

## **BCA MASTERS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, December 12, 2007

6:36pm, 1- 1820 West 10<sup>th</sup> Vancouver (Home of Valerie Jenkinson)

In attendance were Frank Stebner (Vice Chair), Tom Hastie, George Gluppe, Harold Morioka, Olga Kotelko and Valerie Jenkinson. Regrets- Jake Madderom, Gerry Dragomir, Bill Hooker.

### **1. Acceptance of Agenda**

Moved- Tom Hastie

Seconded-Olga Kotelko

Carried

### **2. Review and acceptance of 3 Oct , 2007 Minutes**

Moved – George Gluppe

Seconded – Harold Morioka

Carried

### **3. Correspondence**

See item #4

### **4. Report on CMAA AGM - Harold and Tom**

Tom Hastie attended the December AGM meeting of the CMAA in Toronto as chair of the Athletics Canada Masters committee, while Harold Morioka participated via conference call as official representative of the BCA Masters committee. Tom distributed a two page BCA report to the CAMM AGM (See appendix A)

Athletics Canada made a request to CMAA to join AC as an affiliate member. It appears doubtful that this will happen until Athletics Canada itself develops a masters program that can offer value to masters running and contribute to the governance of Masters running events in Canada.

It was suggested that AC masters members could pay an additional \$5 to also be a member of CMAA or that a portion of the AC Master fees be forwarded to CMAA as they do the bulk of the work on a national level to accommodate masters running events. It was felt that AC really needs to provide value to its own masters as there is very little that AC can currently offer the Masters members. CMAA made no commitment to joining AC as an affiliate member although discussions will continue.

CMAA does benefit in that it can piggyback its masters championship with the AC Senior and Junior championships in road running and cross country. Tom will follow up with his own AC masters committee to investigate how to increase value to the AC Masters members and how these two organizations can co-exist.

CMAA is unique in that it is the only country that has its own affiliate branch of the WMA, although the WMA is much less involved with road running & cross country than is the CMAA.

### **5. Feedback requested from BCA Board on recommendation from the road running committee to change the masters age for road running to 40+ for road running.**

To follow up on recommendations of the road running committee the BCA board requested feedback from the Masters committee regarding changing the master age to 40+.

After much discussion on the issues the following motions were made.

**Motion A-** To support a recommendation from the BCA Road Running Committee to change the masters age to 40+ for road running (in keeping with the Oct 2007 recommendations of the IAAF Road Running Commission.)

Moved- Frank Stebner

Seconded- Harold Morioka

**Defeated – Vote 2 for to 2 against**

**Motion B-** That the master's age be changed to 40+years for T&F, Road Running, Cross Country, and Race Walking and that this motion be submitted to the Athletics Canada AGM.

Moved- Tom Hastie

Seconded- George Gluppe

**Carried unanimously.**

**6. Meeting of BCA committee chairs to discuss eligibility for BCA Championship events. Originally to be held in mid-Oct but will be held ASAP.**

The road running committee is requesting a review of eligibility requirements for BCA Championship road running events. This was taken to the BCA board, who in turn have asked Greg White and Sam Collier to organize a meeting of BCA committees in mid October, 2007. This meeting did not happen and it has since been requested by the board that this meeting occur ASAP with a reminder that the deadline for resolutions is Jan 4, 2008 (Incorrectly minuted as Dec 4, 2007)

There was much discussion on this with many examples mentioned indicating the inconsistent enforcement of eligibility rules for BCA championships. The masters committee supports a meeting of BCA committees to review eligibility requirements with possible motions to amend these if required.

**7. Other Business**

**7A. 2008 BCA Masters Track & Field Championships**

Harold reported that both the Semiahmoo Sun Runners and the Langley Mustangs have officially applied to the committee to host these championships. Given that the Langley Mustangs have successfully hosted this event many times over the years, it was felt that we support the bid from the Semiahmoo Sun Runners to move the event around. The Langley Mustangs will still proceed to include masters events within their meet.

**Motion C-** to Support the bid from The Semiahmoo Sun Runners to host the 2008 BCA Masters Track & Field Championships in South Surrey and Bear Creek Park on July 4 & 5.

Moved – Harold Morioka

Seconded – George Gluppe

**Carried Unanimously.**

**7B. Ratification of applications for BCA masters records.**

The committee has ratified the following applications for BCA Master records.

**Ratified records**

**INDOORS:**

*Nancy Cochrane	W45-49 W50-54	heptathlon -new score 2627 – (2002 factors) pentathlon score 2267, (60m, high jump, shot put, long jump, 800m)
*Warren Hamill	M55-59	triple jump

**OUTDOORS:**

*Nancy Cochrane	W45-49 W50-54	400m hurdles, steeplechase 300m hurdles, pentathlon (3 other records pending record forms)
*Marg Radcliffe	W65-69	javelin
*Rose Hare	W55-59	shot put (record previously given incorrectly to Sheila Frenette)
*Norm Lesage	M75-79	100m (+1.7) pending record form

**ROAD RACE:**

*Gwen McFarlan	W70-74	marathon 4:07:36 (Gun Time) Royal Victoria Marathon An application will also be made for a Canadian record
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The committee thanked Valerie Jenkinson for hosting the masters meeting and holiday gathering. Meeting adjourned at approx. 9pm

## **Appendix A –Handout from Tom Hastie to the Masters committee**

### **Presentation to the CMAA, made on Dec. 5, 2007 to the Annual General Meeting Sport Alliance Building, Toronto, Ontario**

**By  
Tom Hastie, Chair of the Athletics Canada Masters Committee**

I would like to start by letting the membership of CMAA aware of the background of the Masters Committee of Athletics Canada.

At the Branch Presidents meeting of AC during the Athletics Canada AGM held in Ottawa on May 28, 2004 a motion was presented and passed.

“that Athletics Canada creates a Masters Athletic Committee to develop masters athletics in Canada. “

This was done because the branches felt that the CMAA was an Ontario Masters organization only and did not represent master’s athletes across the country. It should be noted here that the branch presidents are elected members from their Provincial Associations and are not remunerated for their contributions to the sport of athletics.

In December of 2004 a meeting was convened at the Sport Alliance Building in Ottawa during the Technical Congress of AC. The meeting was to discuss integration with the CMAA. Danny Daniels was at that time the chair of the newly formed Master’s Cite of Athletics Canada.

A further motion was passed at the Branch Presidents meeting during the AC Annual General meeting on May 25, 2005 in Ottawa.

“that the Master’s Committee amalgamates with the CMAA to use the expertise of the CMAA “

There was concern expressed over dual membership of the CMAA and Provincial Masters Groups.

Again at the Branch Presidents meeting on May 25, 2006 in Ottawa the topic of master’s memberships was brought up again. At that meeting Danny Daniels made a presentation on conversations with the CMAA. Among the items of discussion were

- All Provincial Masters pay a “ service fee” to the CMAA to process International entry forms
- Pay a subscription to receive the “Masterpiece”
- Masters in their Provincial Assoc pay an additional fee for membership in the CMAA

I would like to fill you in with some numbers that I have tried to gather. I apologize in advance if these numbers are not 100% accurate .It is very difficult to get accurate numbers since all the provinces don’t report their membership the same way. However I think these numbers are reasonably accurate.

- 79% of all Master’s athletes in Canada are members of their Provincial Assoc.

- 21% of masters are members of CMAA

When we look at growth of Masters membership across the country.

- Between 2000-2006 growth has increased from 1500 to 2500, almost 60%
- Increase in the CMAA from 2000 to 2006 has been from 550 to 693, about 26%

So the growth in Master's memberships has been through Athletics Canada not the CMAA.

The total membership of the CMAA could be around 3000 should the CMAA become an "Affiliate Member" of AC.

The numbers reflecting the claim that the CMAA is an Ontario Assoc. shows up in their membership numbers.

- In 2004/ 2005 membership in the CMAA was 75% from Ontario.
- Dec 31/06 there were 364 members, 264 from Ontario ... 72%
- In Feb /07 there were 492 members, 359 from Ontario.....73%

In any given year the average appears to be around 72% and in a WMA world championship year like 2007, the numbers of non-Ontario residents increase for entry into the Track and Field Championships.

- In 2007 membership was 697
- In 2006 membership was 641
- In 2005 membership was 693
- In 2004 membership was 616

We are asking the CMAA to consider joining with Athletics Canada to promote Masters Athletics by applying to become an "Affiliate Member"

Affiliation comes under By Law 04.05. After consultation with Athletics Canada I would like to dispel some of the concerns expressed by the CMAA in previous meetings.

- There is no membership fee to become an affiliate member
- Do not come under By Laws or Rules or AC except those governed by IAAF
- Will not inherit any debts of AC. In fact the debt has been paid off.
- Not encumbered by AC
- Affiliation does not provide voting rights. Votes are from memberships, which come from the branches.

However Affiliate Members are welcome to attend the AGM and provide input to put to the AC Master's Cmte to present motions.