

**Meeting of the Board of Directors  
of the Ontario Track and Field Association**

Friday, November 26, 2004  
Ontario Sport Alliance Building,  
Toronto, Ontario, Room 3D  
8:00 p.m.

**Present:** Albert Tschirhart (Chair), Denis Landry (Vice Chair), Marc Christie, Michael Illingworth, Roman Olszewski (staff), John Craig (staff)

**Regrets:** Kelly S. Harris

**Guests:** Nathan Percival, Enrico Toscano

**1. Chairs Welcome:** Welcome to members and guests. Thanks to all who visited with the Sax family after Joe's death. There was an unbelievable turnout from the running community. Joe will be missed by lots of people, and his contribution to this Board was outstanding.

**2. Review of Minutes of Last Meeting:**

**Business Arising:** FinishLinx System – When appropriate, the OTFA should make an application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for a grant to help cover the cost of this and other needed equipment including pole vault standards, high jump pits, hurdles, throwing implements and phototiming equipment.

Review of findings and actions resulting from meeting of Disciplinary Hearing.

**ACTION:** Roman to talk to Windsor Legion to see if they want the 2005 Supermeet, and if they will host it without the Senior division. Some senior allcomers events can be staged to help drive revenue and attendance.

**ACTION:** John to update Albert on Olympic standards issue and COC (Chris Rudge) reaction/position so he can write a backgrounder for Roman to present at the AC SAGM.

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

**Christie/Illingworth**

**Carried**

**3. Approval of Agenda:** Approved.

**4. Athletics Magazine and Membership:** Subscriptions as they apply to new Membership Categories: John reported that some of the new membership categories introduced in 2004 have had financial ramifications for Athletics Magazine. Some support will come from the Active 2010 funding, but some

changes to membership need to be implemented to keep Athletics Magazine financially viable.

**Membership:** the proposed extension of the term of Outdoor membership to the end of the year will put a strain on the insurance budget. The proposal will be amended to increase outdoor membership fees by \$10 to cover the increased costs.

**MOTION (1):** That by extending the summer seasonal membership to December 31<sup>st</sup>, the registration fees for those categories be increased by \$10.00 to cover the additional costs incurred.

**Tschirhart and Christie**

**Carried**

**5. Ontario Summer Games 2006:** Discussion ended with the suggestion that the OTFA support the idea of returning to the Ontario Summer Games in 2006 and use it as an evaluation and clinic camp for Bantam and maybe Midget age groups, provided other conditions are met (improvements in accommodation, chaperones, less cost, less administration etc.)

**6. Poaching:** Roman has been trying to establish some guidelines to help determine a reasonable code of conduct for coaches, specifically as it applies to approaching athletes already registered with other clubs. He has not had much of a response from the coaching community, but he will try to have some informal discussions on this at the AGM tomorrow.

**7. OTFA:** Name and logo change to be proposed at the 2004 AGM.

**8. 2005 Cross Country Championships Site:** Roman to provide the membership with the opportunity to bid on the 2005 Championships, and other competitions as appropriate.

**9. OTFA Position and Help on Olympic Standards:** This will be presented as a point of information at OTFA AGM.

**10. Technical Committee Motions:**

**MOTION (3):** that the motions of the Technical Committee be accepted as presented.

Technical Committee Motions:

1. That the facility inspection policy approved at the Board meeting of October 3, 2003 be rescinded.

2. That the Director of Technical Services or designate(s) do an on-the-site inspection of the facility at least 45 days before a Provincial Championship competition with the costs

being borne by the meet hosts. A report shall be provided within 7 days of the inspection to the meet hosts and facility manager.

3. That the records list as recommended by the Director of Technical Services be accepted.

4. That the 2nd National Qualifier be cancelled for 2005.

5. That at the Ontario Senior Indoor and Outdoor Championships, where there are fewer entrants (or starters) than the number of available lanes in events of 110m or less, the entrants shall be guaranteed 2 runs, the first being the Championship and the second a sanctioned non-championship event.

**Landry and Tschirhart**

**Carried**

**11. Canada Games and Canada Games Trials:** bidding clubs are Timmins Porcupine and Ottawa. Both sites have good facilities and are capable of putting a good competition on. Distance and accommodation are important considerations.

**MOTION (2):** That the 2005 Ontario Canada Summer Games Trials be awarded, in conjunction with the Ontario Senior outdoor championships, to Ottawa and the Ottawa Lions Track and Field Club.

**Tschirhart and Christie**

**Carried**

**Team Selection Criteria:** The OTFA will have to deal with the new point system and work with it to maximize our potential to win the competition. This may impact on some decisions regarding selection and competition entries.

**12. Funding Request:** Val Sarjeant's request for funding for the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hamilton Indoor Games exhibit was considered.

**MOTION (4):** That the OTFA provide \$500 to help fund the Hamilton Indoor Games 80<sup>th</sup> Celebration Exhibit, on condition that the event be staged as advertised.

**Christie and Illingworth**

**Carried**

**Adjournment: 10:42 p.m.**