

**Ontario Track and Field Association  
Board Meeting**

Sport Alliance Building  
Friday, November 10, 2006  
7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Albert Tschirhart (Chair), Roman Olszewski, Marc Christie, John Craig, Val Sarjeant, Mike Illingworth. Bill Stephens

**Regrets:** Denis Landry, David Watt

**1. Welcome by Chair**

Albert welcomed everyone and noted that this meeting is traditionally our lead-up to the AGM, an opportunity to organize for the meeting tomorrow and a chance to look after some last minute details. The meeting has a limited agenda.

**2. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting**

**Motion to Approve**

Stephens / Christie

**Carried**

**3. Business Arising**

Two people have expressed an interest in going to Technical Congress in Edmonton. Honoraria from the Canadian Sport Centre – Ontario budget will go to them to help cover the costs associated with the trip.

**Action:** John to discuss the financial (tax) implications of OTFA support with each of the attendees and ask each participant for a written report once they return from the Congress.

**Action:** Anthony to find out if other Ontario coaches are going to the Technical Congress to help us determine how much funding we can provide.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion to Approve**

Christie / Stephens

**Carried**

**5. York Track Re-Surfacing**

The current state of the MTTFC track and re-surfacing was discussed, and the concerns around the way in which events transpired. There is some interest in establishing a group

position so we can express some concerns to the City of Toronto; we don't want this sort of thing to happen again. There was some discussion on what happened and who was involved as the Board tried to separate rumour from fact.

**Action:** John will introduce the subject during the AGM on November 11, 2006 to see if there is a will to pursue a collective action and try to provide some leadership.

John advised that Brian Keaveney will be at the AGM and will provide background information, updates and some direction.

## **6. New Membership Opportunity**

John discussed an opportunity to increase membership and increase funding. He will ask for a Committee to be struck at the AGM to investigate and launch the program.

## **7. Coaching Coordinator**

John advised that the Ministry of Health Promotion had granted the OTFA \$12,000 for a coaching coordinator. He asked for guidance in how to proceed, especially since the program has been completed, and the money spent, by March 31, 2007.

**Action:** John to put a notice on the OTFA Web Site and mention this position at OTFA AGM. Roman and Bill to sit on committee to select winning candidate. Maybe this person could help with the Espoire Series.

**Action:** Given the late notice of the success of the funding application, John will see if we can move down from 10 province-wide coaching clinics to 7 or 8. He will call Scott Cooper at the Ministry to negotiate. The clinics are supposed to be non-NCCP clinics.

The Board recommended a minimum of 60-90 minutes per clinic. The Board also suggested trying to focus on school coaches or those outside of the OTFA ranks if they aren't getting credit (NCCP).

The Board also suggested that the hook for these clinics might be the Dartfish program – Gary Crossley could put these clinics on for this purpose (he uses Dartfish all the time). Photo-timing training.

Val offered to host one clinic in Hamilton.

**Action:** Bill and Roman to help come up with ideas on what could be covered and when.

**Action:** John to send Roman and Bill the job description for the position.

## **8. Minute of Silence for AGM**

Albert suggested observing a moments silence in memory of those who have died in the last year is something that is going to arise on a regular basis. He explored the idea of naming our Championship team trophy as the Memorial Cup or something similar.

**Action:** Albert to bring this up at next meeting. Seek some alternative suggestions.

**Action:** Anthony to investigate the idea of a ‘Virtual Hall of Fame’ on our website, with photos and description of what the members of the Hall of Fame accomplished.

**Action:** Albert to mention the idea and ask for the creation of a Committee to determine guidelines etc.

## **9. Mark Graham Trust Fund – Val**

Val suggested the OTFA contribute to the Trust Fund set up in Mark Graham’s name as a way of responding to the death of this young man who served his country in the Olympics and in Afghanistan. The OTFA will send several copies of the recent edition of Athletics Magazine (with the article on Mark) to the family, and donate some money to the Trust Fund.

**Action:** Bernie to send several copies of the magazine to the family. Val to supply the address.

**Motion: That the OTFA donate \$100 to the Trust Fund set up in honour of Mark Graham.**

Christie / Stephens

**Carried**

## **10. Technical Committee Recommendations**

**Motion: To adopt the Technical Committee Recommendations.**

Sarjeant / Stephens

**Carried**

*(The Technical Motions are listed at the bottom of this document)*

## **11. Fee for Non-Registered Athletes Competing in OTFA Sanctioned Meets**

Roman commented that the current system of providing for non-registered runners in OTFA sanctioned competitions is us-workable, though it was clear that when meet hosts bought into the idea it worked well.

There was some discussion on identifying the problem, and how to solve it.

Suggest a sliding scale of sanction fees depending on the size of the event. The meet director can determine how they come up with the fee – i.e. charging the athletes extra or

charging all athletes extra, but there must be something in print which says that OTFA members pay less than non-members.

**Action:** Roman to write a motion and make suggestions on a fee structure. He will present his ideas to the Board by email or conference call and ask for approval.

**Action:** Roman to advise the AGM of the OTFA plan in this respect. This will help to guarantee the meets are properly insured.

**Action:** Anthony to put this new structure in the newsletter and on the Website.

## **12. Membership Strategies/Ideas – Anthony**

Anthony passed out some ideas for a membership growth.

- a) Targeting ethnic clubs and communities. Currently we have little representation from some of these groups and we may be able to get some members if we are inclusive. Maybe get in touch with other ethnic clubs from same communities. Val suggested we may be able to put on some of our new coaching clinics for these clubs (item for the coaching coordinator).
- b) Tie OTFA into high school meets. This comes from a request by Stanley Samuel for some financial support from the OTFA to help a competition he hosts indoors in February.

**Motion:** That the OTFA support Samuel's competition with \$100, provided the meet hosts hand out OTFA brochures, hang the OTFA Banner, that promotional materials show the OTFA is a sponsor, that the OTFA portion of the meet be sanctioned by the OTFA, and that the meet make announcements about the OTFA.

Sarjeant / Tschirhart

**Carried**

**Action:** John to ask Stanley to make sure the above conditions are met

**Action:** Money for this will come out of the OTFA promotional budget.

**Action:** That the OTFA develop a policy and a budget for this sort of support.

**Action:** Anthony to develop a template for the brochures. Meet hosts should be responsible for the printing these brochures or for putting required information on meet information. Anthony also to look into getting posters made for this sort of promotion.

## **13. New Business**

### **Eastern Canadian Espoire Championships**

**Action:** Roman to advise NLTFC that OTFA will try to send a team of about 30 athletes, with the OTFA money coming from the Technical budget and the athletes having to pay some money for the trip.

**Note:** The OTFA will try to send a team to the US Indoor High School Championships despite lack of direct funding. OTFA will have to provide some support for this meet.

### **Code of Conduct – Sexual Relations**

Something should be written into the Coaches Code of Conduct that says the OTFA does not condone sexual relations between coaches and their athletes under any circumstances.

**Action:** John to draft a policy regarding sexual relations between a coach and athlete. John to talk to Hilary Findlay and legal counsel for the OTFA, and also investigate what other groups/associations do in this regard.

### **Meet Structure for Spring Season**

No discussion.

Adjournment: 9:56 p.m.

## **Technical Committee Motions Approved by the OTFA Board at its Meeting of November 10, 2006.**

MOTION: That the list of new records, as recommended by the Director of Technical Services, be accepted.

MOTION: That the following events be deleted from the list of records:

Indoor 50 yard (all age groups)  
Indoor 50 yard hurdles (all age groups)

MOTION: That the following events be deleted from the list of records:

Indoor and outdoor Junior men's 50m/60m or 110m hurdles at 107cm unless a record was set in 2006, in which case the performance will remain on the list until December 31, 2007.

MOTION: that any records in the combined events currently listed on the provincial record list in which either hurdle heights or spacings differ from current specifications or

where implement masses are greater than current specifications, remain on the list, with proper notation, so long as the point total is not surpassed.

MOTION: That in the Policies and Procedures for the Staging of Provincial Championships Handbook:

153.4 be deleted.

And that

“(10 – Bantams and Midgets”) be added after “and 8 indoors” in the new 153.3.