

SUMMARY OF CMA DIRECTORS MEETING

June 22, 2021

1. Aboriginal Acknowledgement – On the occasion of National Aboriginal Peoples Day, the Chairman asked the Board members to each acknowledge the indigenous peoples of Canada and their heritage.
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting - Minutes and Summary of the previous Meeting held on May 25 were approved.
3. Coaching Committee – Formation of Coaching Committee approved, with Dan Parsons (Chair), Sherry Watts, Jo Welch Bryant and Pete Dehal as members.
4. Member Recruitment and Retention Committee – Formation of Committee approved, with Dala Bortolussi and Karla Del Grande (Co-Chairs), and Greg Athayde and Carolyn Coffin as additional members.
5. Chair, Honours and Awards – Pete appointed to this new position.
6. Membership – Report reviewed from Sherry, showing 952 members at June 18, compared to 1,667 in April, 2019 and 1,758 in April, 2020.
7. Communications - Amy Ballon reported that she plans to make progress on the website project over the Summer. Karla's Online Seminars report dealt with the operation of the seminars, and the next seminar in July, on Recewalking.
8. Provincial Directors' Reports – Alberta – Donna Dixon reported that some meets were starting up in Alberta. British Columbia – Jake Madderom's report indicated that Covid-19 restrictions have eased somewhat, as some meets are being proposed. Manitoba – Greg advised that competitions are still on hold, but the work of the Manitoba Masters Committee is going well. New Brunswick – Andy Justason's report dealt with a quasi-normal track and field season. Nova Scotia – Jo's report dealt with phase 2 of the Nova Scotia opening. Ontario – Doug Smith commented that some very small meets are being held under phase 1 of reopening. Quebec – Bernard Lachance's report indicated that some meets are now proceeding. As well, the proposal for a Race Walk Championship will be dealt with under Non-Stadia. Saskatchewan – Dale Lawrence's report indicated that sports had opened, and a few mini-meets had been held.
9. Merchandise – Dan had provided a merchandising proposal, and the past supplier of some CMA product, Overtime Apparel, will be contacted.
10. Stadia Update – Dan Parsons' Stadia report indicated that the Regina LOC had agreed to put on our Outdoor Championship in the Summer of 2022, and also dealt with some suggested changes to WMA rules regarding the sizes of the fields for Throws events. .
11. Non Stadia Update – Rob Jackson's report was reviewed and discussed. After discussion, it was agreed that we pursue the proposal for a Road Race Walk Championship, in conjunction with the 2022 Outdoor Championships.
12. Athletics Canada Report – Vern provided a report on discussions by CMA representatives with the AC Director of Domestic Programs and Safe Sport, including discussions on possible virtual road race events. Because of various aspects which weren't satisfactory to us, we didn't proceed with these events. CMA named Sherry Watts as our representative from the Coaching Committee to AC's Coaching Committee.
13. WMA/NCCMA Report - Vern commented briefly on arrangements for the WMA Championships in Tampere, FIN, in June/July, 2022.
14. Records- Five Road Bests, 3 Track and Jumps Records and 6 Throws and Throws Pentathlon Records were approved.
15. Hall of Fame Addition – The addition of Patty Blanchard to the list of 2021 Hall of Fame inductions was approved.