

Athletics NS Annual General Meeting – November 18, 2017
Meeting Minutes

Present: Anitra Stevens, Chris MacKinnon, Dan Arsenault, Kenny Fraser, Rich Lehman, Ueli Albert, Paula James, Patrick Edwards, Derek Eastwood, Lisa Wood, Adrienne Power, Nathan Burris. Pat Carty, Clive Holland, Marjorie Schmidt, Sherry Alexander, Mira Alexander, Torey Grimshaw (by phone) and Gina MacInnis (by phone).

1. Call to Order by Chris Mackinnon.
2. Adoption of Agenda – move #3 item down to #5. Add to new business – switch indoor club championships to Feb 2018. Moved by Rich Lehman, Seconded by Lisa Wood.
3. Approval of Past Minutes. Moved by Chris MacKinnon, Seconded by Pat Carty.
4. Business Arising from Minutes – nothing discussed
5. Presentation of Voting Credentials – Identification of Voting Delegates
6. Outgoing Board Members: Rich Lehman, Paula James, Dan MacDonald, Tim Duguay and Chris MacKinnon
7. Chair Report – great rapport with Legions. Middle of 5 yr strategic plan. High performance plan in place at both provincial and national level. Bill Macmackin new chair of Athletics Canada. Andy Walker taking on new role of National Officials Committee – both strong advocates from Atlantic Canada. In 2017 we focused on the sport. Club championships were a success.
8. Financial report – presented by Kenny Fraser. Surplus of just over \$12000. Moved by Chris MacKinnon, Seconded by Clive.
9. Executive Directors report – presented by Anitra Stevens. In 2016 membership was down just over 100 members. Coaches up, officials and volunteers up. Meet participation up 15-25%. Volunteers – ongoing recruitment, Marketing – website maintenance, newsletter and social media. Sponsorship - \$5000 from Wilsons for Run Jump Throw Wheel. Grants – provincial and nationals grants and ongoing interviews and reporting. Planning – new programs, new clubs, partnership development. 2019-2020 Legions will be hosted in Sydney. Human resources – 2 summer students and work plans with full and part time staff.
10. Coaching Development Report – presented by Rich Lehman. Performance Coach and Sport/Club Coach courses held in 2016.
11. Officials Development Report – presented by Clive Holland. Clubs hosted clinics and that had good success and need to use that model in future. Difficulty in getting officials to upgrade. One officials upgraded to Level 3 (Clive) and two are working on mentorships for starters. Need more officials before we host Legions. We have no officials on the National Mentor List.
12. By Law Changes – registry of Joint Stocks reviewed our bylaws and only suggested small changes. Moved by Rich Lehman, seconded by Lisa Wood.

13. Election of Board of Directors – Chair: Dan Arsenault. Vice Chair is vacant. Treasurer – Kenny Fraser. Secretary – Terry Sweeney. Director of Officiating – Clive Holland. Director of Coaching – Lauren Duke. Directors of High Performance – Adrienne Power and Ueli Albert. Directors at Large – Lisa Wood, Marjorie Schmidt and Ed James. Athlete Reps – Ryan Shay and Nathan Burris. Executive Director – Anitra Stevens. Rich Lehman motioned to change the structure of the board of directors to eliminate Run NS Liaison and Business Director and add 2 Directors of High Performance. Seconded by Marjorie Schmidt.

14. Other Business:

- a. Indoor Meets – Pat Cary suggested that clubs be tasked with recruiting volunteers – and each club signs up for 1 meet a year. May be an issue with smaller clubs without a track and field facility near by. Anitra to see feedback from clubs on this idea.
- b. Limit the number of entries per athletes – working group of Jonathan, Paula, Pat and Rich to work together on a proposal fair for all clubs.
- c. Heptathlon for youth/junior males – Pat spoke to Jonathan and it can be included as a pilot in 2018.
- d. Website – can this be updated on more regular basis? We use social media for our day of information – only highlights go to website. Staff to work on more updates more often.
- e. Meet Cap Fees – team caps exist all over North America. We eliminated them in 2017 to be fair to all and now they are to be brought back for everyone – clubs and universities. Rich Lehman proposed cap of \$500 plus a \$5 officials surcharge per person. Moved by Rich Lehman seconded by Clive Holland. Staff to work on messaging to clubs and logistics of Trackie meet registration.
- f. Move to adjourn Rich Lehman and seconded by Lisa Wood

Submitted by Marjorie Schmidt.