

**Canadian Masters Athletic Association
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Sport Alliance of Ontario, Toronto
Thursday, December 5, 2007; 7:30 PM**

In Attendance

25 members, including 3 by telephone conference, and 1 guest were present, and signed the attendance sheet. The quorum for the meeting is twenty members, and there was, therefore, a quorum present.

Brian Keaveney, the President, took the Chair, with Vern Christensen, the Secretary, acting as Secretary of the Meeting. (In these minutes, each person's full name is used when first mentioned. Subsequently, the first name, and sometimes the last initial, is used.)

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on November 16, 2006 accepted as presented, motion moved and seconded by **Brian Oxley/Nancy Leo**.

President's Report

Brian K referred to his written report, which had been distributed to all of those present. The report highlighted the 2007 National, World and Regional Championships in various disciplines, and plans for the 2008 Track & Field Championships, to be held in Regina, SK.

Financial Report

Jack Castle commented on his written report for the year ended October 31, 2007, which had been distributed to all of those present. The report showed that, as at the current date, \$5,929.56 Cdn and \$5,152.25 US were held in the bank, \$19,867.68 was held in a Money Market Fund, \$914.00 was in the Product Inventory, and \$1,287.00 was in the Medals Inventory, for total Financial Assets of \$27,998.24 Cdn and \$5,152.25 US, about \$1,600.00 less than as at October 31, 2006. The Report confirmed that, if memberships stay near the present number, this financial situation will allow the membership fees to remain at current levels for the year 2008, for approximately the 15th consecutive year.

Report accepted as presented, motion moved and seconded by **Ed Whitlock/Chris LeMassif**.

Membership Report

Joan Christensen presented her Membership Report, which had been distributed and showed that there were currently 697 members, compared with 641 in November, 2006 and 693 in November, 2005. There are 203 women and 494 men members.

Communications

Doug Smith presented his written report, which had been distributed and which indicated that three editions of the MASTERpiece are being issued this year, as well as the Record Book. There were also 10 Canadian Masters Enews bulletins and 21 Ontario Masters Enews bulletins.

Vern read a brief report from an email from Rudy Bhogina.

Records Reports

- 1) **Road Bests** – A written report from Ed, which listed the 12 new Road Bests approved in the past year, had been distributed and was reviewed.
- 2) **Indoor and Outdoor Track and Jumps** – A written report from Bill McIlwaine had been distributed and was reviewed. It reported that there had been 20 Outdoor and 25 Indoor records approved over the past year.
- 3) **Combined Events** – A written report from John Hawkins, referring to Combined Events results by Canadians and 5 Canadian records approved over the past year, had been distributed and was reviewed.
- 4) **Relays** – Harold Morioka's written report, listing the 10 Relay Records that had been approved in the past year, had been distributed and was reviewed.

Product Sales Report

Ann Marie Rosenitsch reported that the current inventory was valued at \$914.00, consisting mainly of some singlets, tights and briefs. We might possibly buy some track suits this coming year.

Non Stadia Report

John Powell presented his written report, which had been distributed to those present. In it, he reported on the Cross Country and Road Race championships held over the past year. There were some comments about the poor Cross Country course in Guelph, for this year's National Championship, and John requested any further comments from any members.

Stadia Report

Roy Chubb presented a report on this year's National Masters Stadia Championships, held in St. John, New Brunswick, and Brian K reported briefly on it. He recommended that members also refer to the Provincial report from Bill MacMackin from New Brunswick.

Provincial Directors' Reports

- 1) **British Columbia** – Harold M presented a written report, which had been distributed to those present. It commented on Masters events in the province, and the activities outside the province by Masters from the British Columbia.
- 2) **Alberta** – Donna Dixon presented a written report, which had been distributed to those present. It reported on the thriving Masters scene in Alberta.
- 3) **Saskatchewan** – Carol LaFayette-Boyd presented a written report, which had been distributed to those present. It reported on records set by Saskatchewan athletes during the past year, and a schedule of events for the next year, including the National Masters Outdoor Track & Field Championships in Regina.
- 4) **Ontario** – Doug S presented a written report, which had been distributed to those present. It reported on a closer relationship with the OTFA, and new events planned for 2008.
- 5) **Quebec** – Emil Mueller had provided a written report, which had been distributed to those present, and which Vern introduced. It referred to the top Masters performances in each Track & Field event in the past year, and the number of athletes taking part in each event.
- 6) **New Brunswick** – Bill MacMackin had provided a written report, which had been distributed to those present, and which Vern introduced. It reported extensively on the National Masters Track & Field Championships held in Saint John in 2007, including providing feedback from many of those who attended.

Athletics Canada

Tom Hastie, the Past President of BC Athletics and the Chair of the Athletics Canada ("AC") Masters Committee, addressed the meeting. He commented on discussions that had occurred over a period of years within AC and between AC and the CMAA, with a view to bringing the two groups closer together. He proposed that the CMAA apply for "Affiliate" membership in AC, a non-cost membership which would allow the CMAA to bring motions to the AC Masters Committee and attend the AC AGM, but would not have voting rights. He encouraged the CMAA to take advantage of this type of membership, provided for in the AC By-Laws, as a means of bringing the associations closer together, with the ultimate aim of trying to get to the situation where all members of AC provincial affiliates would automatically become members of the CMAA.

International Report

Brian K reported on the upcoming WMA Indoor Championships, to be held in Clermont-Ferrand, France, the 2009 WMA Outdoor Championships, being held in Lahti, Finland, and the World Masters (Multi-sport) Games, being held in Sydney, Australia, in 2009..

Executive Elections

Vern agreed to chair this part of the meeting. A slate of nominations had been provided, and was distributed to all of those present. Roy Chubb was added to the list of Officers, as Vice-President, Stadia. As well, it was pointed out that the positions as Provincial Directors should not be elected by the Members, but

should be appointed by the Executive, which would be done at the Executive meeting following this Annual General Meeting. Additional nominations were requested for any of the positions indicated on the slate.

Upon motion, moved and seconded by Bob Moore/Molly Turner, it was agreed that nominations be closed, and that the following slate be unanimously acclaimed:

President	Brian Keaveney	Records - Indoor & Outdoor	
Vice-President, Stadia	Roy Chubb	Track & Jumps	Bill McIlwaine
Vice-President, Non-Stadia	John Powell	Records - Roads	Ed Whitlock
Vice-President & Secretary	Vern Christensen	Records - Throws	Rudy Boghina
Treasurer	Jack Castle	Editor	Doug Smith
Membership Secretary	Joan Christensen	Other Directors-	Nancy Leo
Past President	Jack Castle		Brian Oxley
Product Sales	Ann Marie Rosenitsch		Kitty Cashman

Other Business

Jim Flowers requested that a Weight Pentathlon be included as part of the National Outdoor Championships in Regina next year. It was agreed that this suggestion would be brought forward to the organizers of the Championships.

Tom Hastie asked if the Masters age limit could be changed back to age 40. It was indicated that it was too difficult to get changes made at WMA, particularly since the age had been changed to 35 relatively recently, so that there was little chance that such a change could be successfully made.

Termination of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 10:05 pm, moved and seconded by **Jack/Ed.**

Vern Christensen,
Secretary