographics Report will still be required.
- Financial Plans submissions will probably not be requested until January/February. All sports have recently submitted a revised 2020/21 Financial plan on October 31st as part of the Federal Emergency Fund application. A later submission of the 2021/22 financial plan would allow sports more time to regroup and plan for next fiscal.

CEWS

- Sport MB provided the following recommendations to forecast future CEWS payments. The internal financial statements have been updated accordingly.
- Due to the CEWS percentage changing on a monthly basis, cash flow projections for the Federal Sport Emergency Fund should be based on:
 - to be conservative use 75% for September/October
 - 60% for November/December
 - 50% for January until the end of March

Respectfully Submitted,

Alanna Boudreau - Nov 13th, 2020