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Athletics Manitoba Board Mtg Agenda

7pm Tuesday, March 16, 2021

ONLINE

Present: K.Kelly, G. Mitchell, K. Weins, K. Ferris, P. Miller-Harms, G. Athayde, T. Turner, J.Howe, O. Babalola

Regrets: D. Gray, T. Daigle, D. Sawatzky-Dickson, D. Gordon, M. Indome, O. Akinola, J. Schofield, B. Walker

Agenda:

1. Call to order – 7pm
2. Adoption of agenda
 - Motion to approve the Agenda G. Mitchell (2nd – O. Babalola)
3. Approval of Minutes
 - Motion to approve the Minutes P. Miller-Harms (2nd – G. Athayde)
4. Presidents Report
 - Kathy mentioned the quality presentation that was hosted by the NSA, and thanked those Board members who were able to attend.
 - Noted that the Reconciliation in Sport presentations hosted by MASRC earlier this month were extremely positive and valuable. Glad to see Athletics MB and MRA attendance at these sessions as well.
 - Opened the floor to some discussion and feedback on both sessions,
 - J. Howe – Treaty presentation was especially great. Found this really had a profound impact and learned so much.
 - K. Ferris – Book recommendation: 21 things you should know about the Indian Act.
 - G. Athayde – Really enjoyed the NSA presentation, key take away for us as a board is asking what are OUR next steps, and how do we move this forward? Perhaps this could be an ongoing agenda item?
 - O. Babalola – If we don't reach out to the populations in questions, we won't ever truly know or understand what barriers they face.
 - K. Ferris – Really enjoyed the sessions, overall there are a LOT of lessons that we can learn from the community. We don't know what we are missing until we ask. It's important to reach out to the existing partners in the community, we don't have to start from scratch. Biggest reminder is following through. Intentionally ask, but must follow through and take responsibility
 - G. Mitchell notes in the chat that this is an important topic that links to our Strategic Plan in a number of areas.
 - K. Kelly noted that this discussion be included as a New Business item.
5. MRA report – see attached.
 - K.Kelly noted that it is evident through the Sport MB Partners meetings, that we are certainly not the only sports struggling with the Public Health Orders. Orders can not cover every possible situation, so blanket rules must apply, which inevitably cause frustration all around.
 - O. Babalola noted that we have put our case out there and hopefully we'll see a change in future orders.

NOTE: At this time P. Miller-Harms had to depart the meeting. No longer have quorum.

6. Office report – See attached.
 - G. Mitchell noted that AC and the Branch Council have finalized a number of Policy updates. Also an upcoming item for the next Branch Council call (Thursday) is a new COC Canadian Sports Governance Code.



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- Discussion was held relating to the Dave Lyon Legacy fund. Clarification was made that IF Edith was in favour of extending support this year, it would have to be clear that it was an EXCEPTION only and not an overall change in philosophy for the fund.

7. Treasurer report – Report moved to the end under discussion/decision items.

8. Committee Reports

- Athlete Council - no report
- Equipment Committee – updates provided as part of the Office and Finance reports
 - Display board purchase is moving forward, with final paperwork completed and invoices being submitted.
 - University of MB Team was able to order the bulk of the training items that had previously been identified and approved for purchase by AM.
 - This has actually allowed AM to adjust the 20/21 purchase plan to cover some required items for Photo Timing and results.
 - K. Ferris questioned whether these proposed technology purchases still fall within the intended purview of the Equipment Levy fund.
 - AB noted yes, they do, but that they fall under the “Timing and Technology” classification (as opposed to the original classification of “Basic Training”)
 - Classification of equipment areas covered by the Equipment Fund are included below for reference.

EQUIPMENT AREAS
Consumable Competition Supplies
Competitive Equipment
Basic Training Equipment
Major Equipment
Timing and Technology

- Masters Committee – see attached
 - Additional note on clarification on Masters Age levels. Officially it is 35 +, however historically men’s age was 40 and women’s was 35, so there are some Road Race events (Marathons) that have maintained the 40 year old classification, hence the confusion.
 - Short discussion was held related to how individuals become members of Canadian Masters Association – Must be members of the Provincial Branch, therefore at this time, based on the terms of the Affiliation Agreement this does not include the bulk of MRA members.
 - This will need to be an item for discussion moving forward.

9. Questions from submitted reports?

Discussion/Decisions

- Alanna provided a detailed update of the current year forecast and reviewed some of the notable areas where we have substantial expenses remaining to pay out to close out this fiscal year.
 - Due to some of the equipment purchases that will take place, there will need to be a substantial review of the Amortization of Capital Grants and Expenditures.



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- NOTE: Sport Manitoba is allowing us to defer some of our targeting program funding into 2021-2022, this has been reflected in the forecast.
- Even with that in mind, we are still projecting a surplus.
- Sport MB has also noted that sports are encouraged to approve an internally restricted fund with some of the surplus. So that will be something to consider as we close out the year and prep for the audit.

- A summary was provided of the Draft Budget for 21/22, as prepared for submission to Sport Manitoba as part of our annual IFF submission.
- Overall, we are currently anticipating running a deficit for 21/22 due to the additional expenses that will be required in order to run safe competitions.
 - Increase length of competition schedule will result in additional facility rental fees, and higher costs (ex: Medical etc)
 - This draft also accounts for some programs, that MAY still end up being cancelled depending on what the long term facility and event restrictions might be, and whether or not school sports resume activities next fall.
- This draft budget will need to be reviewed and approved by the Board via email after the meeting, the final submission deadline is Monday March 22nd.
- G. Athayde requested clarification that this is meant to only be a 1 year deficit plan?
 - Alanna noted that in a regular year 90-95% of our programs operate on a cost recovery basis, so yes – the intent in future years is that registration and event participation would return to levels that would allow for a breakeven budget.
- K. Ferris noted that we are lucky to be in the position where we can carry this deficit for next year and not pass on any of the additional expenses to our members.

New Business

10. Inclusion – Long Term program analysis and Strategic Plan
 - It was agreed that this item requires our full attention and as such a separate meeting will be scheduled to further address this issue.
 - We have the opportunity to continue working with a variety of partners to delve into this discussion further.
11. G. Mitchell shared the news of the passing of Dave Drybrough, a former Athletics Manitoba, Manitoba Runners Association member and members of the MB Sports Hall of Fame. Requested that the news of his passing be shared with the membership.

Motion to Adjourn 9pm, K.Ferris

Future Board Meeting dates/times

May 18th 5:30pm

AGM - June 15th Or June 22nd ?

Sept 21st 7pm

Nov 16th 5:30pm