

Summary of CMA Directors Meeting February 22, 2022

1. Membership Report – Sherry Watts’ report indicated that there are 1,008 current CMA members, compared to 637 in February 2021 and 1,420 in February 2020.
2. Financial Report – Wendy Melvin’s Financial Reports approved, showing: Net Income of \$522,12 from November 1, 2021 to February 22, 2022, reflecting the amount received from AC for 2022 membership fees, minus the payment of half of the cost of the website redesign and the first payment to MastersRankings.com; and Total Assets of \$90,305.49 at February 22, 2022.
3. Excess Surplus - Rob Jackson’s recommendation to set the excess surplus at \$55,000 with identification of steps and successes in achieving the reduction, was approved, as amended.
4. Member Recruitment and Retention Committee – The Committee report from Dala Bortolussi and Karla Del Grande indicated ongoing activities, which will be linked to the development and implementation of the strategic plan currently being devised.
5. Communications Report - Amy Ballon updated the Board on the status of the website redesign project including the sitemap and mood board.
6. Online Seminars Committee - Karla reported that slides from middle-distance running are now on the website and that the next seminar will be on nutrition with Jo Bryant. Karla’s motion for a budget of \$2,000 to pay honoraria for seminar speakers was approved.
7. Provincial Directors’ Reports – Alberta – Donna Dixon reported some indoor track meets were held. British Columbia – Jake Madderom reported that road races were held and others were scheduled. A new record in the half marathon was set. Manitoba – Greg Athayde reported that a few indoor meets were held and that progress is being made with hosting the AC Half Marathon Championships. The first masters newsletter was published. New Brunswick – Andy Justason reported that indoors meets have been rescheduled. CMA Championships will go ahead as scheduled but in conjunction with AC Championships. Nova Scotia – Jo Bryant reported that indoor meets were cancelled. She was asked to give clinics for different events. Ontario - Doug Smith reported that two indoor mini meets were held but were poorly attended by masters. Quebec – Bernard Lachance reported that some meets were held and others now scheduled since restrictions were lifted. Saskatchewan – Dale Lawrence reported that an indoor meet and some twilights were held but with limited masters participation.
8. Stadia Report – Vern Christensen’s report indicated that the CMA Indoor Championships in Saint John will take place concurrently with AC’s Age-Class Championships, but with masters athletes competing against other masters. Zoom meetings are being held with the Regina organizers of the Outdoor Championships.
9. Non-Stadia Report – Vern’s report indicated that all remaining Club Team plaques from the 2021 National Cross Country were delivered. There is hosting interest for the National Road Race Walk Championships, from Quebec, British Columbia and Alberta.
10. Records Liaison Report – Donna brought up the subject of the acceptance of records set at Provincial Branch Championships without requiring any Provincial documentation. The question was deferred, due to the lack of consistency in the standards for putting on Provincial Championships, which will be reviewed with Provincial Branches.
11. WMA/NCCMA Report – Vern reported that a 10k World Race Walk Championship will be held in Oman in March, 2022. Five Canadians (two women, three men) will be participating. A first bulletin on Tampere with preliminary information will soon be sent out. Members registered for Tampere will be sent a link offering a 40% discount on uniforms.
12. Records – 3 track records, 3 throws records and 1 race walk record were approved.
13. Annual Meeting Nominating Report – Jo reported that there are 5 applicants for 4 positions: 3 current members are re-running and The Committee has received expressions of interest from two additional strong candidates. Two Officer positions, Vice-President Stadia and Non-Stadia, are vacant. Vern will stand for the Non-Stadia position, and the other will be left vacant.
14. Draft Strategic Plan – Wendy summarized the progress of the Strategic Plan, which was approved. The next step will be identifying key initiatives/strategies.
15. Updating Bylaws Report – Rob’s recommendation to restructure the existing bylaws into bylaws and operating policies, was approved.