

2023 Athletic Ontario Officials Chair Report

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The job of AOO Chair as I carried out the role in the Terms of Reference

Working closely with AO and NOC/AC

Working with Other Provincial Chairs and CEOs as a group, in person and online

Provincial Chairs and CEOs met at a Toronto airport hotel over a three-day period this spring. We worked together to convince NOC members to allow Provincial Officials groups to host Clinics in person and online up to level 4. This allowed all provinces to host clinics which out of province officials could attend as our Ontario officials did. The clinics were a great success as Ontario through the work of Phil Martin hosted many clinics in track and field live and online. Congratulations!

Counselling members and new officials as well as volunteers to become members at meets and over the phone.

Sought guidance from our Past Chair Peter Hocking

Listening to officials' concerns such as on upgrading and mentoring

Updated officials' addresses in Trackie, especially the emails

Dealing with interpersonal problems between officials

Giving out awards to 50 Year recipients

Worked many meets so that officials could talk to me

Took an active role in Safe Sport at meets

Encouraging officials, who have incomplete Criminal Record and NCCP online course, to get them completed.

Provided membership cards for working officials and a special card for starters

Provided WA, WMA Rule Books to active members

Attended the AO Town Halls on Wednesdays

Set up and chaired monthly online ZOOM meetings using AO software

Provided Monthly Officials Newsletters

Emailed all officials important news when needed

Worked with Phil Martin on upgrading lists where Ontario officials were able to go out of province to be evaluated. This was a success

The vice chair, at the start of this year, assembled a small committee to investigate obtaining a grant to be used to fund the retention and marketing to acquire new officials. AO has now obtained a grant to do so and more. Details to come.

A few statistics:

Sanctioned events where our member officials worked

AOO has 145 Registered Officials who worked the following events:

Indoor Season 43 with 7 AO Events

Outdoor Season 90 with 9 AO events

Cross Country 10 – with 1 Athletics Canada Championship, an Athletics Ontario Championship, and the Canadian Masters Championship

High level 20K Ontario Race Walk Champ in Ottawa with CMA 5 K Champ.

Canadian Track and Field Championships, NAIG, National Legion, World Police and Fire Games, North Central and Caribbean Masters, Canada Games(2022)

Mentoring in Ontario is still incomplete. Many senior officials will need to take on several officials. The new grant from AO will help.

Officials Management App -Kathryn has indicated it was a success. Now more officials will use it. Officials are to still have their Records Card signed. This is good evidence when upgrading.

Lastly, I arranged this AGM with the help of AO who are providing the ZOOM, Gumar who rented the room and provided lunch and Lynn who provided the morning refreshments.