



## The Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Track and Field Association

Saturday, December 6, 2008 – 11:00 am  
York Room, Crowne Plaza Hotel – Toronto Don Valley  
1250 Eglinton Avenue East, Toronto, Ontario, M3C 1J3

As no Quorum (40 votes) was present at 11:15 a.m., the meeting stood down for five minutes and re-convened at 11:20 a.m. at which time, with 39 votes in attendance, a quorum was declared. The meeting began at 11:17 a.m.

1. **Call to Order and Welcome** – Chair Bill Stephens called the meeting to order and thanked those in attendance for giving up yet another weekend day to help provide direction to the Association.
2. **Parliamentary Procedures and Voting Review** – Secretary John Craig reviewed those votes and clubs present at the meeting, and reviewed the relevant Parliamentary Procedures and Voting Procedures as required and appropriate.

John Craig then asked the membership to waive the reading of the Notice of the 2008 Annual General Meeting.

**Motion:** To waive reading of the Notice of the 2008 Annual General Meeting  
**Ontario Masters TFA and Windsor Legion TFC** **Carried**

All Members having received or waived notice and a quorum being present, John declared the Ontario Track and Field Association's 2008 Annual General Meeting to be duly constituted.

3. **Introductions** – Chair Bill Stephens introduced the Board and Staff members.
4. **Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** That the Agenda be approved as presented.  
**Mississauga TFC and University of Toronto TFC** **Carried**

5. **Approval of the Minutes of the 2007 AGM**

**Motion:** That the Minutes of the 2007 AGM of the Ontario Track and Field Association be approved.  
**Ontario Masters TFA and Mississauga TFC** **Carried**

6. **Business Arising from the Minutes of the 2007 AGM**

There was no business arising from the Minutes of the 2007 AGM

(Brampton TFC (1 vote) arrived 11:24 a.m.)

7. **Ratification of Business Conducted by the OTFA Board of Directors in 2007/2008**

Bill asked that the membership review the motions passed by the Board of Directors since the last AGM in 2007. He further explained that a motion, passed December 5, 2008 by the Board of Directors, deserved special attention.

This motion reads: that the OTFA agree on the recommendation of the OOC to table Motions 1409 and 1410 until such time as a committee – comprised of three OOC and three OTFA Board members - determine alternate and acceptable proposals and motions by the end of March, 2009.

Bill explained the reason for this motion and briefly discussed the presentation that the OOC provided at the previous night's Board meeting.

Enrico Toscano of the Ontario Officials Council explained that the original interest of the OOC was to have these motions tabled for one year, while the motion being considered calls for a report by March 30. Stuart Smith explained that the OTFA motion above asked only for a report by March 30, and did not require action at that time.

**Motion:** To ratify the business conducted by the OTFA Board of Directors for the year 2007-2008.

**Etobicoke Huskies Striders and Mississauga TFC**

**Carried**

## **8. Reports:**

- **Report of the Chair (Bill Stephens)**

As presented.

- **Report of the Vice Chair (Val Sarjeant)**

No report.

- **Report of the Director of General Operations (Pat Reid)**

Bill discussed some of the important pieces of Pat's report (Pat was absent from the meeting), and advised that voting on some of the major pieces will be considered later in the meeting under New Business.

- **Report of the Director of Coach/Athlete Development (Harry Stantsos)**

As presented

- **Report of the Director of Technical Development (Suzanne Leroux)**

Suzanne discussed her activities as a Director and suggested it appears many of our former Olympians are returning to the sport to coach.

- **Report of the Director of Marketing and Membership (Stuart Smith)**

As presented, with special mention of the activities of Fun In Athletics and the Marathon Relay for kids.

- **Report of the Director of Technical Services (Roman Olszewski)**

As presented, with some discussion of the harmonization of events and the standardization of events across the country.

- **Report of the Managing Director (John Craig)**

As presented with special mention of the Road Warrior program, potential AC fee increases in 2009, the office move, membership increases, ministry funding and the Pan Am Games bid.

Michael Brennan gave a short review of the Road Warrior Program.

- **Report of the Manager of Communications and Public Relations (Anthony Biggar)**

As presented. Anthony thanked several sponsors and supporters of the OTFA.

- **Report of the Manager of Special Projects (Bernie Eckler)**

As presented.

- **Report of the Events Coordinator – Summer Experience Program (Ryan Finn)**

As presented.

- **Other reports are as presented – Northwestern Region (George Walters)**  
As presented.

**Motion:** that all reports be received as presented.

**Ontario Masters TFA and Toronto Olympic Club**

**Carried**

9. **Treasurer's Report and Appointment of Auditors - Dave Watt** discussed the audited statement and explained items of specific interest, including that members equity fell about \$12,000 over the previous year. David explained the reason for the members equity, which began to accumulate in about 1993. We are trying to have a balanced budget. Since our surplus seems to be adequate now, there is an effort to not build more equity. Therefore a \$12,000 deficit from last year is not bad news but cannot be maintained.

**Motion:** to accept the 2007-08 audited financial statements for the OTFA.

**Treasurer David Watt and University of Toronto TC**

**Carried**

## 10. Budget 2009-2010

David discussed the budget as presented and explained why the budget calls for a \$33,000 loss. With different revenue sources and amounts and an interest in maintaining or slowly phasing out some programs, the budget necessarily varies from year to year. David advised that a deficit of this magnitude cannot be maintained.

**Motion:** to accept the budget as presented.

**Treasurer David Watt and Mississauga TFC**

**Carried**

**Motion:** to appoint Turnbull Thompson as the OTFA auditors for 2008-09 fiscal year

**Treasurer David Watt and Etobicoke Huskies Striders**

**Carried**

11. **Election of Directors – John Craig** advised that two positions were vacated as of this AGM as the terms of the elected directors had expired. Those positions are Director of Marketing and Membership (held by Stuart Smith) and Director of Athlete and Coach Development (held by Harry Stantsos).

Both Harry and Stuart had previously agreed to stand for re-election and their names were presented as a slate of the Nominations Committee.

Since there were no other nominations received either by the office or prior to the commencement of the AGM as stipulated by the OTFA By-laws, Harry Stantsos and Stuart Smith were acclaimed and no election was held.

## 12. New Business

- New Course and Planning for the Association – There was a brief discussion of the proposed new Mission Statement, Vision Statement and Values Statement of the Association.

**Motion:** To accept the new Mission Statement, Vision Statement and Values Statements of the OTFA as presented.

**Windsor Legion TC and Ontario Officials Council**

**Carried**

- **Proposed Name Change**

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Track and Field Association is the provincial sport governing body for the sport of Athletics (comprising track and field, cross country, running, road running and road racing) in the Province of Ontario;

**AND WHEREAS** Athletics Canada is the national sport governing body for the sport of Athletics in Canada;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ontario Track and Field Association therefore deems it advisable to change the name of the Corporation to Athletics Ontario;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The name of the Corporation be amended from Ontario Track and Field Association to Athletics Ontario, with the Letters Patent and all applicable By-Laws of the Corporation to be amended accordingly.

**Moved by Etobicoke Huskies Striders TC and Mississauga TFC** **Carried**

- o **Proposed By-law changes:** John explained in detail the changes proposed for the By-laws, and the implications of those changes.

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Track and Field Association is presently governed by one general operating By-Law known as By-Law No. 6;

**AND WHEREAS** it has been deemed necessary to amend the said By-Law No. 6 in order to reflect the current practices of the Association with respect to primarily staffing issues and the appointment of committees;

**AND WHEREAS** it is deemed desirable to also change the requirements of the Corporation with respect to Quorum for meetings of Members and the appointment of additional Officers;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** By-Law Number 6 be amended as follows:

1. The former references to "Executive Director" in sections 8, 22, and 39 (now to be 41 - see below) be amended to "Managing Director" and the reference to "Executive Director" in section 29 (now to be 31 - see below) be deleted and replaced by "Secretary".
2. The provision with respect to Quorum in section 9 be amended such that meetings of Members would only stand adjourned for five minutes (rather than one hour) in the event Quorum is not present 15 minutes after the time appointed for the holding of meetings of Members.
3. A new section 27 be added with respect to the Appointment of Committees.
4. A new section 28 be added with respect to the employment of individuals on behalf of the Association (including, without limitation, a Managing Director and a Director of Technical Services).
5. (All previous sections numbered from 27 to 50 be amended as to number only to reflect the new sections 27 and 28, and they are therefore to be renumbered from 29 to 52.)
6. The former section 29 (now to be 31) be amended to change the requirement for the appointment of additional Officers to be by resolution rather than by by-law.
7. The first sentence of former section 35 (now to be 37) be amended by deleting reference to "The Executive Director shall be the primary person employed by the Association".

all as more particularly set out in the attached By-Law Number 6 with such amendments indicated having "italicized".

**Moved by Etobicoke Huskies Striders TC and Mississauga TFC** **Carried**

**Proposed new logo.** The logo presented for review was not the same one presented for on-line polling earlier in the year. While the concept of the design was approved in principle, there was considerable interest in changing the 'Trillium' part of the logo such that it contain some sort of representation of the sport of Track and Field. Several ideas were discussed and different options for feedback were considered.

**ACTION:** three new designs will be posted on the internet and a poll of the membership will chose the new logo.

**Motion:** to accept in principle the new logo, with some additional work to be done to help identify the association.

**Etobicoke Huskies Striders TC and Mississauga TFC**

**Carried**

13. **Comments by Chair** - Bill reminded the membership of the current transfer rule and asked all present to familiarize themselves with the rule.

Bill thanked the staff for continuing to do a lot of work.

Bill hoped many of those present would stay for the First Annual OTFA (Athletics Ontario) Awards Banquet, saying that this is our first awards banquet and there is a lot of talent and excellence in this province. Hopefully we have a new wave of Olympians coming up.

Bill also invited members and participants to stay for a Planning Workshop, to be conducted by Hugh Cameron, to be held immediately following the AGM.

**Motion:** to adjourn.

**Ontario Masters TFA and Mississauga TFC**

**Carried**

Adjournment 1:09 p.m.