

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

TORONTO, NOVEMBER 26, 2004 (6:30 PM)

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Mike Illingworth (Board), Enrico Toscano, Andrew Greenlaw, Nathan Percival, Suzanne Leroux, Denis Landry, Albert Tschirhart (late into the meeting), Marc Christie (late into the meeting) Roman Olszewski (Staff) (R.Olszewski acted as the Chairperson)

Regrets: Vital Shank

Absent: Bart van Veghel, Dave Mills, Tina MacDonald

1. ***MOTION:*** *That the minutes of the October 3, 2003 meeting be approved.*

Leroux/Illingworth

CARRIED

2. **Business arising.**

The Ontario Officials Council, at its AGM in the late fall of 2003 rejected the concept of an official signing off on the facilities/equipment prior to provincial championships.

MOTION: *That the facility inspection policy approved at the Board meeting of October 3, 2003 be rescinded.*

Landry/Illingworth

CARRIED

MOTION: *That the Director of Technical Services or designate(s) do an on-site inspection of facilities and equipment 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.*

Landry/Percival

CARRIED

3. **Records.**

Roman explained that the reason for the addition of some old performances to the list was to bring our lists in line with those of the IAAF and Athletics Canada in terms of recognized events. He also explained why one of Steve Agar's records was accepted while the other wasn't: see IAAF rules at the time re: how long an athlete must wait after representing one country before representing another.

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

Percival/Toscano

CARRIED

4. Championship, Trials Programme for 2005.

There was discussion regarding the disposition of several of our indoor and outdoor championships and trials. Two clubs, Ottawa Lions and Timmins-Porcupine had bid for the Canada Games Trials. The decision where to place the Trials was left to the Board.

Results from earlier surveys of Board and Technical Cttee. members indicated approval of the suggestion to move the Senior group out of Supermeet and to hold their championships at an earlier date - for the purpose of improving attendance. The idea of holding the Senior Championships in conjunction with the Canada Games Trials, especially if they were held in Ottawa, was appealing. It was suggested that the National Qualifier #2, scheduled in Ottawa one week before the CSG Trails, should be cancelled due to a likely poor turnout.

Regarding the indoor relays situation, it was decided to leave that matter to the Board. An issue regarding partial non-payment of levies from the 2004 meet had to be resolved first.

MOTION: That the second National Qualifier meet be cancelled for 2005.

Percival/Leroux

CARRIED

5. 2005 Canada Games.

Roman gave an update on the team staff situation. One of the staff members may have to resign for personal reasons. The Games scoring system will apparently not change. As a result, our selection criteria may need some minor adjustments. The CSG staff will be asked to comment on the preliminary criteria released earlier. The Board can ratify the final criteria at its next meeting.

6. Guaranteed Number of Runs for Sprinters at Ontario Championships.

There are frequent requests by athletes and coaches at Provincial Championships to conduct more than a single race in the short sprints. It was therefore deemed desirable to have a policy in place so that these requests could be dealt with by meet directors and officials in a uniform manner.

MOTION: 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.

Leroux/Toscano

CARRIED

7. Non-Ontarian Participation Effects on Provincial Championships.

It was generally felt that this item had been sufficiently presented and studied at an earlier (Board) meeting. Present policies appear to cover the situation.

8. Awards for 2nd and 3rd place Teams in Relay Championships.

Consensus was that limiting the awards to members of first-place teams and only to members of 2nd and 3rd place teams that met a standard would be counterproductive by reducing interest in and participation in the Relay Championships. The Relay Championships can be financially viable if packaged properly in a programme that includes a wide assortment of allcomers events.

9. Purchase of Phototiming Unit.

It was decided to hold off on the purchase pending an agreement with John Caulfield that would give first right of refusal to the OTFA on rental of his equipment for upcoming (2005) events.

10. 2005 Espoir Meet.

Roman reported that despite the fact that Ontario was the host the net cost of the 2005 Espoir programme (including team costs and meet costs) was \$11,600.00. However, Team Ontario athletes and staff were housed for two nights and were not charged a team fee. Most meals were free. Also, they and our guests (who were given a subsidized price) were treated to a great banquet and dance. The meet was a great success and will provide a model for successive hosts to follow. A financial statement for the programme was available for perusal at the meeting.

11. Adjournment.

Leroux/

CARRIED

Minutes prepared by Roman Olszewski, December 10, 2004.

Board meeting follow-up:

All motions were subsequently approved by the Board at its meeting immediately following the Technical Committee.

The Board awarded the CSG Trials to Ottawa and approved of the move of the Senior Championships to Ottawa on the same weekend, provided that that the Ottawa Lions would accept the addition of the events and that Windsor Legion would go along with the removal of the Senior events from Supermeet.

The Board decided to give Phoenix the first right of refusal for hosting the 2005 Ontario Indoor Relay Championships on the condition that it host the event without the benefit of an OTFA hosting grant, thereby offsetting the non-payment of a portion of the championship levies from the 2004 meet.

Next Meeting

If there is sufficient agenda material to warrant it, a brief Technical Cttee. meeting will be held prior to the Board meeting in Toronto on the evening of Saturday, February 19. This is at the end of day 1 of the Ontario Indoor Bantam-Midget-Junior Championships. Please send any possible items for discussion to Roman.