

MASTERS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Date: Monday, January 24, 2011

Location: Valerie Jenkinson's house, 1820 West 10th Ave., Vancouver

Attending: Jake Madderom, Chairman; Christa Bortignon, George Gluppe, Bill Hooker, Olga Kotelko, Valerie Jenkinson, Harold Morioka, Frank Stebner

The Chair called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30.

The agenda was accepted as presented by the chairman.

The minutes of the meeting of November 3, 2010 were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

By way of background, the chairman presented a history behind the current Membership Proposal entitled "Building a Masters Partnership" between the Canadian Masters Athletic Association (newly renamed Canadian Masters Athletics) and Athletics Canada. This was then followed by an extensive discussion of the feedback correspondence received seeking further explanation and expressing both support and opposition. The chairman also circulated the Executive Summary he had received from CMAA describing the vision for the future of the CMA.

OLD BUSINESS

1.Membership Proposal

A substantial discussion took place on the question of what position the committee wished to take with regard to the proposal and a number of factors were considered. Among them were the long history of discussions about finding some sort of accommodation between the two organizations to foster the cause of masters athletics; the problem of there being two international organizations, the International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF) with which Athletics Canada (and therefore its provincial branches) is affiliated and the World Masters Athletics (WMA) with which Canadian Masters Athletics is affiliated and the jurisdictional complications arising therefrom; the relative lack of focus on masters athletics at the national level by Athletics Canada; the relative lack of focus on road running by Canadian Masters Athletics Association; the significant historical emphasis of the CMAA on

Ontario; the question of whether such membership should be mandatory for all athletes of masters age who join BC Athletics; the option for those masters-age road runners to join as Road and Trail members, i.e. road runners and cross country competitors who are not interested in international masters meets, and thus not become joint members; the question of differing fee structures; CMAA's announced commitment to enhance services for road runners, and the recognition that, while this was not necessarily an ideal solution, at the very least it broke a decades-old impasse and therefore was a move in the right direction.

Ultimately the committee voted 7-1, with Frank Stebner going on record as opposed, to support the proposal and recommending that the board of BC Athletics adopt it. Frank also stated that Tom Hastie, a member of the masters committee who was unable to attend the meeting, had informed Frank that he was also opposed to the proposal.

The chairman proposed that we make a recommendation to the BCA Board to enable the Road and Trail members be eligible for the annual master of the year awards for road running and cross country. That motion was narrowly defeated.

2. 2011 Masters Track & Field Championships

The chairman announced that Langley Mustangs was the only club bidding to host these championships in junction with their annual Father's Day weekend meet. Unfortunately those dates conflict with the Canadian Championships scheduled for Toronto. The committee decided to stay with the Langley meet and to try to convince the CMAA to move its dates.

NEW BUSINESS

2011 Masters Awards

In response to a request by a member, the chairman brought forward a suggestion that there be recognition of the "best" male and female masters in particular events, e.g. the overall winner, irrespective of age, of the cross country championships. The committee discussed this idea and agreed that such recognition could be accomplished through a declaration on the web site and referred the selection mechanism to the awards committee to decide how to do this in each of the competitive areas.

OTHER BUSINESS

Harold Morioka announced his resignation as Provincial Director of CMAA and Christa Bortignon volunteered to take over from him.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, April 6th, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

The chairman adjourned the meeting at about 8:30 and a social gathering continued on afterwards.

Thanks go to Valerie Jenkinson for hosting our annual winter social.