

## **Meeting of the Board of Directors**

8:00 p.m.  
Saturday, July 31, 2004  
Hampton Inn, Windsor, Ontario

**Present:** Albert Tschirhart (chair), Joe Sax, Marc Christie, Roman Olszewski, John Craig

**Regrets:** Kelly Harris, Michael Illingworth, Denis Landry

1. Chair's Welcome: Better meeting expected than last year since none of the Board are actually involved in hosting the Supermeet this year.

2. Review of Minutes of Last Meeting:

- review of purchase of OTFA Phototiming system

**ACTION:** Roman to continue to pursue the purchase of a FinishLynx system, and to advise Board on options and costs. Roman to canvas Board by email in future regarding a purchase once options are understood.

- Review of status of Hamilton Indoor Games
- Some discussion of meet logistics in general, including the way this year's Supermeet is going. Consensus is that the meet is excellent – some suggestions may be offered as part of a general review, but the meet is very good.
- Review of the status of a disciplinary committee recommendation

**ACTION:** John Craig to follow up and report to Board at next meeting. Michael Illingworth to be involved depending on outcome of report.

**MOTION:** to accept the minutes of the previous meeting

Sax/Christie

**Approved**

3. Approval of Agenda – items added as other business include:

- the OTFA position on COC selection criteria for Olympics and direction to AC
- 2004 government funding grant
- Brooks Sponsorship situation
- host of Supermeet 2005 (Albert to follow up with Brett Lumley on Sunday)

- OTFA sanctions review
- Competition Model
- 2004 Cross Country Championships 2004; status of on-line registration
- indoor schedule for 2005
- how does OTFA respond to concerns about discipline in competition's outside of Ontario (no formal complaint lodged)

**MOTION:** to approve the agenda

Sax/Christie

**Approved**

**MOTION:** That Windsor Legion be asked to host Supermeet 2005

Christie/Sax

**Approved**

4. Paralympic Membership: the Board Ratified the past actions of the office with respect to paralympic membership in the OTFA for 2004, and adopted John and Roman's suggestion for future membership registration for Paralympic athletes.

**MOTION:** that in the future Paralympians can become members of the OTFA for the price of an OTFA seasonal membership less whatever they have already paid into their own association (minimum of \$10.00 fee). If paralympic athletes are interested in competitions that straddle more than one season, they can become a member of the OTFA for the regular full year membership (not the independent membership) less the fee they have already paid to their own association.

Sax/Christie

**Approved**

5. Rolf Lund Award – OTFA to ask Rita-Sue Bolton take the lead on this initiative and advise OTFA of options and suggestions. Rita Sue will get back to OTFA on this

**MOTION:** That the OTFA ask Rita-Sue Bolton to make suggestions for a joint award in honour of Rolf Lund.

Sax/Christie

**Approved**

6. Bill Gairdner Proposal. Coach Gairdner suggested that the OTFA re-arrange its indoor championship age groups into a Bantam-Midget-Juvenile meet and a Junior-Senior meet. The Board considered the suggestion but decided to keep things as they are with respect to age division as the current structure allows age group athletes more competition opportunities.

7. Franklin Gairdner Transfer.

**MOTION:** to accept transfer of Franklin Gairdner from St. Thomas Legion to York Flyers.

Christie/Sax

**Approved**

8. Financial Structure of Indoor Relay Meet – After it's experience in hosting the 2004 Indoor Relay meet Phoenix TC suggested some changes needed to be made to make the meet more profitable. Marc pointed out that these meets in the past have made a profit, so this might just have been a bad year. There were suggestions about changing the structure of awards in order to decrease the expenses.

**ACTION:** Roman and John and Bernie to re-investigate finances and figure out what has already been paid for and what profit is available from the 2004 meet. Roman and John to come up with some suggestions and alternatives, to address this for future meets.

**ACTION:** Put this item on agenda at next Board meeting. What to do in future indoor relay meets to be discussed at next meeting...possible that we give ribbons to second and third place teams to help reduce costs.

9. Minimum age limit for Provincial Championships – Should OTFA have a minimum age for nomination and acceptance as member of a provincial team. What is minimum age?

**MOTION:**

That athletes can not compete on a provincial team that is more than two age groups above their current age category.

Christie/Sax

**Approved**

10. Mixed Records for Bantams and Midgets:

**MOTION:** That the OTFA recognize a single record for Bantam and Midget categories regardless of whether the mark was achieved in a mixed competition.

Sax/Christie

**Approved**

11. The OTFA AGM will be held at the Sport Alliance of Ontario building in Toronto at a date yet to be determined.

12: Other Business:

- a) OTFA position on COC and AC Selection Standards: OTFA to revisit the criteria for selection to the Olympics and ask Athletics Canada to lobby the COC to go back to a minimum of top 16 in the world for selection (as opposed to top 12). Also, the OTFA should lobby other provinces and territories to get support to take this forward at the next AC AGM through the President's meeting.

**ACTION:** Joe and Marc to bring this back to the next OTFA Board meeting for discussion and approval.

- b) Brooks Sponsorship – John updated the Board on the Brooks situation and explained what happened and how to approach next year. There were some problems with this year's proposal and program and OTFA should try to be fair so we will roll this into next year and hope they can help us with the Canada Games. Brooks provided OTFA with about \$1,400 worth of singlets for the 2004 Espoir meet.
- c) Sanctions: there are concerns that we may have sanctioned one or more competitions where the host club doesn't have permission to use the facility. What is our legal position, especially with respect to insurance?

**ACTION:** Roman and John to modify the sanction agreement such that there now needs to be proof of legal entitlement to use the facility in question. That participants must be legally on the premises.

- d) Competition Model: Albert presented a chart showing what should be available for different age divisions in this province. This model is an offshoot of what Quebec presented at last AC AGM with some things borrowed some from BC model. The chart was presented for discussion at this time, but could form the basis for a model for future competition.
- e) Staff changes in the next few years may allow for the OTFA office to help plan and arrange some of the competitions and activities. Discussion as to where OTFA should focus its attention, on senior levels or on the younger ranks. OTFA should use this as a start for future planning, and more discussion at future meetings.

**ACTION:** Put Competition Model back on agenda for next Board meeting.

- f) On-Line Registration: John updated Board on situation. Originally contracted company will not be able to complete task due to re-organization. Direction – to work with ad hoc AC committee, but if no real movement by September to explore again the idea of working with Drew Foisy again. Time lines will have to change.
- g) 2004 Cross Country – Speed River has declined to host this meet this year. There is interest from some groups, and we should tender bids to host.

**ACTION:** Roman to advertise the competition to host the Cross Country Championships for 2004 by email and put it on the OTFA Web-site.

h) 2005 Indoor Schedule –Suggested Schedule for indoor 2005 is:

Feb 6 – OTFA Relays and allcomers – no host

Feb 19-2 - BMJ Champs – Toronto – York UTFC hosting

March 5-6 – Jv Sr Champs – Windsor – Windsor Legion Hosting

**Motion to Adjourn**

Adjournment : 11:02 p.m.