

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Ontario Officials Council
November 19, 2011
Montecassino Hotel - Toronto

In Attendance

Ted Neptune	Owen Crane	John Stevenson
Richard Zelinka	Mike Barsam	Elaine Lake
Ken Lake	Janet Slocombe	Peter Hocking
Larry Mayhue	Jacque Downing	Wynn Downing
Stafford Whalen	Lily Whalen	Rene Van Andel
Ian Reid	Sherry Watts	John Gonos
Roman Olszewski	Brian Keaveney	Andy Burgess
Mervin Witter	Michael Chapman	Sharon Powell
Cameal Johnson	Doreen Thompson	Keith Stokes
Michael Werunga	Mary Rutto	Doug Krall
Melanie Chiu	Suzanne Leroux	Harry Stantsos
Carla Freedman	Gary Freedman	David Watson
Betty Watson	John Caulfield	Lynn Matthews
John VanWingerden	Enrico Toscano	Tim Slocombe
Sandy Repko	John Metcalfe	Lisa Ferdinand
Jan Berneche		

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. Enrico reminded attendees that the room must be vacated by 3:00 p.m.

A revised agenda was presented to the group. Procedures must follow the Roberts Rule. Enrico reminded attendees that an official must be registered in order to vote. Enrico asked for the approval of the agenda. A motion was made by John Metcalfe and seconded by Elaine Lake.

Attendees were reminded that at present, there is no Constitution. John Stevenson suggested that candidates running for election be allowed to speak for 60 seconds about their intentions for the next two years. This motion was seconded by Richard Zelinka. John Stevenson felt that those voting want to know what the candidates stand for. Richard felt that new members would have to say what they want to do on the committee. Jacque Downing added that it is not a personal affront to the incumbent candidates, but part of the election process. John Van Wingerden felt that candidates should do their politicking ahead of time. Enrico added that the committee should think about it for next year. Jacque added that people nominated from the floor should have a chance to speak. The motion was passed.

Andy Burgess made a motion that the 2010 AGM minutes be approved as corrected. Dave Watson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the group.

Tim Slocombe referred to page 6 about Level 4 or Level 5 upgrading with respect to one in-province and one out-of-province mentorship. Elaine Lake responded that we are trying to encourage people to upgrade. She wondered why Tim has not been given Level 5 when people younger have been upgraded. Tim has been involved in Athletics since 1974.

Enrico reminded the group to consult the criteria on the web. The official contacts the Chair and the Chair contacts NOC. NOC needs to know the previous mentors. When NOC replies, the chair advises the candidate; however, you must first be invited to a meet. Once you have been invited, NOC finds a mentor.

Indoors, the only national level meet is in Winnipeg. The Chair sends 7 names and his responsibilities are fulfilled. Ken Lake wondered if it is absolutely essential that the mentorship be out-of-province. Enrico's response was that the mentor must be able to determine how well you adapt to a new, unfamiliar situation. One out-of-province mentorship is required. Gary Freedman indicated that he has not even had one mentorship and he has been at Level 3 for one year past the amount of time necessary. Again, Enrico reminded attendees that the criteria are set by NOC, not by the OOC.

Jacque Downing reiterated that it is in the NOC criteria. She moved that the NOC Criteria, Common Requirements for Level 4 and 5, be amended to say that it is 'recommended, BUT NOT REQUIRED, that one of the mentors be from out-of-province' and that our Chair take this motion to the NOC meeting in the spring. Enrico again stated that the process will not change. By changing the wording, officials would be allowed to have a second mentorship in province. He suggested that if NOC are not in agreement, NOC should be asked to change the wording to 'must'. Elaine Lake seconded the motion. A majority voted in favour of the motion. Dave Watson asked if Ontario has two representatives on NOC. The answer was no. Ontario does NOT have anyone on NOC. Branch chairs, however, do get to attend one NOC meeting per year, and it is they who are not allowed to vote at those meetings.

Speaking as someone who was Officials Coordinator for Nationals, Ian Reid indicated that he got the list and his first criteria for inviting out-of-province officials are deficient positions. The organizing committee does not receive a priority listing of

officials seeking upgrading. There are no national meets in Ontario over the next few years so we will have to send officials out of province.

Tim indicated that there should be space on the application form for upgrading to indicate previous evaluators. He felt you have to be a poor official if you fail to receive your Level 5. When you work at Provincials, you have to multi-task, whereas at nationals, each official has only one job. Things can be done.

Lily Whalen wondered how officials from other provinces feel about the process. Peter Hocking responded that officials from Alberta can easily travel to B.C. or Saskatchewan. Brian Keaveney added that the Masters and NACAC Masters will take place in Saint. John, New Brunswick from August 9 to 12, 2012. There is also the Canadian Masters. Other provinces only have one centre for events, whereas Ontario has three.

Peter Hocking added that while he was a member of NOC he did see the rules bent. Stafford Whalen wondered if we approached NOC, whether other provinces would be of the same opinion. John Stevenson felt that it is a matter of perception. The job of the Upgrading Chair is to promote upgrading and get as many officials upgraded as possible.

Jacque Downing suggested that since there are 2 reps from B.C., 2 from Alberta, 2 from Manitoba and 1 from Quebec ~~that~~ we need to instigate change to get someone on NOC from Ontario. Enrico replied that NOC decides who gets to join NOC. John Van Wingerden commented that 40% of Canada's population is from Ontario yet we do not have representation on NOC. The deadline for application to NOC is December 31 and the application is on the National Website.

It was noted that Serge Thibaudeau has a conflict of interest with Quebec and Jennifer Campbell is on NOC and is also Chair of the Manitoba Officials' Council.

It was reiterated that until the document is signed, no changes can be made. Richard Zelinka noted that since there is no Constitution, we can adopt a procedural motion but we cannot make changes for one year after the document is signed. Sandy, Tim and Lisa indicated that they have no intention of resigning. John Caulfield and Dave Watson suggested the motion be tabled for one year. A motion to table the motion was passed by a majority.

Jacque Downing then took the floor to discuss the document. The document process was set in motion at the November 2008 AGM. There have been several meetings, phone calls and emails. Committee members were Mike Barsam, John

Metcalf and Jacquie Downing, and Enrico Toscano as chair. Other members during the term of the committee were Richard Zelinka and Darryl Snyder.

Jacquie called attention to the area highlighted in grey on page 2. The font will be the same. There was a glitch in point H on page 4. Before the last sentence, the wording should be as follows:

“If a resignation occurs at an AGM, then the vacant post will be filled by an election at that same AGM.”

There was a motion by Jacquie Downing to accept the AOOEC and AOO document dated September 28, 2011 as amended. The amendments included changes to the one page document and changed to the organization and operation document. It was seconded by Larry Mayhue.

There was a request for clarification as to insurance as on page 9 of the document. (Certain medical expenses (see current insurance policy on AO website), Mike Barsam suggested that i.e. be changed to e.g. for 1 and 2.

Roman indicated that Officials Coordinator was missing from the document but it is under the Chair’s responsibilities.

The motion was approved by a majority and carried unanimously.

Jacquie proposed a motion to extend the mandate of the committee members from AO and AOO (see bottom of page 1). Tim asked that it be shown in the minutes that the Committee is thanked for its countless hours of work on the document. John Stevenson seconded the motion. It was carried unanimously.

Chair’s Report – Enrico Toscano

The Official’s Coordinator for AO was Adrian Roberts and there were a few problems at the outset but corrections have been made. There have been problems with volunteers, especially in field events. Some volunteers are too young. At the first meet outdoors, more personnel are needed.

Suzanne Leroux commented that AO officials need to be more positive. Adrian didn’t know what was involved and things got better as the season progressed. Ian Reid commented that improvements were made later. Wynn Downing commented that efforts were made to improve the volunteers and made things better. There is an honorarium paid for assistance at a meet. Having the same crew at the same event for

the entire meet would be helpful. At Suzanne's first indoor meet, volunteers were good. There were serious problems at other meets so we are now going back to co-hosting. There is no accountability for the clubs. After every meet, meetings are held to discuss problems and issues.

John Stevenson commented that at the Flying Angels meet in London, the meet was 3½ hours behind schedule. On that particular day, several meets were being held.

Suzanne indicated that sanctioned meets are under the AO umbrella. Flying Angels are now allotted meets one at a time.

As the National Championships were out of province, three officials went as umpires were needed. Janet and Tim Slocombe attended as Vertical Jumps National Clinicians, but they each also did a mentorship – Janet in Vertical Jumps and Tim for a referee.

NOC Mentor and Clinician Recertification Clinics are taking place in Winnipeg (West) and in Ontario (East). One official is sponsored by NOC, the rest are sponsored by the provinces. At the end of the course, the participant will be a Master Mentor and Master Clinician. They will run clinics in their own provinces.

Elaine Lake added that IPC rules must also be covered.

There are changes to rules as of January 1, 2012. Some rules affect track only, some affect field only and some rules affect both. The price of the new rule books remains at \$10. The books are valid for two years.

Umpires and starter's assistant will be using new cards. The red and yellow stay the same for the field. In horizontal jumps, there is no longer a reorder after the fifth round.

The dates for the 2012 meets have not yet been decided. Availability forms will be late. Officials are asked to return availability forms to Sandy Repko as soon as possible after receiving them.

Suzanne Leroux has the 2012 Championship Bid Kit. Adrian Roberts will not be involved. AO will provide the officials. They will get the availability lists from Sandy Repko.

The date for the 2012 AGM will be November 17, 2012.

Vice Chair's Report – Tim Slocombe

Tim Slocombe is starting to work on a list for preparations for a meet. Suzanne Leroux commented that AO does send a list about preparations for meets.

At York, original equipment is still being used. The track was redone but no money was put into long jump runways. Ken Lake mentioned brush mats for throwers. Dave Watson commented that we should never say we don't have time to check on facilities ahead of a meet.

Report of Chair of Upgrading – John Metcalfe

John Metcalfe called for questions or concerns. He has a list of officials, 18 of which are not graded. He wondered what, if any, plans we have to get the officials graded. There are at least 10 new officials now at Level 1. At clinics, officials are given a test and they have been advised about upgrading. Tim Slocombe remarked that we, as officials, should encourage other officials to upgrade. He noted that he ran a Vertical Jumps clinic which was attended by 8 people. Five officials took the test, but only 2 returned the test.

Tim noted that Level 1 has no discipline. He feels that officials learn much faster when they are given responsibilities. We need to let people take charge.

Report of Chair Availability – Sandy Repko

Sandy Repko noted that she did not receive responses from some people because they were approached prior to the meet. This year, clubs and AO are assigning officials. On the form there is no FAX number. If there are any changes to email addresses, Sandy asked that she be notified. Cameal Johnson indicated that it would be good to know if Sandy actually received the email. Some people do not fill in disciplines on the availability form.

Hosts will be advised not to contact officials, but to wait until the availability list is received. Contact will be via email or mail to those people who do not have computers. Tim Slocombe suggested the use of blind copy.

Treasurer's Report – Lisa Ferdinand

We have \$1185 in the bank. Suzanne wondered about the amount from last year. The balance does not include the amount remaining from last year. We received no funds from December 31 to April 1st.

Secretary's Report – Jan Berneche

Jan Berneche read a brief statement.

A motion was made that reports be accepted. Dave Watson made the motion and it was seconded by Mike Barsam.

Elections

Elaine Lake volunteered to assist in the elections as did Melanie Chiu. Keith Stokes was scrutineer.

The open positions were: Chair, Director of Seminars and Upgrading and Director of Awards and Incentives (new position).

The Secretary was appointed for 1 year as a non-voting member. Jan Berneche agreed to continue in the role.

Nominations were taken from the floor for Awards and Incentives Chair. Carla Freedman and Dave Watson were nominated. Each nominee addressed the group briefly, indicating their intentions. Carla Freedman was elected. Elaine Lake made a motion that the ballots be destroyed. It was seconded by Lisa Ferdinand.

For Director of Seminars and Upgrading, John Metcalfe, Jacquie Downing and Ian Reid were nominated. Jacquie Downing was elected. A motion to destroy the ballots was made by Elaine Lake and seconded by Dave Watson.

Peter Hocking and Enrico Toscano were nominated for the position of Chair. Peter Hocking was elected.

Elaine Lake thanked Enrico for all he has done for the officials over the years. A motion was made to destroy the ballots and all the ballots were destroyed.

Jacquie Downing thanked John Metcalfe for his work over the years. Enrico addressed the group, thanking everyone for their hard work and fine efforts.

New Business

Any athlete 35 years of age or older who joins Athletics Canada in their province is automatically a member of the Canadian Masters.

Enrico informed the group that some sites have been chosen for the Pan Am 2015 games. 100% of the track and field events will be held at York University. Outdoor and indoor facilities are being upgraded.

Stafford Whalen added that a new track will be completed next year at Downsview Park. He was unsure of the indoor facilities.

World Deaf Games will be taking place in Toronto in July 2012 (14th and 15th and the following weekend). There is no idea about facilities. Melanie Chiu has been learning ASL since the announcement.

George Brown interpreters will be assisting. Elaine Lake also has experience dealing with deaf athletes. The rules are the same as IPC with various exceptions.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ken Lake. It was seconded by John Stevenson.