

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

TORONTO, SEPTEMBER 21, 2007 (6:30 PM)

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Bill Stephens (Board, Chairperson), Mike Illingworth (Board), Suzanne Leroux, Roman Olszewski (Staff), Enrico Toscano, Marc Christie (Board), Albert Tschirhart (Board).

Absent: Nathan Percival, Vital Shank, Dave Mills. Vital sent in notes on various items on the agenda.

1. **MOTION:** *That the minutes of the November 10, 2006 meeting be approved.*

Christie/Illingworth

CARRIED

2. Business arising.

Roman mentioned that the Facilities Classification System he introduced last year has not seen any changes. He suggested that it be presented for formal approval at the next Technical Committee meeting. In the meantime the document will be included with 2008 bid packages for information purposes.

3. Records.

Mike Illingworth's document on Records Policies was discussed and tabled to the next meeting. The majority of changes are for the purpose of improvement of wording. There was agreement that from this point on records in hurdles, steeplechase and throwing events could only be claimed if the specifications were identical to those specified for the age group. (Actually, the rule is already in place for hurdles events). This new rule will be added to the revised policies for records. Mike's document will be presented again for ratification at the next meeting.

Bill asked why the new records weren't being put up on the website and into our newsletter, as per suggestion at the last meeting. The intention was to facilitate information gathering. Roman said that he didn't have the time to organize the lists: it's still a good idea.

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

Illingworth/Toscano

CARRIED

4. Provincial Championship Dates – 2008.

After some discussion the dates for major OTFA championships for 2008 the following dates were established:

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| Sunday, January 20 | Indoor Combined Events and Prep Meet #1 |
| Sunday, February 3 | Indoor Relays and Prep meet #2 |
| Sat. & Sun..February 16-17 | Indoor Juvenile-Senior Championships |
| Sat. & Sun. March 1-2 | Indoor Bantam-Midget-Junior |
| Sat. & Sun. June 14-15 | National Junior & Senior Qualifier #1 |
| Sat. & Sun. June 21-22 | Supermeet 1 - Junior & Senior Chps. |
| Sat. & Sun. August 2-3 | Supermeet 2 – Bantam-Midget-Juvenile |

5. Provincial Championships and Officials

Proposals from Bill and Enrico were discussed. Mike suggested that Enrico's paper on the Provincial Officials Coordinator be inserted as an appendix in the OTFA P & P for Championships Handbook and that important policy statements be incorporated in the main section of the P&P.

Both sets of proposals will be on the next meeting's agenda with the goal of adoption.

6. Cross Country Distances

MOTION: That the distance of the Bantam Girls Cross Country Championships race be increased to 3000m (from 2000m) effective 2008.

Tschirhart/Sarjeant

CARRIED

7. Review of New York Team Project.

Bill thought that we should revisit the continuance of this project in its present form in light of the cost (net ca. \$13,000 for 2007). Perhaps a smaller team of the top athletes could fly out. Alternatively, the idea of provincial teams going to National Championships could be looked at. Albert said that we must remember the team building – staff and athletes – aspect of these projects. Canada Games Teams in recent years have produced good results and few problems possibly as a result of past team building programmes. A committee of Bill and Marc will look at options for provincial teams.

8. Recruitment of Officials.

Bill expressed his concern that we don't have sufficient officials for our Championships. We need to recruit more young officials and make sure that all officials understand that, when given a choice of meets, their first loyalty should be to the OTFA Championships. Also, officials should understand that the expectation of meet organizers is that all registered officials are available for the major championships. This will be written up and presented to the OOC.

9. New Business.

Mike has a number of suggestions for additions to and improvements of the OTFA P & P for Championships. These will be written up for consideration and possible adoption at the next Technical Cttee. Meeting.

5. Adjournment.

Tschirhart

CARRIED

Minutes prepared by Roman Olszewski, September 24, 2007.

Board meeting follow-up:

The motions in items 3 and 6 above were subsequently approved by the Board at its meeting immediately following the Technical Committee.

Next Meeting: to be announced (likely the night before the AGM in November).