

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

TORONTO, NOVEMBER 23, 2007 (6:30 PM)

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mike Illingworth (Board, Chairperson), Bill Stephens (Board), Suzanne Leroux, Albert Tschirhart (Board), Val Sargeant (Board, 7:30pm) Roman Olszewski (Staff)

Absent: Nathan Percival, Vital Shank, Dave Mills.

1. **MOTION:** *That the minutes of the September 21, 2007 meeting be approved.*

Tschirhart/Leroux

CARRIED

2. **Business arising.**

Roman reported that Vital Shank was opposed to the changing of the distance of the cross country race for Bantam Girls (from 2000m to 3000m) and that he had put a motion in to the AGM asking for the distance to stay at 2000m. Members agreed that perhaps it was time to take a look at the distances of all of the races to see if they are appropriate for the age classes. When the motion comes up for discussion at the AGM it is recommended that the item be tabled so that a group can be formed to make recommendations on race distances.

3. **Agenda.**

MOTION: *That the following items be added to the agenda:*

Espoir Team trip reports (Roman)

Results management (Mike)

Tschirhart/Stephens

CARRIED

4. **Records.**

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

Tschirhart/Stephens

CARRIED

MOTION: *That the Policies for Records document, up to the start of the tables, as presented at the September meeting by Mike Illingworth and as revised by Roman Olszewski, be approved.*

Stephens/Leroux

CARRIED

5. Provincial Championship Policies

MOTION: *That the adjustments, including addition of reference to on-line entries via Hi-Tek in 10.1, made by Mike Illingworth to the Policies and Procedures for the Staging of Provincial Championships Handbook be approved.*

Stephens/Tschirhart

CARRIED

6. Facilities Grading and Classification Chart

MOTION: *That the Facilities Grading and Classification Chart be approved for use in the Provincial Championship bidding process, effective January 1, 2008.*

Sarjeant/Stephens

CARRIED

7. Ontario Summer Games- Eastern Canadian Espoir Team Championships

Roman reported that following meetings with representatives of the 2008 Ontario Summer Games host group in Ottawa and after communication with contacts from the other eastern Canadian branches the concept of a combined Ontario Summer Games – Eastern Canadian Espoir Team Championships competition in Ottawa next August seems acceptable. Details about the merged competition and housing, etc. for the visiting teams need to be worked out. With 120 Ontario athletes set to be invited to the OSG there is the possibility of having **two** Ontario teams in the Espoir competition.

8. OOC Coordinator of Officials Proposal

MOTION: *That the OOC Coordinator of Officials document, which outlines the responsibilities of the Coordinator be approved.*

Leroux/Sarjeant

CARRIED

It was suggested that a group be formed to study the document further for the purpose of expanding/clarifying the role of the Coordinator of Officials.

9. Year of the Official.

The members present asked the Board to endorse Val Sarjeant's proposal that 2008 being designated as the "Year of the Official" and that the OTFA work on meeting the objectives of the proposal.

10. Cross Country Championships – Club Scoring.

MOTION: *That the Ontario Cross Country Championships be scored to determine an overall club champion based on a 10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1 point system for the top 8 individual finishers and the top 8 club finishers in the Bantam through Senior categories.*

Tschirhart/Sarjeant

CARRIED

11. Ontario Marathon Championship.

Hugh Cameron's proposal to declare one of our marathons as the Ontario Championship was discussed. It was decided that it would be best to set up a committee of interested individuals to study the feasibility of this proposal and make recommendations to the Technical Committee.

12. Nominations for Technical Committee.

Roman reported that several OTFA members had recently expressed interest in being a part of the Technical Committee. In addition, Mike Illingworth was stepping down from his Board position and needed to be voted onto the Committee as a non-Board member. Non-active members of the committee will be asked if they wish to continue their involvement.

MOTION: *That the following persons be recommended to the Board as new members of the Technical Committee:*

Vince Fay, Ottawa

Bob Tucker, Brockville

Larry Martin, Thornhill

Mike Illingworth, Peterborough

Stephens/Sarjeant

CARRIED

13. 2007 Espoir Team Reports.

Written reports from Dave Christiani (Team Leader and Head Coach), Sylvia Kontra (Coach) and Pat Reid (Coach) were circulated.

14. HY-TEK Entries and Results.

Starting sometime in 2008, likely with the beginning of the outdoor season, Athletics Canada will require results to be forwarded to them in Hy-Tek files from designated branch representatives. In Ontario, results (Hy-Tek Back-Up file) will initially be sent to Anthony. He will send a copy to Roman to check for content. After Roman gives the o.k. the file in the required format will be forwarded to AC.

As at present, meet results should be posted as soon as possible. Following correction, the modified version will be archived.

The OTFA office is organizing Prep Meet No. 1 and will be using, with Suzanne Leroux's assistance, AC Direct for entries.

15. Other New Business

Bill reported that he and Marc were looking at the value of certain programmes, particularly the New York project. They have been surveying coaches and the general thinking is that less money should be spent on New York and more on support of athletes who attend National Junior Championships and various National team events for which team fees are charged.

16. Adjournment.

Stephens/

CARRIED

Minutes prepared by Roman Olszewski, November 28, 2007.

Board meeting follow-up:

The motions from items 4,5,6,8,10, and 12 above were subsequently approved by the Board at its meeting immediately following the Technical Committee.

Next Meeting: to be announced.