

SUMMARY OF CMA DIRECTORS MEETING

March 17, 2020

1. Meeting Arrangements- Carol LaFayette-Boyd will be stepping down later in the year, and her successor, Dale Lawrence, will be sitting in on the meetings in the meantime.
2. Membership Report- There are currently 1,714 members, compared with 1,383 in February, 2019 and 1,480 in February, 2018.
3. Financial Report- The following balances were reported in Jack Castle's report at February 29: \$36,906.06 in the Chequing Account; \$43,597.58 in the Savings Account; and \$2,775.50 in medals and ribbons. During the month of February, we received \$336.00 in Meet income, and we paid \$400.00 for a 50% share of the annual cost of Mailchimp. A budget comparison for the period from November 1, 2019 to February 29, 2020 was also provided and reviewed, and it showed a net profit of approximately \$70.00 for the four-month period, compared to a balanced budget.
4. Communications- Amy Ballon, our new Communications Chair, has been in contact with the Editor of Canadian Running and requested any stories about masters which could be provided to the publication. A video is also being prepared, with interviews with some masters athletes.
5. Provincial Directors' Reports- Alberta: Donna Dixon commented that the WMA had done a site visit to Edmonton, because of the WMA Indoor Championships in March, 2021, and they were impressed with the facilities. British Columbia: Jake Madderom reported on the CanAm Cross Country Challenge 5K held in Victoria on February 29. Canada beat the US 32 to 72 points, as a result of the US having only 12 athletes, compared to Canada's 27 athletes. New Brunswick: Andy Justason apologized for the need to cancel the CMA Indoor Championship in Saint John last weekend. Nova Scotia: Jo Welch commented on the disappointment from NS athletes because of the Indoor Championship cancellation, but it was understandable. Ontario: Doug Smith commented on the completion of the organization of the Athletics Ontario Masters Council. Saskatchewan: Carol indicated that Regina is still planning on holding the National Outdoor Championship in June.
6. Non-Stadia- Because of the cancellation or possible cancellation of road races, we will have to find out which races AC is currently planning to stage in 2020.
7. Athletics Canada- Paul Osland indicated that he wanted to have AC provide more support to the CMA for masters athletics. He and Vern had met with the CEO of AC, to point out the many things that the CMA does for masters, many of which AC hadn't been aware of. There were differences of opinion among Board members about the possibility that the CMA could become a Committee under AC.
8. Stadia- Vern Christensen commented on the cancellation of the Indoor Championships in Saint John, NB last weekend, but indicated that the Outdoor Championships in Regina in June are currently scheduled to go ahead as planned. The CMA is reviewing costs which were incurred in preparing for the Indoor Championships.
9. WMA/NCCWMA- Doug reported that, in early March, a WMA representative had visited the Toronto locations for their 2020 Championship, and he was positive about the facilities. An announcement about \$250,000.00 grants from Toronto and the Province was made and, for now, the Championship is going ahead as planned.
10. Records- Three new Road Bests, nine new Indoor Track Records, four new Racewalk Records and five new Relay Records were approved.
11. Annual Meeting- **It was unanimously agreed that: a) the Annual Meeting of members, originally scheduled for March 14 but adjourned because of a lack of a quorum, will be held on April 14, by telephone conference facilities; b) despite the provisions of the By-Laws, attendance by telephone will be counted for purposes of a quorum; c) all attendees will be required to register by Trackie; d) all voting for the election of Directors and Officers must be by Mail/Email Ballots and Trackie only; e) all Ballots and Trackie voting carried out for the original Annual Meeting will be used for the Adjourned Meeting; and f) a Notice Package, explaining the Adjourned Meeting, will be provided to members.**
12. Athletes of the Year (AOTY) Awards- Following the recommendation from a member that separate AOTY awards be made for male and female athletes, the Board discussed the format of the awards. **It was agreed that the CMA would continue its current awards, in the four categories of Track Events, Field Events, Combined Events and Non-Stadia Events, each of which award can be made to either a male or a female.**