

**Annual General Meeting
of the Ontario Track and Field Association**

Saturday, November 12, 2005
Sport Alliance of Ontario
Boardrooms 1A&B
1:35 p.m.

At 1:35 p.m. a total of 35 votes were held by Association members, giving the meeting a quorum (31 votes required for quorum).

- 1. Chair's Welcome** – Albert (Chair) briefly thanked our guest speaker (Kelly Manjak) and welcomed those present to the 2005 OTFA Annual General Meetings.
- 2. Parliamentary Procedures** – John (staff) announced the parliamentary procedures, the format of the election and the votes carried by those clubs present.
- 3. Ratification of Motions of Directors 2004-2005**

Observer John Caulfield suggested the wording of Motion 1320 be changed to suggest that the Hy-Tek program was the OTFA's 'recommended' program as opposed to 'official' program.

**Motion to amend the wording of Motion 1320 as above:
TOC and HOC**

Carried

Windsor Legion suggested a friendly amendment to Motion 1311 to add "at the discretion of the Director of Technical Services" with respect to facility inspection.

**Motion to amend the wording of Motion 1311 as above:
OTTL and Windsor Legion**

Carried

**Motion to Ratify the Motions of Directors 2004-2005
OOC and London Western TFC**

Carried

- 4. Adoption of 2004 A.G.M. Minutes**

**Motion to Adopt:
London Western and HOC**

Carried

- 5. Reports**

a) President – Albert Tschirhart – report as presented. Highlights include:

- An outline of new Ministry funding and an increase in funding to the OTFA

- Thanks to staff and all volunteers
- Recognition of a reasonable and significant rise in membership for 2005

b) **Vice Chair – Denis Landry** – no written report. Denis added his voice to Albert’s comments, suggesting that increases in membership and funding were all positives for the future. There are no guarantees, but we should build on these successes.

c) **Treasurer – David Watt** - Presented financial statements for fiscal 2004-2005 as audited 6 months ago, and offered explanations where appropriate. He explained the increases in income (government base grant and Active 2010 programs), and the reason for the \$280,000 members equity, which is, typically, that these funds are required to provide a funding bridge between the time when the government grants us funding and the time the cheque actually arrives.

Motion: To accept the Audited Financial Statements for fiscal 2004-2005 as presented.

Watt and Tschirhart

Carried

d) **Budget – 2005/2006**

David reviewed the presented budget for 2005-2006 and explained that we actually got more from Base Grant funding than is shown as the budget was drafted prior to the grants.

He also provided a breakdown of how about \$100,000 for programs is divided – about \$50,000 to recreational programs, \$25,000 to elite programs and \$25,000 to the development of our second tier athletes.

Motion: To accept the budget as presented for 2005-2006 fiscal year.

Watt and Sarjeant

Carried

Motion: That Turnbull Thompson be appointed as auditors for fiscal 2005-2006

Watt and Sarjeant

Carried

e) **Other Reports**

General Operations – Marc Christie – Marc advised that the OTFA and Board are continually trying to find better ways of doing business. In response there will be a review of staff operations, trying to make the office more compact while providing more services and embracing technological changes. He also thanked the office staff for accepting the challenge of working with new technologies.

Technical Development – Mike Illingworth – Mike had to leave the meeting due to illness. No report was filed.

Athlete/Coach Development – Bill Stephens – Bill provided a verbal report on the trip by our high school-aged athletes to New York US indoor high school championships.

Bill is also looking for volunteers for a committee to look at ethics in our sport and within our Association, especially as it relates to coaching. Such a committee would consider issues like: athlete transfers, coaching ethics, the relationship between clubs and meet directors, ‘poaching’ etc. He asked that anyone interested in sitting on the committee to see him after the meeting.

Marketing and Membership - Val Sarjeant– Val did not provide a written report. He is currently assisting with the FIA program and rolling it out in the Hamilton area and through the MTA.

Director of Marketing and Administration – John Craig (staff) - Report as written with some discussion of our new web-site, online registration, and government funding. He also noted that OTFA staff Hazel North, who has been with the Association for 25 years, will be retiring at the end of February 2006.

Director of Technical Services – Roman Olszewski (staff) – Report as presented. Roman also offered a review of Ontario’s participation on National Teams, suggesting that Ontario still provides a large portion of the members of most national teams. We are down slightly in representation on some teams like the Jeux de Francophonie, but in general we continue to be strong.

One of our challenges is to produce a rational program that makes sense. Scheduling problems always crop up, but producing a workable, meaningful schedule is vital. To do this we have to work around national and international meets, which is tough, and for good reason coaches seem less interested in working through August.

Nothing new to report on CBET.

Andy McInnis (OTTL) suggests that coaching seminars are good but that AC won’t be taking the lead on this for several years. OTFA needs to reorient and re-establish some of the coaching stuff we have, and provide it in a better format – i.e. DVD etc. Perhaps we could look at a strategy of updating materials and how it is made available so we can be more reactive to the need.

We need to be able to move beyond the National Program and provide some leadership on our own. This will be discussed at the Technical Congress in Edmonton later this month, with Ontario bringing the subject up at the general meeting and at the meeting of Provincial delegates.

Ontario Officials Council – Enrico Toscano– Enrico reported that the OOC will not run the January meet, but would like to do the National Qualifier in June.

For the meet in Ottawa next summer the OOC is still trying to determine the best dates during that holiday weekend. Accommodation and food may have to be provided on the Monday night.

The officials considered options for limiting the long working hours at OTFA meets, including the Supermeet. Since officials are volunteering their time and energy to help the athletes, limiting shifts does not seem reasonable. The OOC therefore asked the OTFA to consider implementing entry standards for the Midget, Juvenile, Junior and Senior divisions in an effort to keep the meet schedule workable.

The OOC also asked that at major meets there be two scheduled breaks for the officials and volunteers, plus a one hour lunch break. The meet organizers must assure that all volunteers get these breaks, not just select groups.

In order to receive help from outside but still not have too many officials, the following Motion was passed at the OOC AGM:

Participating clubs provide adult volunteers to a ratio of 1:10 (to a maximum of 4) to work alongside the registered officials at all OTFA sanctioned meets. The meet director needs to know who these volunteers are by the first entry deadline so they can assign them to the appropriate event based on preference or where needed.

Motion to accept the Motion of the OOC:

OOO and HOC

(For – 18, Against – 12, Abstentions – 5)

Carried

6. Motions

One motion was received prior to the AGM

Motion: That at OTFA Cross Country Championships, four runners (not three) count towards team totals/team awards in all categories from bantam to senior.

Timmins-Porcupine TFC and Track North

(For – 24, Against – 11)

Carried

This motion will take affect in 2006 championships

7. Appointment of Auditors

This was done during the report of the Treasurer.

8. New Business – Albert provided an explanation of the proposed Grand Prix Series and the Competition Model. Both of these will be posted on the OTFA website

9. Elections – There were four vacancies on the Board as the terms of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Director of Technical Development and Director of General Operations had all expired. All four current directors had agreed to stand for re-election and this slate was presented to the membership.

As there were no nominations from the floor, the slate of directors as presented was acclaimed.

10. Comments by President - Albert advised that this will be his last term of office. He also advised that the Board is open to criticism and comments, and hopes that the entire membership is responsive to issues and concerns affecting the sport.

Adjournment

Brock – 4:00 p.m.