



Athletics Ontario 2017 AGM – Report

Last year, we surpassed 1000 members for the first time in our history. In an effort to minimize the number of non-renewals each year, we offer a 30% discount on the membership renewal fee for January and February registrations.

The Indoor season included three Mini Meets, the Ontario Masters Championships (47th annual), as well as hosting the Nationals Championships – all at the Toronto Track and Field Centre. Entries broke previous attendance records.

The Ontario Masters Road Race Series included eight events from all over the province in distances from 5K to the Marathon. OMA medals were awarded to the top three members.

The Throwers Club continues to grow their membership base and the number and quality of their events.

The OMA was asked, on very short notice, to host the North and Central American and Caribbean WMA Championships in August. The meet was held at York Lions Stadium and the TTFC. The OMA LOC produced one of the largest and most successful Masters Championships in Canadian history – with over 1000 entries. It was also the largest NCCWMA Championships in their history.

Toronto Athletics Event Management (TAEM) won the bid to host the next NCCWMA Championships in 2019 (they won the bid to host the Worlds in 2020 at the WMA General Assembly in Perth Australia last year). TAEM, in association with the OMA, will use the meet as a dry run for the World Masters Championships in 2020 – using the same track and field venues, as well as the road race, racewalks, and cross country courses.

Since the OMA is involved with hosting three WMA Championships in four years (NCC2017, NCC2019, TO2020), we have begun purchasing additional equipment necessary for the increase in athletes at the events – 27” hurdles, throws implements, photo timing system, electronic throws measurement, etc.

We participated, once again, in the Ontario Athletics Awards Banquet. Karla Del Grande and Paul Osland were selected as Ontario Masters Athletes of the Year.

The Cross Country season is well underway. The Sunnybrook 8K has been run for 42 years now!

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