



MANITOBA RUNNERS' ASSOCIATION

May 18, 2021 Report to Athletics Manitoba

- 2021 membership as of May 1st was 201, well below 332 from this time last year.
- Our AGM was held on Monday, April 12, 2021, 7:30pm and was online again this year. We had 13 participants, including Board members. The proposed new Bylaws were approved, along with supporting policies. We had two board members step down (Judy McMullen-Treasurer and Colin Reed-Vice President) and one new board member elected (Bryan Mintenko). A meeting was held following the AGM to elect the new Executive: Krista Waring-President, Derek Boutang-Secretary and Reg Brown-Treasurer. Other board members include Aldo Furlan, Andrew Swan and Bryan Mintenko.
- Our events continue to be held virtually. Participation is good, however we are starting to notice some "pandemic fatigue". Because of this, we have had a substantial drop in participation in our new Celebration Series, even though this was offered free of charge to both members and non-members. There are very few non-members registered.
- The Affiliation Agreement between Athletics Manitoba and the Manitoba Runners' Association was ratified between the two organizations as of March 31st and is in place for another 3 years. The only real change to the agreement was to add that both parties agree to discuss and review the terms of membership over the course of this agreement.
- At the beginning of June we will begin publishing profiles of the athletes, race directors, events, sponsors, coaches and board members that have contributed to the history of the MRA and of road running in Manitoba. These profiles will appear monthly on our website as part of our 50th Anniversary Celebration. June will feature contributions made from 2016-present, and we will work backwards in time in 5-year increments for 10 months in order to cover the 50 years of the MRA.
- The owner/operator of one of our reputable timing companies, Dwayne Olson, has been transferred by the military to Halifax, effective in July. We were presented with the opportunity to purchase his equipment at a very reasonable price and have decided to take it on. This was not an easy decision to make as the MRA is not really interested in providing timing services. However this will keep the equipment in the Province with the hope that we will be able to find someone interested in purchasing it. The MRA Board felt that it was important that we have a second timing company in the province and therefore was in the best interests of road running in Manitoba to make the purchase. Dwayne has offered to provide training to myself, Reg Brown, Sam Neis and his wife in the meantime.