

January 2021 Athletics Manitoba Board Meeting
January 19, 2021
5:30 p.m.
VIA ZOOM
MINUTES

Present: K. Kelly, G. Mitchell, J. Schofield, A. Boudreau, B. Walker, K. Ferris, O. Babalola, D. Sawatzky-Dickson, J. Howe, K. Wiens, P. Harms, G. Athayde , T. Turner, M. Kananoja, D. Gordon, M. Indome, O. Akinola

Regrets: D. Gray & T. Daigle

- 1) Call to order-5:30
- 2) Adoption of Agenda- K. Ferris moved to approve the revised Agenda (2nd- P. Harms).
- 3) Approval of Minutes- Alanna circulated the minutes in advance of the meeting and a motion was made by J. Howe (2nd- D. Sawatzky-Dickson).
- 4) MRA Report- Kathy confirmed that membership is low which is expected. 2021 is the 50th anniversary of the MRA and there has been a committee stuck to commiserate the anniversary. All of the events that paid sanctioning fees last year were offered a credit in order to encourage them to sanction events in light of the circumstances with the pandemic. Many of the Race Directors reached out to pass on their appreciation for this offer. There is now going to be a permanent virtual participation event given the success of Run 150. Kathy reported that the virtual awards event was a great success. Kathy confirmed there are a number of sanctioned events scheduled for the Fall that ideally will be in-person events but the events scheduled for the spring are all anticipated to be virtual. Kathy clarified that in order to be a member of MRA, you have to register directly with MRA (i.e. the check box on the AM registration form is not sufficient). For ease of reference, the form is attached.
- 5) Office Report- Alanna welcomed Michael who is the new Programs Manager. Michael will be attending meetings from time to time. She also confirmed that Sam Neis has agreed to be the new equipment manager.

We will be scheduling an additional meeting in February to get some feedback regarding a pilot project with the Winnipeg Newcomers Sports Academy.

AM is working with MRA with respect to any additional Federal COVID Emergency Sport funding that may be available.

Alanna gave us an update in regards to the insurance issue. We are still expecting an increase in the premiums but it is substantially less than originally expected (10 to 15 % increase rather than a 40% increase). There will further discussion on the logistics of what we need for insurance.

Athletics Canada has called a special meeting on February 25th regarding policies. This will require further discussion with the Governance Committee at some point following that meeting.

6) Treasurer Report-

Brian and Alanna had prepared year-to-date calculations for our fiscal year up to January 15, 2021 and well as a forecast. A lot of our main sources of funding are not coming in with the major exception being the Sport Manitoba grants. The CEWS funding is continuing at a reduced level (the total to the end of October as \$77,806). The projection for the year in CEWS funding is \$103,671. In addition to that, we received COVID Emergency funding of \$28,449. The Winnipeg Foundation investment return for this year is forecasted at \$5,367 (which will go to athlete support or school support). We could choose to hold off paying out from the three funds this year and double up next year if we decide that makes more sense given the current circumstances.

Our expenses are significantly lower than a normal year. We are forecasting a surplus of approximately \$16,453. We are in a pretty good position and Brian is confident that there is no serious risk that we won't have sufficient resources to cover programming even if restrictions are lifted.

We had some discussion regarding the number of unknowns that are taken into account in the forecast. It is anticipated that we will have a number of expenses coming out this month and that we will have more information in terms of more accurately pinning the remaining expenses.

We will need to re-look at whether we should be continuing to apply for the government emergency funding depending on how the fiscal year ends. Kathy confirmed that it is anticipated that the CEWS funding will end by June (and the percentage will continue to reduce between now and then).

7) Committee Reports

Athletes Council- There were discussions at the last meeting about more virtual events and implementing prizes to encourage participation. They also discussed doing a blood drive in a few months (the Bisons have recently done a blood drive that was a success). They also

discussed starting a mini-diamond league with awards at the end and a multi-sport competition to encourage participation.

Master's Committee- Greg provided a written report in advance of the meeting. The Canadian Master's Board Meeting was last week. Greg provided a summary from this meeting and confirmed that many events have been cancelled. This includes Nationals, as well as the World Masters Events that were scheduled to take place in Toronto and Japan. There was an Indoor Games scheduled to take place Edmonton that was postponed to 2023. There are a number of positions on the Board that will be open for election this year. Greg confirmed that an AM member over 35 is automatically eligible to be a CMA member. There is a regional grassroots development program sponsored by Don Parsons. The primary focus of this initiative is field events. They are looking to increase participation amongst masters athletes.

Greg had also provided a draft terms of reference for the Masters Committee prior to the meeting. Greg invited feedback to be sent to him directly after everyone has the chance to review the document. In particular Greg wanted to ensure we are all on the same page regarding the goal/purpose of the committee.

Brian asked for clarification as to whether "Masters" was defined as over 35 consistently in other jurisdictions. Greg confirmed that it is and that there is also sometimes a pre-masters category for 30 to 34 year olds. We discussed that there are many road races here and in the states where he has seen Master's defined as 40 plus. Greg offered to follow up and come back to the Board on this issue.

Equipment Committee- Alanna submitted a report in advance. Sam will be part of this committee going forward. There has been additional funding identified which will allow us to be able to order two display boards instead of just one. Alanna is also working with U of M to work out the other new equipment purchases. Alanna is also finalizing the purchase of the indoor netting for the throwing cage. Alanna confirmed that if we can't get the netting, there would need to be repair job pending the new netting and this would have to be approved by the officials.

8) Governance Committee- We reviewed the draft terms of reference and confirmed that Karen had previously volunteered to be on this committee. An e-mail will be sent to our stakeholders to invite anyone interested to contact the office. Grant confirmed that he is happy to be a resource to this committee.

Adjournment- (Motion to Adjourn-7:10- D. Sawatzky-Dickson)