

Board of Directors Meeting Meeting

February 19, 2005
Metro Track and Field Centre
8:15 p.m.

REVISED

Present: John Craig, Albert Tschirhart, Bill Stephens, Marc Christie, Michael Illingworth, Roman Olszewski

Regrets: Denis Landry, Val Sarjeant

1. **Welcome:** Albert welcomed everyone present and thanked them for coming; a meeting at this time makes for a long day, but is necessary to consider issues that are constantly coming up. He also expressed our collective wishes for a speedy recovery for Denis Landry.

Review of OTFA brochure aimed at schools – some comments re: design and content – to be reflected in next printing

2. **Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting:** There has been no new application for grant money from Trillium yet because we are still in receipt of a grant for the Fun in Athletics program. A new grant application will be filed when the existing grant has been exhausted.

Motion to Accept Minutes of Last Meeting:

Moved: Marc Christie and Bill Stephens

Carried

3. Approval of Agenda

To be added under new business:

- Cambridge Mile event and request;
- Hy-Tek Group Purchase;
- Ethics in Coaching;

Motion to Approve:

Moved: Marc Christie and Michael Illingworth

Carried

4. **Supermeet:** The 2005 Supermeet was to be hosted by the Windsor Legion Track and Field Club, but on review of their commitments to other 2005 competitions, including the Pan Am Junior Track and Field Championships, the clubs has had, with much reluctance, to withdraw. They were advised that there is another group which will host it in 2005, which contributed to their decision. There was some

discussion about the date of the meet as it conflicts with Carabana and it is on a long weekend.

All decisions regarding the scheduling of the Supermeet, now and in the future, will continue to keep these conflicts in mind.

Motion: that a group consisting of the Ontario Officials Council, Saugeen TFC, Mississauga TFC and Guelph TFC jointly host the 2005 Supermeet:

Moved: Bill Stephens and Michael Illingworth

Carried

5. **Ontario Summer Games:** host organizers want the sport of track and field back in Ottawa. This could work well with our competition model – especially for the Bantams or Midgets – since it didn't really work for the Juveniles last time around. We should build this into our program. Perhaps we could establish a link between OTFA and the Minor Association by making a joint membership so Minor athletes could join the team. Minor members could go to OSG if they join the OTFA - \$30 1st time membership.

ACTION: John to ask Val to see if he would approach the Minor Association with respect to this initiative since he is also a **Board Member of the Minor Association.**

Roman suggested we will have to budget about \$5,000 toward this team if we think it is worth the effort.

ACTION: OTFA (John) will advise OSG that it is still examining the options, but we will ask Val to create a link with Minor Track to see if we can form a team together. If that isn't possible, we will see if we can send a Midget team to the OSG. OTFA to explore both options then make a decision.

ACTION: Roman will quickly estimate the time and financial resources necessary to make this work.

ACTION: Board to ask Clubs representatives at the current BMJ Championships (Feb 20) if they would support this as a concept. Bill will organize a coaches meeting to ask the question at the meet tomorrow. The OCG dates is probably mid August 2006.

6. **Canada Games Selection Criteria:** Final Approval – Roman presented some adjusted standards for approval, which address some of the changes that will be necessary, given the new scoring system. The emphasis is on performance at the trials, which is a criteria we have used for the last several Games without challenge.

Clarification to 2B were discussed.

Motion: To approve the revised 2005 CSG Selection Criteria as presented.

Moved: Bill Stephens and Michael Illingworth Carried

7. **2005 Cross Country Championships:** Woodstock or Brockville have both advised of an interest to act as the host club. Roman discussed the merits of both bids as both seemed excellent.

MOTION: to award the 2005 Cross Country Championships to Woodstock, and OTFA to ask Brockville to re-bid for the 2006 Championships.

Moved: Marc Christie and Albert Tschirhart Carried

ACTION: John to use AC Cross Country bid package as a template for OTFA Championships.

8. **Formation of a Discipline Committee:** Marc advised that a committee needs to be formed to hear an existing complaint. Marc will continue to follow the process while the complainant decides on whether he wants to pursue the formal process. If he does, then the process will go forward.

Recommendation that the previously struck Discipline Committee continue to stand and work on this complaint if necessary. The previous committee had suggested this as a formal recommendation from last complaint process.

9. There is concern that a coach who has been banned by Athletics Canada from coaching in Canada is actively coaching athletes at the Metro Track Centre. Marc has contacted Alex Gardiner and he will advise of legal opinion as soon as it is available. OTFA will base further action on this advice.

Wendy should continue to send letters to coaches who have not satisfactorily completed the registration process.

10. **Motion:** To make Hy-Tek Meet Manager the official results system of the OTFA.

Moved: Marc Christie and Bill Stephens Carried

11. **Motion:** That the OTFA establish Coaching Ethics guidelines.

Moved: Bill Stephens and Marc Christie Carried

12. The Board considered a request from the organizers of the Cambridge for sponsorship from the OTFA. A sponsorship of \$300 was discussed but turned down. Roman will work with the organizers on the sanctioning process.

Motion to adjourn: Bill Stephens

11:12 p.m.