

**Canadian Masters Athletic Association (“CMAA”)
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
Sport Alliance of Ontario, Toronto
Thursday, December 14, 2009; 7:30 PM**

Attendance

Seventy-six (76) verified members were present in person, all of whom signed the attendance sheet and were issued a registration sheet to be used for voting. As well, several members were in attendance in an unofficial capacity, by conference telephone. As a quorum for the meeting is 20 members present in person, the Chairman declared the meeting properly constituted.

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.)

Preliminary Comments

Brian K and Brian Oxley, a member of the Executive, referred to a page of “Notes on Conduct of the Meeting”, which had been provided to all of those present, and which outlined in general terms the rules under which the meeting would be conducted. It was indicated that Robert’s Rules of Order would be used during the meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on December 18, 2008 accepted as presented, motion moved and seconded by **Ralph Lang/Ed Whitlock**.

President’s Report

Brian K referred to his written report, which had been distributed to all of those present. He also outlined in detail the relationship between the CMAA, World Masters Athletics (WMA), Athletics Canada (AC) and Ontario Masters Athletics (OMA), the history of discussions between the CMAA and AC, and the recent attempt to call a special meeting of members of the CMAA. Brian K and Vern replied to questions and comments from members present.

Financial Report

Jack Castle commented on his written report for the year ended October 31, 2009, which had been distributed to all of those present. He also replied to questions from the floor.

Report accepted as presented, motion moved and seconded by **George Reilly/Ralph**.

Membership Report

Joan Christensen presented and discussed her Membership Report, which had been distributed to all of those present. It showed that there were currently 990 members, which is 143 more than at the same time last year and 293 more than in 2007.

Report accepted as presented, motion moved and seconded by **Ed/Cliff Hall**.

Communications

Vern commented on the Communications Report, which had been distributed to all of those present.

Records Reports

- 1) **Road Bests** – A written report from Ed Whitlock, listing all of the Road Bests approved during the past year, had been distributed, and was reviewed.
- 2) **Race Walks** – A written report from Sherry Watts had been distributed to all of those present.
- 3) **Throws** – A written report from Rhona Trott, emphasizing the importance of paperwork for records, had been distributed and was reviewed.
- 4) **Combined Events** - A written report from John Hawkins, commenting on the number of 2009 Combined Events entrants and the number of records set, had been distributed and was reviewed.
- 5) **Relays** - A written report from Harold Morioka had been distributed, and was reviewed.

Product Sales Report

A written report from Ann Marie Rosenitsch, commenting on the stock of uniforms available, had been distributed.

Non Stadia Report

John Powell’s went over his written report, which commented on the non-stadia events put on during the year, and replied to questions from the floor.

Stadia Report

Roy Chubb commented on the Canadian Masters Outdoor Track & Field Championships held in Kamloops, BC, and the preparations for the WMA Indoor Championships, to be held there in March.

Provincial Directors' Reports

- 1) **British Columbia** – A detailed written report had been prepared and distributed by Harold Morioka, who made a few comments on the report by telephone.
- 2) **Alberta** – A written report from Donna Dixon had been distributed, and Donna made a few comments.
- 3) **Saskatchewan** – A written report from Carol Lafayette-Boyd had been distributed, and she commented on it.
- 4) **Ontario** – A verbal report was given by Doug Smith, commenting on the 785 members currently in the OMA. There were no reports from other Provincial Directors.

Athletics Canada

Brian K indicated that the relationship with AC had been covered in his President's Report.

International Report

Brian K encouraged attendance by Canadians in the WMA Indoor Championships, to be held in Kamloops. He also referred to the succeeding outdoor and indoor championships being held at various locations around the World.

Executive Elections

A slate of nominations for the Executive had been distributed to those present, which provided that, in accordance with the Constitution, four of the eleven members of the current Executive (one-third) were standing down from their positions, and one other position is vacant because of a resignation during the year. The members stepping down were standing again, either for their position or for another position. There were several questions from members on the issue of why the elections didn't include all members of the Executive. It was pointed out that the Constitution wasn't clear on the issue of the term of the members of the Executive. Brian O, Vern and Brian K replied to the questions posed. **The Chair ruled that the Constitution was being followed, and the election would proceed on this basis.**

Alan Davis objected to proceeding on this basis.

Bob Moore agreed to chair the part of the meeting dealing with the election of the Executive. John Grant and Peter Fellows agreed to act as scrutineers for the voting on the elections. The nominees for each position were invited to speak to the meeting, in support of their candidacy.

Bob called for nominations from the floor for the position of President, to run against Vern, who is named on the slate of nominees for this position. **Paul Osland was nominated by Doug, seconded by Al LePage. Upon calling for a vote for the election for President, the following votes were cast: Paul O – 40; Vern – 35, and Paul was elected President.**

Bob then called for nominations from the floor for the position of Vice-President, Stadia, to run against Brian K, who is named on the slate of nominees for this position. **Dan Fiorini was nominated by Clara Northcott, seconded by Doug. Upon calling for a vote for the election for Vice-President, Stadia, the following votes were cast: Brian K – 36; Dan – 22, and Brian K was elected Vice-President, Stadia.**

Bob then called for nominations from the floor for the position of Director, Product Sales, to run against Ann Marie, who is named on the slate of nominees for this position. **Beth Primrose was nominated by Doug, seconded by Alan. Upon calling for a vote for the election for Director, Product Sales, the following votes were cast: Beth – 38; Ann Marie – 28, and Beth was elected Director, Product Sales.**

Bob then called for nominations from the floor for the position of a Director, to run against Brian O, who is named on the slate of nominees for this position. **Mike Sherar was nominated by Doug, seconded by Duncan Greenshields. Upon calling for a vote for the election for Director, the following votes were cast: Mike S – 36; Brian O – 28, and Mike was elected a Director.**

Bob then called for nominations from the floor for the position of a Director, to run against Roy, who is named on the slate of nominees for this position. **Stafford Whalen was nominated by Doug, seconded by Rhona. Upon calling for a vote for the election for Director, the following votes were cast: Stafford – 36; Roy – 28, and Stafford was elected a Director.**

Objection to Ruling of the Chair

Brian K took over again as Chair of the meeting at this point.

It was moved by Bert DeVries and seconded by Mike that the ruling of the Chair with regard to the number of members of the Executive who should be subject to election at this meeting, be set aside. Upon the Chair calling for a vote on the motion, the motion was defeated.

Other Business

It was moved by Bill Pearson and seconded by Rhona, and passed with only 1 vote against, that, as there is a lack of clarity in certain aspects of the Constitution, the Executive be instructed to present a revised and updated CMAA Constitution, for approval at the next Annual General Meeting.

Termination of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 10:45 pm, moved and seconded by **Cliff/Ralph.**

Vern Christensen,
Secretary