



O.T.F.A. Board Meeting

Friday December 5, 2008

Time: 8:00 pm

Sport Alliance Ontario Building

1185 Eglinton Avenue East, Boardroom 3A

Present: Bill Stephens (Chair), Val Sarjeant (Vice-Chair), John Craig (Staff), Roman Olszewski (Staff), Anthony Biggar (Staff), Stuart Smith, Harry Stantsos, Suzanne Leroux, Pat Reid and Dave Watt by conference call, Enrico Toscano (Guest)

1. **Welcome – Bill** thanked everyone for coming a long way tonight for the meeting and recognized that it is likely to be an exciting weekend of planning, input and change.

2. **Motion to Ratify Acceptance of the Minutes of the October Board Meeting Sarjeant and Stantsos** **Carried**

3. **Business Arising - none**

4. **Approval of Agenda Leroux and Smith** **Carried**

5. **Approval of Technical Committee Motions** (from earlier meeting of Technical Committee):

Motion: that the Board pass the Motions as recommended by the Technical Committee meeting from their meeting of December 5, 2008 (Technical Motions are attached at the bottom on this document).

Sarjeant and Leroux **Carried**

6. **Formal approval of the following two motions** (which were informally approved via email in early November).

Motion: That the Ontario Track & Field Association participate in the 2010 Ontario Summer Games with the age group being 23 and under as on December 31, 2010 and that the competition serve as the Ontario Invitational Espoir Championship.

Stantsos and Sarjeant **Carried**

Motion: That the 2009 Ontario Championships be awarded as follows:

Feb. 8 Ontario Indoor Relay Chps & Prep meet # 1 York University Track Club - Toronto (TTFC)

Feb. 21-22 Ontario Indoor Youth-Senior Chps. Guelph TFC/Mississauga TFC - Toronto (TTFC)

March 7-8 Ontario Indoor Bantam-Midget-Junior Chps. York University Track Club - Toronto (TTFC)

Date TBA 10,000m Track Chps. London Distance Runners Club - London
(Waterhouse Stadium)

Date TBA 4x1500m Relay Champs London Distance Runners Club - London
(Waterhouse Stadium)

May, exact date TBA 10km Road Walk Chps. Etobicoke Track & Field Club -
Toronto (Centre Island)

June 13-14 Ontario National Qualifier and Ontario Junior Championships
- London-Western TFC/St. Thomas Legion London (Waterhouse Stadium)

July (3-)4-5 Ontario Senior Chps. and Canada Games Trials
University of Windsor Alumni Club Windsor (Univ. of Windsor Stadium)

Smith and Sarjeant **Carried**

7. **Ontario Officials Council:** Enrico Toscano passed a report out to Board members which outlined and explained some of the history behind monies currently held by the OOC. From the presentation it would appear that some of the money currently in investments with the OOC was not collected through OTFA contributions in support of OOC activities, but is money earned through different OOC programs and projects.

Motion: that the OTFA agree on the recommendation of the OOC to table Motions 1409 and 1410 until such time as a committee – comprised of three OOC and three OTFA Board members - determine alternate and acceptable proposals and motions by the end of March, 2009.

Smith and Sarjeant **Carried**

8. **Staff Health, Safety and Wellness - John**

The office move has had some effect on members of the staff, but in general the staff enjoys good health.

9. **Hugh Cameron discussion at AGM – Bill and John**

Bill advised that Hugh Cameron is interested in conducting a workshop after the 2008 AGM to get some feedback from the membership on what OTFA does well, what it should be doing and where it should go. The information collected from this workshop could be used in conjunction with the online survey that was done by the OTFA in the fall of 2008.

While it is unfortunate that earlier notice of such a workshop was not provided, the Board agreed to go ahead with it if possible. This is an excellent idea and opportunity and should be a good forum for feedback.

The Board felt it will be important to let our members know that change won't happen overnight and that the people in attendance at the workshop need to volunteer to sit on some of these committees.

10. **Letter from Ottawa Lions - Bill**

Presented was a letter from the Board of the Ottawa Lions expressing concern that non-Canadians are not allowed to make it to a final in an AC Championships, and can't be named to AC Teams. The Lions are looking for OTFA Board support of this position and for OTFA to bring this up at the AC AGM in 2009.

Action: Pat Reid will ask the Lions to draft a motion for representatives of the Association to present at the AC AGM in May of 2009.

11. **Dual meets in 2009 – Bill** mentioned that Quebec is interested in a dual meet for Midget aged athletes with Ontario with possible meets indoors in Ottawa and outdoors in Sherbrooke.

12. **New York trip - Bill** asked for Board direction with respect to the Indoor High School Championships in New York in 2009. Should we support a team from Ontario, or provide some support for individual athletes who attend on their own?

There was consensus to continue with this program in the same way as last year, which does not involve a Team Ontario concept.

13. **Sue Wise and the High Performance Coordinator Job Description**

Action: John will write the contract, but Suzanne Leroux and Roman Olszewski will oversee the program once Sue's employment is formalized. John will field questions at the AGM if questions arise with respect to the hiring process.

14. **Dartfish Centres - Bill**

Two Dartfish training sessions have taken place so far and one more is scheduled for mid-January at the High Performance Centre at UofT.

Neither Timmins nor Ottawa had representatives at either of the first two training sessions. Ottawa people are getting some training this weekend in Ottawa with Tim Bethune.

The Association needs to find some funds to provide continued training in the coming year, for both new programs and for ongoing training. Val thinks about \$2,000 in additional funding will be required to maintain this program through the next year.

Action: John to apply for Active 2010 (Excellence or Capacity) funding in 2009 by making Dartfish training part of a bigger project and program. If successful, the grant won't be available until late summer 2009.

David Christiani has already arranged to have a Dartfish program operator go to the warm weather training camp.

Action: John to ask Tim Bethune to write an article for Athletics Magazine about Dartfish and its applications.

15. **Hall of Fame - Roman/Anthony**

Roman, Anthony and Mike Illingworth are on committee charged with establishing an OTFA Hall of Fame. Roman and Anthony met a month ago and recommend that, beginning 2009 at the 2nd Awards Banquet, 10 people be inducted into the Hall of Fame. They are using a document, originally authored by Rolf Lund, as a draft for this program. The program will include both 'Builders' and 'Athletes'. There will, of course, be a process of inducting nominees from the past, as well as inducting current nominees. The program will include both an online virtual Hall (Wall) of Fame and an actual Hall of Fame, once parameters are set in place.

The committee will make recommendations to the Board.

ACTION: Val to ask Phil Steele to be on this committee.

16. **Danny Kassap Fund? – Anthony** reviewed Danny's situation with respect to his heart attack during a marathon race in Germany. There already appears to be enough donations to cover initial hospital costs, but the fund is still open because there are additional travel costs etc.

The Board recommended that individuals members should donate to the fund if they wish.

17. **Working Smart – Stuart** suggested we wait to see what comes from Hugh Cameron's workshop tomorrow. Stuart will then be able to provide a tool which tracks what is being done by office staff, how it is being done, and how long it is taking. Using that information we may be able to arrange for staff to work more effectively on Association priorities.

This item will be on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

New Championship Points System – Harry presented a proposal for a new scoring system for championship competitions, most of which had been reviewed by some OTFA coaches. Among his suggestions:

- Create a Two Tiered Grouping
 - Tier One – Clubs with 1-40 registered competitive members
 - Tier Two – Clubs with 41 or more registered competitive members
- Points only awarded to 50% of the field to a maximum of 6 places
- Must be a minimum of 3 competitors for points to be awarded
- Top six places awarded points – 1st/6, 2nd/5, 3rd/4, 4th/3, 5th/2, 6th/1

The Board felt these ideas were an excellent start. The topic was tabled until next meeting where all options will be considered and a recommendation will be made. Suzanne advised that she can work this scoring system into the Hy-Tek program.

Roman and Suzanne to work with Harry on this.

18. New Business –

o **AGM Tomorrow - John**

- Budget - we need to form a committee to help steer the budget as the current budget shows a significant deficit for fiscal 2009.
- Elections – a review of this was offered, advising that no nominations had been received by the office to date.
- By-law Changes, Letters Patent and Logo. John reviewed the changes and process.
- In Pat's absence Bill will provide a brief overview of the Planning process to date and some of the determinations and recommendations

- **IFTA Grant from Trillium – John** advised that IFTA has received a \$240,000 grant to introduce the next phase of Fun in Athletics, Sportshall Athletics, into the province’s High Schools.
 - **IFTA Relay – John** provided a brief review of the success of the International Team Marathon Relay for kids.
 - **Integration – John** advised that full integration with athletes with a disability may once again be the direction that the Ministry will want to take things. There have been some independent recommendations that integration will be more inclusive for AWD.
1. **Code of Conduct – John** advised that the lawyer acting on behalf of the OTFA has still not offered a review of the Code of Conduct. John will once again press for a legal opinion of the document.
 2. **High Performance Meet in 2009 - Bill** announced that there is an opportunity for several of the world’s best athletes to be in Toronto next June for a track meet at Varsity Stadium. This could be a huge boost to our sport and could grab a lot of headlines. Details will be coming soon.
 3. **OTFA Registration Only Online – Bill**

Motion: that effective January 1, 2009, all OTFA member registrations must be done online. (Paperwork re: Police checks and Offence Declarations will still have to come to the office).

Stephens and Stantsos

Carried

Motion: to adjourn

Leroux

Carried

Adjournment 10: 55 p.m.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MOTIONS FROM THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 5, 2008 PRESENTED TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL

MOTION: That the list of new records, as recommended by the Director of Technical Services, and as amended, be accepted.

Re: Policies and Procedures for Championships-

MOTION: That the changes and additions proposed by Mike Illingworth and Roman Olszewski to the Policies and Procedures for the Staging of Provincial Championships Handbook, be approved.

MOTION: That all track events at Provincial Championships be phototimed.

MOTION: That the Junior Men’s and Women’s 4x1500m Relay be added to the list of Ontario Outdoor Championship events.

MOTION: That in 11.1 the deadline date be amended to Sunday, 11:59 pm (from Monday).

MOTION: That the following paragraphs be added to 13.1:

To be considered, the athlete must have been registered as a competitive member by the registration deadline.

Any entrants accepted shall not be placed in the two fastest sections in events of 200m and up in distance.

MOTION: That, in 60.2, sentence 1 be deleted