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Athletics Manitoba Board Meeting Minutes 7:00pm Tuesday, September 21, 2021 ONLINE

Present: K. Kelly, J. Schofield, A. Boudreau, K. Ferris, O. Babalola, D. Sawatzky-Dickson, J. Howe, K. Wiens, P. Harms, G. Athayde, B. Jones, T Turner and B. Walker.

Regrets: M. Indome and D. Gordon

- 1) Call to order-7:04 p.m.
- 2) Adoption of Agenda- Greg asked that we add to the agenda a discussion regarding Athletic Canada's mandatory vaccination policy, P. Harms moved to approve the revised Agenda (2nd- B.).
- 3) Approval of Minutes- Alanna circulated the minutes prior to the meeting and a motion was made by K. Ferris to approve following the meeting via e-mail (2nd-P. Harms). There was no business arising from the minutes.
- 4) Business arising from e-mails since last meeting

There was a motion approved made by D. Sawatzky-Dickson (2nd by J. Howe) to not obtain contagion defence insurance. Alanna confirmed that she checked with Sport Manitoba and none of the other sports elected to add this insurance to their coverage.

- 5) Submitted Reports
 - (a) President's Report
 - (b) MRA Report- Kathy reiterated that both of the summer students were fantastic and a pleasure to work with over the course of the summer. There are continuing discussions between MRA and AM regarding renting a few lanes at Max Bell starting in January for their group.
 - (c) Office Report- Alanna also reiterated the group of summer students we had this year were great. Alanna confirmed that there are some projects that they are working on finishing up. Alanna confirmed that the plan is to continue to build partnerships. Omena raised that there is an issue with results on the website and it was agreed that this will be addressed off-line.
 - (d) Treasurer Report- Brian confirmed that we ran an unexpected surplus last year because we had received more government benefits than expected. We are currently in a deficit position year to date of about \$25K similar to where we budgeted to be. We have received two grants



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totaling \$32K that we were not expecting and there has been an extension of the CEWS benefit that has resulted in more funding than we had budgeted for originally. Alanna added that every event we do costs a bit more than it used to and participation is generally lower meaning that costs are higher and revenue is lower. Brook asked if there was any policy regarding reserve funds. Kathy confirmed that there is not but that this is certainly a discussion that could be had as those policies continue to be reviewed.

6) Committee Reports

- (a) Masters Committee- The information that came out of the Athletes' survey to his Report. One of the key takeaways is that we need to have a communication strategy. The coach survey is being finalized to be sent out shortly. Greg confirmed that the committee is also working on having a regular Master's Newsletter. Greg is attending a seminar next month regarding the World Championship. There were a number of events this summer including a group of about 5 to 10 Master's athletes Greg also confirmed there were some new records being set. There are some Master's Cross Country events coming up at the end of November. Greg asked if we could do something for throws/jumps next summer and Alanna confirmed that this is definitely do-able.
- (b) Athlete Council – This was deferred to the next meeting
- (c) Equipment Committee- There has been some good progress with the Butler Hut and there are plans to continue to get this done. Kathy confirmed that we will be having a discussion regarding the levy for the next fiscal year.
- (d) Awards/Hall of Fame- No report

7) Discussion/Decision

- (a) Hall of Fame – The summer students gathered a lot of helpful feedback over the course of the summer. There was no uptake from community members in terms of participation but it was agreed that we can put out another call now that the summer is over. The next step in the process is to induct the people who have already been inducted into the Sport Manitoba Hall of Fame for athletics pre-2000. The next step would be those who have already been inducted in the Sport Manitoba Hall of Fame since 2000 to-date. Alanna confirmed that we are not having an Awards Banquet in person this year given the current state of things. Kathy raised whether there had been any discussion about sponsorship for these awards. Alanna confirmed that this has not been discussed yet. Alanna confirmed that the eligibility for



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induction is that the person either was born in Manitoba or living in Manitoba during their active years.

- (b) Alanna will send an e-mail next month with a proposal in terms of next steps so that we can continue with the momentum from the work to-date.

8) New Business

- (a) Professional photography at events- Brook took photos at the events over the summer and will continue to do this as events on a go-forward basis which will be used to promote the sport (recognizing privacy considerations). Brook will also be working on building a digital archive going back many years.
- (b) Promotion of Athletics Manitoba (including Master's Newsletter)- This is something that Brook is also working on as well.
- (c) Distance for Master's Cross Country in Manitoba-Brook inquired whether there could be multiple distances for these events to attract more participation in these events. Greg confirmed that for National and Worlds the distance for men is 8K but Ontario has a couple of meets that are 5 or 6 K and so it doesn't seem like it would be an issue. Alanna pointed out that the Bison Open this year is only based on distance not age which would allow Master's athletes to run the shorter races. Alanna indicated that this is something we can also discuss further.
- (d) Vaccination Policy- AC issued a statement that all of their championships will require vaccinations. Greg asked whether we need to implement a similar policy. Kathy confirmed that at U of M we are bound by their facility rules as well as all provincial public health guidelines. Alanna confirmed that currently in order to participate in an indoor sport event, you are required to be vaccinated and there will be an announcement coming out very shortly. Kathy indicated that she will want to have further discussions for events in the next year's race calendar.
- (e) Alanna also confirmed that an e-mail will be going out regarding protocol for exclusive use (to ensure everyone is leaving when their scheduled time is done) to avoid complications with contact tracing.
- (f) Motion to Adjourn- 9:17 - Adjournment (P. Harms)