

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
October 8, 2013**

By Conference Call
7:05 pm

Present: Lisa Ferdinand (Vice Chair), Bill Stephens (Chair), Leslie Estwick, John Stevenson, Sharon Stewart, John Craig (staff), Roman Olszewski (staff), David Watt (7:07 pm).

Guests: Brian Levine (7:59 pm); Richard Parkinson (8:00 pm)

Minutes:

1. Adoption of Agenda:

Motion: to adopt the agenda as amended

Stevenson and Ferdinand

Carried

2. Adoption of Minutes:

Motion: to adopt the minutes of the September 21, 2013 Board Meeting with the addition of the motions from the Technical Committee:

Stevenson and Ferdinand

Carried

3. Carried Forward Action Items:

Lisa lead a review the Carry Forward Action items and will update the document for circulation to the Board for further action.

- 4. Proposed AC Fee Increase:** John Craig presented new information on a proposal to increase membership fees to Athletics Canada. The proposal, discussed at length and approved in principle at the October 4-5 Athletics Canada SAGM, was that all membership fees to Athletics Canada increase from \$5.00 to \$15.00. If this proposal meets with approval at Branch AGMs, then Athletics Canada will use the new revenue to eliminate self-funded national teams.

John further advised that:

- the feeling of the Branches was that this extra membership fee should be used to eliminate self-funded national teams but that the allocation of the extra funding could change in the future if the Branches so determined;
- that Athletics Canada would guarantee the elimination of self-funded national teams whether or not the extra revenue covered the cost of these teams, and that in years when the extra fee exceeded spending on self-funded national teams Athletics Canada would use the fees on other membership program areas;

John C. advised that membership fees for Youth, Junior and Senior athletes in Ontario actually rose in 2012 to \$15.00, so that an increase as proposed would only affect all other membership categories, which would see a \$10.00 increase over the current \$5.00 fee.

John C. proposed that an alternative to this would be to raise all membership fees by \$5.00 which would spread out the burden and would put some of the additional costs on the Youth, Junior and Senior categories which include the athletes who will benefit most from the elimination of self-funded national teams.

Motion: to endorse a proposal to be taken to the Athletics Ontario membership at the 2013 AO AGM that there be a \$5 increase to membership fees in all categories, pending approval by the membership.

Stewart and Stevenson

Carried

5. **Competitions Committee:** There was discussion about timing and hosting package agreements, plus financial considerations. The Finance Committee needs to weigh in on some issues relevant to the hosting package.

Motion: to adopt the bid application package with the appendix and the championship hosting partnership agreement as amended with future amendments from the Finance Committee as may be required.

Estwick and Stevenson

Carried

Motion: to accept the Policies and Procedures as presented:

Estwick and Stevenson

Carried

** The agenda was amended to allow a presentation from John Craig, Brian Levine and Richard Parkinson on the Business Plan for the Toronto International Games – see agenda item # 7*

6. **Governance and Nominations Committee:** Lisa provided an update on the activities and progress of this committee. The committee has been provided with subsequent amendments to the AO By-laws that will provide better compliance with the new Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act. These new amendments will be circulated to the Board for approval shortly.

Also John Stevenson and Lisa have worked on the nominations process for the upcoming AO AGM, along with a press release and notification which is to go to the membership. This is an ongoing process and a further report will be forthcoming.

7. **Toronto International Games – 2014 Business Plan:** Brian, John C. and Richard presented a business plan for the 2014 Games and beyond.

John Craig asked the Board for a commitment of \$40,100 to cover expenses to the end of March, 2014 to support the ongoing efforts to launch the meet.

Motion: to provide up to \$40,100 to the end of March, 2014 in support of the 2014 Toronto International Track and Field Games, at which point the Directors of the Board will determine whether Athletics Ontario should continue with the Games or cancel them. Further, the Games will be managed and contracts will be reviewed under the auspices of the AO board, and reports will be provided on a monthly basis with respect to operations, expenses and opportunities for revenue.

Ferdinand and Stevenson

Carried

Lisa and Leslie left the call at this time.

8. Events Calendar Review:

Sharon added the meeting of the Championships Committee on October 9, from 7:00pm to 8:00pm to the calendar.

9. New Business:

Sanction Policy Amendments: Roman reviewed the policy amendments and asked for clarification.

Motion: to accept the amended document as presented.

Estwick and Stevenson

Carried

Defence of New Law Suit: John Craig advised that, while Athletics Ontario has not been named and papers have not been served, AO insurance will have to respond to, and defend, pending legal action against two Athletics Ontario members. This is with respect to an incident at the McMaster University indoor training facility.

New Athletics Canada Strategic Plan: Rob Guy and Peter Eriksson of Athletics Canada have requested the opportunity to make a presentation on the new Athletics Canada Strategic Plan at the Athletics Ontario AGM in November 2013.

ACTION: John to ask Rob and Peter to do a pre-AGM clinic on this item.

10. Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn

Stephens and Stevenson

Carried

The following Board motion was approved by the Board via email on November 13:

Motion: That the dates of the 2014 AO Outdoor Junior-Senior Championships be moved from July 12-13 to July 19-20.

Estwick and Stewart

Carried