

**Ontario Officials Council Annual General Meeting
November 17, 2007
Sport Alliance of Ontario
Cafeteria**

Present

Executive

Enrico Toscano – Chair
Susan Mayhue – Secretary
Dave Watson – Treasurer

Helen Vasilic – Vice Chair
Sandy Repko – Availability Chair
Darryl Snider – Seminar Chair

Members in Attendance

Andy Burgess
Jacquie Downing
Gary Freedman
Elaine Lake
Lynn Matthews
Roman Olszewski
Ian Reid
Leo Shapiro
Betty Watson

Owen Crane
Wynn Downing
Michael Illingworth
Ken Lake
Larry Mayhue
Dan Phillips
Val Sargaent
Reginald Taylor
Liz Wilson

John Caulfield
Steve Fall
Brian Keaveney
Suzanne Leroux
John Metcalfe
Sherrie Purdie
Raju Selladura
Bill Thompson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

Enrico welcomed all who were present and thanked them for coming.

Motion to accept the agenda as amended.

Mover: Gary Freedman

Seconded by: John Caulfield

Action: **Carried**

2. Adoption of 2006 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes from the 2006 Annual General Meeting.

Mover: Andy Burgess

Seconded by: Brian Keaveney

Action: **Carried**

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

John Metcalfe asked whether the audit recommended last year had been done. Dave answered that the information had been sent out in the April newsletter. The chartered accountant suggested that both the audit and the financial statement date should be the same. Discussion ensued regarding whether we should make this change from March 31st to October 31st. John said we cannot make this change because due notice had not been given through Officially Speaking.

A notice of motion to change the financial year was recommended by Jacquie. It was suggested that this motion be put forth prior to next years meeting. Mike suggested we go to the OTFA lawyer to see if this is possible and legal.

Jacquie asked for and received clarification of item 5 from last years minutes with regards to clinics.

4. Reports

Chair – Enrico

Enrico highlighted the important things he accomplished since the last Annual General Meeting. He outlined his communications with NOC regarding revisions to the Directory, providing information about the Call Room and collaborating with various NOC Chairs. With respect to OTFA Enrico has been a member of the Technical Committee, prepared a new document “Guidelines for the Official’s Coordinator” for use at Provincial Championships which will be part of the OTFA Policies and Procedures for the Staging of Provincial Championships, and he prepared the list of officials nominated for the Provincial Volunteer Award.

Vice-Chair – Helen

Congratulations to all officials for their hard work, patience and professionalism, it has been an extremely busy year. Congratulations to all those individuals who were upgraded this year. Some new officials were registered this year. As a group we need to continue to talk about the positive aspects of officiating track and field and look to finding new recruits.

Vice-Chair Seminar – Darryl

The following applications were received and approved for Provincial Upgrading.

Tom Carr	Level 2	Throws
	Level 3	Horizontal Jumps
	Level 1	Vertical Jumps (Spring 2007)
	Level 2	Vertical Jumps (Fall 2007)
John Basil	Level 1	Umpire/ Finish Line
Brian Weaver	Level 1	Throws
Ian Reid	Level 1	Starter’s Assistant (Spring 2007)
	Level 2	Starter’s Assistant (Fall 2007)
Gary Freedman	Level 2	
Liz Wilson	Level 3	Vertical Jumps
Cathy Hedges	Level 2	Throws
Joan Jakubo	Level 1	Starter’s Assistant
	Level 2	Umpire
Kathy Montcour	Level 3	Umpire
Dave Montcour	Level 3	Umpire

The following applications were received and approved to be sent for National Upgrading.

Leo Shapiro	Level 5	Umpire
Janet Slocombe	Level 5	Horizontal Jumps

Clinics

National Level clinics in Photo timing, Umpiring, Horizontal Jumps, Athlete Control Centre and Clinicians were conducted at the Canadian Track & field Championship held in Windsor, July 12 – 15, 2007.

Vice-Chair Availability

One hundred and seven officials responded to the indoor season availability. One hundred and nine responded to the outdoor season availability. A breakdown of the number of officials available for each meet was provided.

Treasurer

The treasurer gave a full report. The current bank balance is \$40 508.50. The members asked for clarification on several points in the report. Dave and Enrico will make the necessary adjustments and provide clarification and revisions in the next Officially Speaking. It was recommended that we accept the report as an interim report and a more complete and accurate report will be sent in April. It was suggested that there should be a report from April 1st, 2006 – March 31st, 2007. There should also be an interim report given from April 1st, 2007 – December 2007.

Secretary – Susan

Two executive meetings were held by this executive since the last AGM. The meetings took place in January and September. The executive spoke at most meets and were in email contact throughout the year. Items discussed included upgrading, awards, the financial plan and concerns from coaches. The minutes are available should anyone wish to read them.

Motion that the Executive reports be accepted as presented.

Mover: John Metcalfe

Seconded by: Brian Keaveney

Action: **Carried**

5. Elections

Position	Candidate	Result
Chair	Enrico Toscano	Acclaimed
	John Metcalfe	Declined
Seminar	Darryl Snyder	Elected
	Elaine Lake	
Secretary	Sherry Purdie	Declined
	Susan Mayhue	Declined
	Lynn Matthews	Acclaimed

Motion to destroy ballots.

Mover: Sandy Repko

Seconded by: Elaine Lake

Action: **Carried**

6. New Business

1. Brian Keaveney presented the changes he has made to both the indoor and outdoor facilities at the Metro Track and Field Centre.
2. Mike Illingworth addressed the Official's Coordinator document. After some discussion it was determined that some changes needed to be made. Several were mentioned and it was determined that if members had recommendations they should send them to Enrico, Suzanne or Mike. A motion was made to make the necessary changes to the Official's Coordinator document and then have it presented at the OTFA General Meeting.

Mover: Mike Illingworth

Seconded by: Andy Burgess

Action: **Carried**

3. Discussion about the proposed Ethical Code took place. A motion was made to adopt the OTFA Member Conduct Policy. Recommendations will be considered at any time. They should be submitted to Enrico.

Mover: Ken Lake

Seconded by: Dave Watson

Action: **Carried**

4. An email had been received from Ian Anderson requesting Pole Vault Guidelines. It was determined that the officials are very competent to conduct these events.
5. Bill Stephens sent the following recommendations:
 1. That the Head of Officials shall organize the officials for OTFA Championships in consultation with the Competition Directors.
 2. That all OTFA officials shall be included on the Availability list for the two major indoor and outdoor championships and are required to officiate if asked.
 3. That the Availability List presented to Competition Directors of Provincial Championships include all email addresses and phone numbers of officials and their recommended/requested disciplines.

A straw vote was taken on the above recommendations and the results were “No” for points 1 and 2 and “Yes” for point 3.

6. The following motion was put forth:

That the Ontario Officials Council (OOC) Executive of the Ontario Track and Field Association may at their discretion invest up to 50% of the year end balance in GIC for no more than a 6 month term at any one time.

Mover: John Metcalfe

Seconded by: Brian Keaveney

Action: **Carried**
2 Against
1 Abstained

7. Suzanne talked about the need for all of us to recruiting new officials.
8. Val Sarjeant proposed the following motion:

Recruitment and Training of New Officials

Whereas, there is a need for us (OTFA Board & the Officials Council) to expand current Officials Assistant Program so that the more certified officials are available to work at OTFA competitions, in particular the Provincial Championships.

Be it Resolved:

That: The OTFA declare 2008 as “The year of the Track & Field Official” and that like associations (e.g. MTA, OMTFA, Legion) be asked to support this declaration.

And that: clubs be asked to host at least one Officiating Course or to recruit one or two volunteers to attend a course being offered in their area.

And that: the OTFA and the Officials Council establish a budget (approximately \$5000) to cover the costs associated with training the officials and promoting this program for at least the next two years or until the funds have been used.

The goal of the program is to double the number of Certified Officials each year for the next two years.

After much discussion Jacquie proposed the following motion:

I move that OOC support the Val Sarjeant motion in principle, with the proviso that OOC not be bound by the specific financial commitment (e.g. \$5000) stated in part 3.

Mover: Jacquie Downing

Seconded by: Ken Lake

Action: **Carried**
2 Against

9. A discussion took place regarding a change to the constitution regarding an honorarium to be paid to the Chair. As this was not presented in time a Notice of Motion was presented. A recommendation was made that next year the Chair shall receive a \$1000 honorarium.

Mover: Elaine Lake

Seconded by: Mike Illingworth

Action: **Carried**

Motion that the meeting be adjourned.

Mover: Gary Freedman

Seconded by: Liz Wilson

Action: **Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.