

2022 Athletics Manitoba Annual General Meeting

July 13, 2022

7:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

MINUTES

Present: K. Kelly, B. Walker, P Harms, J. Schofield, D. Grey, O. Babalola, J. Howe, D. Gray, G. Athayde, T. Turner, K. Harris (Predators), Claude Berube (Bison Athletic Club), D. Boutang (MRA), A. Tough (Tough Track), K. Weins (MRA), L. Switzer (Winnipeg Optimist), K. Ferris (Flying M), J. Gross (Last Mile), W. McMahon (Winnipeg Optimist), L. Sinclair (Tough Track), D. Maxwell (Tough Track), F. Onota, G. Mitchell, A. Boudreau, M. Kananoja

Regrets: D. Gordon, M. Indome

- 1) Call to Order at 7:36 p.m.
- 2) Appointment of Scrutineers (Not required)
- 3) Explanation of Voting Procedures and Powers
 - i. Kathy confirmed that the voting procedures were circulated in advance. There were no questions.
 - ii. An election was not required as we did not have more nominees than positions.
- 4) Approval of the Agenda- (Motion moved by Brook/seconded by Karen)
- 4) Approval of Minutes from 2021 AGM (Motion moved by Claude/seconded by Tegan)
- 5) Business Arising from the Minutes (None)
- 7) President's Report- Additional Comments:
 - i. Kathy asked everyone who submitted their reports to limit their comments during their meeting to one highlight or item from their report.
 - ii. Kathy thanked the office staff with the awesome job they did managing the different scenarios, the weather and short season, etc.
 - iii. Larry thanked the staff as well and suggested that some of this work could be alleviated if the clubs were running more of the meets. Kathy confirmed we would address this at the next strategy meeting.

8) Office Report- Additional Comments

- i. Alanna indicated that she prepared her Report based on the Sport Manitoba annual reporting structure.
- ii. Alanna clarified that the reference to CSI in her report stands for: Community School Investigators
- iii. Karen commented that all of the programming that is happening is a real success for the organization. Alanna indicated that based on the Trackie registrations, we are over 600 for the first time since 2017.
- iv. Lisa commented that she was very glad for to see that there is a plan to focus on having women involved in coaching.

9) Committee Reports:

MRA:

- i. Derek is the new president of the MRA.
- ii. Derek thanked Krista for all her work as president.
- iii. Derek also confirmed that MRA has returned to in person activities with their Hall of Fame Banquet in April and had over 250 attendees.
- iv. Derek also confirmed that their membership is at pre-pandemic levels.
- v. Lastly, Derek confirmed that during the pandemic, MRA bought a timing company to ensure that the equipment and expertise continues to be available.

Athletes Council

- vi. None of the athlete reps were able to attend this evening.

Master's Committee

- vii. Greg indicated that he is asking AM to consider hosting a Master's Championship in the next few years.
- viii. Last year, we had 24 members that were Masters and this year we had 44.

Equipment Committee

- ix. Alanna reiterated as stated in her Report that there was a lot of equipment acquired during the pandemic. There is a planning process underway to ensure we are continuing to buy what we need. There are also some repairs and replacements that have been noted and are slated to be dealt with.
- x. Sam, the former equipment manager has had to step away from his position and we haven't had the opportunity to fill this position yet.
- xi. Larry commented that there is a problem that we don't have people to run the laser measuring equipment. Alanna indicated that there was a training session done a couple years ago but that we absolutely need to do another one and something we can look to do in the fall.
- xii. Kathy indicated that there was promotion of this within the parent group for WOA and that we will continue to promote this throughout the membership.
- xiii. Omena inquired whether we could pair up with the University of Manitoba to try to get students to be interested in taking the training to use the equipment. This is something that we can consider further. Alanna also indicated that other organizations have worked with people from surveying companies for training on how to best operate this equipment.
- xiv. Wayne indicated that the Weights and Measures Clinics had got cancelled and that we should look back into this.
- xv. Brook commented that he has noted that the outdoor stadium at U of M has not been maintained the way that it used to be and queried whether there was a plan for upkeep. Claude indicated that he agreed that it needs to be better kept and indicated that there was a letter written by Richard Winton to the President of the University and that the President is very supportive of Bison Sports and this may assist with that become a higher priority. Claude was not aware whether a response had been received to the letter (Kathy indicated she would follow up on this). Alanna confirmed that she'd speak with Simon. She also confirmed that the University is

working on replacing or repairing the irrigation system and AM is working with them on getting this fixed.

Officials Committee

- xvi. Alanna reiterated from the previous discussion during the meeting that we need to have some real focus on planning clinics and that this needs to be on the priority list.
- xvii. Wayne raised a concern about out of town officials getting reimbursement for gas and Alanna confirmed that this has been reinstated.
- xviii. Brook commented that it was nice to see some Saskatoon officials at our events.
- xix. Alanna indicated that the Saskatoon officials commented to her that we have great talented volunteers – many of whom have the skills to be considered Officials! Wayne commented that AM needs to re-look at how we categorize volunteers/officials/etc. Kathy and Alanna agreed that we should take a look at this as its clear that officials are volunteers and that it makes sense to ensure that this is acknowledged.
- xx. Claude commented that the major events are a great opportunity to get recruit officials.

Awards Committee

- xxi. Tegan indicated that the committee has had three meetings and have eight members who are working on the awards banquet and the Hall of Fame Project.
- xxii. Larry inquired when the induction event will happen. Tegan confirmed that November is the current date for the first induction.

Governance Committee

- xxiii. The updated policies that have been implemented are in accordance with the requirements of Athletics Canada and Sport Manitoba.

Kathy noted that there was good discussion regarding the reports this evening and no disagreement on any matters in the submitted reports.

- 10) New Business- Nothing submitted.
- 11) Approval of Auditor's report and financial statements (B. Walker)

- i. Scarrow and Donald has issued an unqualified report.
- ii. Brian confirmed that for the year end March 31, 2022, the revenue was difficult to project with the ups and downs of Covid and related restrictions. There was also government support that went longer than was originally anticipated. In the end, we finished the year with a relatively normal range of revenue.
- iii. Brian confirmed that as a result of the wage subsidies and government programs we were able to end the year with a surplus of approximately \$18,000.
- iv. Derek asked Brian to clarify what he meant by "normal range of revenue", Brian confirmed that pre-Covid it would have been approximately \$500 to \$600 thousand.
- v. Brian noted that there are funds ear-marked to be spent on items like Canada Games and Provincial Teams that while these funds are currently accounted for in our investments they will be spent in the near future.
- vi. Larry inquired how MRA fits into the financial structure. Brian confirmed that their revenue is separate as they operate as a separate entity. We do have MRA members who contribute to the membership fee revenue and there would be some services that are provided to MRA members (example- clinics provided by MRA using AM staff last year). Larry asked whether MRA is charged a sanction fee by AM like Boeing. Alanna confirmed that MRA is not charged a sanction fee as they are the ones charging the sanctioning fees for their events. Larry asked if this is consistent across the country and Alanna confirmed it is and isn't, as practices vary through the country.
- vii. Approval to approve Audited Financial Statements- Motion by B. Walker- K. Harris.

12) Appointment of Auditor

- i. Brian recommended that we continue to use the services of Scarrow & Donald
- ii. Derek raised that if substantial time has passed, it would be consistent with best practices to consider putting out an RFP for a new auditor.
- iii. Motion to appoint Scarrow & Donald as auditor- B. Walker/ seconded- O. Babalola – Carried
- iv. Kathy thanked Brian and the office for all of their hard work.

13) Election of Directors-

- i. Kathy confirmed that Doris (officials position) and Karen (board member) are both not renewing their positions on the board. Grant raised that the board has the ability to appoint this person at the board level and they could run at the next AGM (as this is permitted by the Bi-laws).
- ii. Kathy and Alanna had contacted a number of people about whether they were interested in joining the board. Kathy indicated that there was a discussion today with Melanie Gregg and Kathy will continue this discussion in addition to filling the other board position.
- iii. Kathy reminded everyone that we do not take nominations from the floor
- iv. Tegan, Omena and Greg have agreed to renew their term.
- v. Motion to move slate- Wayne- seconded- Karen.

Meeting adjourned- Omena- 9:05 p.m.