

Minutes of ANB AMG Board Meeting – September 16, 2012

1.0 Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Bill MacMackin at 10:05 am

Attending:

Bill MacMackin- President
Germain Landry Vice President
Lynn Seymour Lalonde Secretary
Gabriel Leblanc– Technical Director
Steve Leblanc High Performance Coordinator
Jason Reindl High Performance Coach
Sandy Leland- Director
Scott Anderson Director
Jennifer Butler Director
Rod Mackenzie Director
Colm McGrath Director
Clayton Saunders Director, Canadian Legion
Camilla MacDougall Director (Registrar)
Dawn McNiven – Director (Officials)
Harold Nicholson- Past President/ Carleton York Athletics
Dave Thomas: Hershey Program SJTC
Peter Stuart Athlétisme Sud-Est /South East Athletics (ASEA)
Michele Leblanc Fredericton Fast Tracks (FFT)
Yvan Pelletier Fredericton Legion Track Club (FLT)
Carl MacIntosh Fredericton Legion Track Club
Sue Ellis Leparco St. John Track Club (SJTC)
Mike Robinson St. John Track Club
Bernard Landry Elite Club d’Athlétisme
Gib Anderson Carleton York Athletics
Mark Sheehan Guest- Official
Leroy Washburn Guest - Official
Scott Davis St. Thomas University
John MacDonald
Kristen Sweet UNBSJ
Chris Alward Official
Carl Cummings Official

Distribution of Voting Cards

Apologies for Absence: Marta Kelly (Treasurer), Kathleen Kiely

2.0 Adoption of the Agenda

Accepted by Harold Nicholson seconded by Dave Thomas CARRIED

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3.0 Minutes from Last AGM Meeting (November 20, 2011) and First Semi Annual Meeting (April 21, 2012)

Minutes for the Semi Annual Meeting (April 2012) Acceptance by Gib Anderson and seconded by Colm McGrath CARRIED

Minutes for Annual Meeting (November 2011) Acceptance by Harold Nicholson seconded by Camilla MacDougall CARRIED

4.0 Correspondence:

Nothing to discuss.

Harold requested that correspondence be circulated prior to meeting. Discussion of circulation will be put on agenda item in preparation for next AGM

5.0 Reports

5.1 President's Report

It has been a very busy year because of Master's Event, and yet really enjoyable. See Section of **President's Activities in report** for more detailed information of what he has done during the year.

Highlights of the Year

- Outstanding performances by athletes nationally
- First Semi Annual Board Meeting in April 2012
- Launched the High Performance Program
- Actions of Board of Directors included a number of motions by email and teleconferences - made easy by access
- Bill was able to attend the Semi Annual meeting of Athletics Canada and Germain was able to attend the Annual Meeting of Athletics Canada
- Athletics New Brunswick has hosted some exciting events this year.
- Financially Athletics New Brunswick is on a sound footing

Goals

- Supporting clubs is goal
- Membership in youth and masters is also an important goal
- Programs including the Canada Games Teams, National and Legions

5.2 Technical Director's Report (Gabriel Leblanc)

Key highlights

Membership is great. We do need to find a better way to promote NB masters

Memberships for younger athletes are a little bit down

Financial: We have the biggest revenue but also spent quite a bit on the membership

In the National Championships: NB Athletes have medaled at every championship

Jeux De L'Acadie has become a sanctioned meet, and is considering integrating para-athletics

There has also been some discussion of Para Athletics at the Legion

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At the School District level we are more present. They want to put their meets on ANB Website

Staff and summers students: Great to have Jason and Steve and six summer students
The Hub City classic and Master's were considered to be the best organized National and international competitions.

Personal: Thank you to the Officials with amount of officials and level of officials, national track NACAC and Legions.

Next year will be a challenge with the Nationals, and Juniors and Canada Games coming up.

5.3 2013 Calendar Events (Gabriel Leblanc)

Cross Country Events will be added on the Calendar, and this will even include smaller school meets.

For the upcoming year we have a Tentative Calendar.

The National Championships dictate scheduling.

2013 Calendar of Events

Depending on what Legion decides, there may not be a camp because of the conflict with the other events.

Have to add the National Track League, as that will be decided next year.

Waiting for Canada Games meets as to when their selection meet will be.

Comments/Questions

Dave Thomas finds that this schedule looks like athletes will be finished in July.

Gabriel Leblanc will look into that, and would like to see some twilight meets arranged.

Colm and Chris wondered if the age restrictions could be circumvented (as in Ontario), and that the twilight meets be sanctioned by ANB

Gib Anderson wondered about summer camp.

Gabriel is not sure that we can have a camp, as the Canada Games athletes could not participate.

Michelle thought that having time off in August would be good for all.

Gabriel would like to have the Schedule finalized by December.

Regarding Legions Tentative Date:

Clayton: Wondered when the Can Games trial date would be set, as this should be to be confirmed.

Yvan says little flexibility to change the dates.

Clayton: June is a problem for Legions. He would like to do a Saturday and Sunday rather than a Friday and Saturday. Would like to have July 7th. Are officials required? Can Game Trials?

Gabe: Problems with Volunteers and Officials being overworked. Some overlap with Hershey.

Dave: Four of five kids who overlap with the Legions.

Kids will have to decide what is the priority whether they want to do Legions or Hershey.

Clayton: Legion will meet and discuss this and come back.

NB Outdoor is traditionally used a qualifying meet, but according to the tentative schedule it is too late this year. Clayton would like to have a cut-off date for the Legions

Bill: Will not resolve today. Clayton will get back to ANB soon.

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Steve: Need to decide soon for booking facilities.

Jason: From a performance stage athlete, Jason we see a strong performance from High School athletes and achieving close to standard. A lot of PB's came that weekend. Gabe: Concern of losing high school students if it is too long.

Peter: When is the latest cut-off date? National Track League? Western June 29, July 1st and 4th so eastern meet, and then eastern has to go before July 26th, there is a possibility that HUB city may be taking a year off, if it is too close to Nationals.

Peter will let Gabriel know.

Date: Weekend of the Sat June 20th, selecting team for Worlds is July 27th.

Bill: if we move Legions, we may have problem with the athletes who are preparing for Canada Games.

5.4 Treasurer's report (Marta Kelly, reported by Bill MacMackin)

Up to August, we had \$80,000 in bank account

On track and we think we will have a surplus

There are more funds to be brought in, there are still some outstanding

Marta has provided a detailed list on income statement,

Problem with categorization of accounts, need to have a better system. Bill is working with Marta, they always are cleaned up in the end.

Budget will be entered into the system.

Comparison: budget was very close to what we have predicted, and in some ways we have spent less. These numbers are very important for our next budget.

Yvan: Membership Grant we have received one cheque but not the second.

6.5 High Performance Coordinator and Coach (Steve Leblanc)

There will be another High Performance camp in Florida, with more details this fall, what it will cost etc.

Cost would be different for non HP athletes.

Last year, 14 athletes 3 coaches attended the camp. They hope to have more. Ideally they would like to have another coach and a massage therapist.

Last Spring: The HP group and others went to Sherbrooke. There were a few great performances, and competition.

For this coming spring, they are not sure if they can attend, it will depend on where they are scheduled for Quebec. It is the Canada Games trial in Quebec, and it is an open event.

This may conflict with the Canadian Championships:

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This past year the Canadian Seniors were in Calgary with 9 NB athletes and the Canadian Juniors in Winnipeg. Funding was given to 6 NB athletes \$300 per athlete senior, and \$200 per Junior athlete if transportation was required.

Steve anticipates a higher number of athletes will participate in the Canadian Seniors next summer, because it is in NB.

Jeux De La Francophonie (JDLF) 2013, Steve is named as head coach. There are 11 athletes who are 95% or better for the JDLF for competition, within 6 athletes who achieved standards this summer. They will have to qualify again next summer. There should be strong performances at the meet, and possible medal potential. There is one athlete who could be a record holder.

There is a possibility of a trip to PQ for indoors.

Question:

How does this tie in with youth program. Steve's is second year youth and up, Jason's is up to first year youth.

Harold: Good to see that the programs are taking off.

Steve: Financial stability of the program helps to run the program.

5.6 High Performance Coach (Jason Riendl)

It has been a very busy but educational season. Jason is still learning as go through the cross country season. July and August were very busy, and overall they were very successful.

Jason has worked on getting around the province, and also traveled to Quebec with the High Performance team.

Jason's position encompasses bantam and midget, this group has gone from one medal to six medals over a year's span at Atlantics. (See p. 38 in report), Jason hopes to continue to work with coaches for education, and especially enjoys working with athletes from the North or rural areas.

5.7 Canada Games Coach (Yvan Pelletier)

Canada Games is parallel with the High Performance team, participated in Warm Winter camp and also Sherbrooke.

In Sherbrooke some Canada Game athletes who were invited who were not High Performance members.

They are working at incorporating High School athletes and providing information. Many athletes from the high school meets were invited to other meets.

The selection process was updated. There is no need to declare which events that you want to do, except for multi and five K will take place at the only at the Senior level.

The main focus is to organize workshops and relay teams, etc.

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Questions/Comments: There was some concern regarding the Junior Competition conflicting with Langley BC and getting to Sherbrooke. The athletes who are Legion age, but can participate in Canada Games may have to make a choice.

Dave Thomas said that there have been exceptions where athletes were allowed to travel mid week. Bill stated that we need to clarify soon as athletes and coaches will look for clarification.

Clayton said that he will alert the Legion to this conflict, so they can plan it better in the future.

5.8 Legion Program (Jason Riendl and Clayton Saunders)

Having the Legions in PEI made the travel logistics was very easy this year, and it was a very well run meet.

Camp went well, practice session before the meet from AC. Coaches did not want athletes to participate, as athletes were not in a learning state of mind before the competition.

Number of participants has improved. Thanks to Gabe with connections of JDLF.

This year's group was one of the most cohesive group. The purple track suit made a big difference and was a rallying point. One of the Youth athletes started a team facebook group, they wore purple everything including nail polish. Team photo, everyone in group except those who were in uniform, wore purple.

National Championships hosted 331 legions athletes 486 non legion athletes. 817 total. This was down from Ottawa, but still very good. The NB athlete performances very good. Our athletes participated in 90 events.

Clayton would like ANB to look at Multi-Event meets for a day and a half event so that the athletes do not have to go elsewhere to do an event.

Not had meeting yet in 2013, hopefully in October. Rules should be similar to those of last year.

One change will be the forms that have to be completed by the athlete. Clayton would like to post the forms on ANB and Legion athletic website. Athlete will have to bring the form to the provincial meet.

Clayton thanked the committee members and Gabriel for all his work.

Questions/Comments:

Due to the other events, the Legions had a lot of volunteers, but had a shortage of officials.

Clayton: Athletes are asked to declare events, and Harold tracks the results. The maximum that we can send is two athletes, when three athletes made standard- then only two will get to go to the event.

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Steve: Popular events there are more athletes, and one of the ways that you do, is do percentile of performances ranking. Top ten percentile would be another way to deal with this issue.

Peter: Clarification: Brandon Leblanc's name should be changed to Brandon Cleghorn.

5.9 Hershey Meet Report: Dave Thomas

Hershey program this year, athletes really appreciated having the hub city athletes to come.

In the future, they will not be posting Hershey results on the website, as there was some controversy of how many meets students competed in.

The athletes were excellent.

Sara Kean was the flag bearer.

It was very hot this year, the heat was worse than previous years.

Dave likes the idea of catching athletes at the middle school meets, similarly as Sandi and Georgine have promoted information at the high school meets.

Gabriel will be posting information on the website, to promote these events. He has been working with a web designer.

Comments:

Gib: Challenges with the School Board Restructuring, they are looking for someone to support the Hershey program- as they have changed the staffing at the District level.

5.10 Run NB (Gilles Gautreau reported by Dave Thomas)

Jim Johnson replaced Adam Stacy as Ex. Dir

66 Events this year, expects more participants next year.

Banquet is in Miramichi this year.

5.11 Officials Report (Dawn McNiven)

Thus year has been a busy year

69 officials who are registered with ANB. Have been increasing our numbers 2X in level at level 2.

Currently there are 5 officials at level 3 and will be developing at level 4 to go on to next year. One will get level 4 accreditation by November.

We do not have enough officials in Moncton. There are only nine, three have level 3 qualifications and there are none with 4 or five.

Risk, it is a problem that we are putting people who are not qualified on the field. It cannot be a National meet if there are not the correct number of qualified officials.

National Level: They are waiting for funding so that we can have more mentors and clinics.

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Rick Stocker has joined the National level of officials, which will be great to have representation at the National level.

Comments: Gabe stated that he will consider having some level one and two official training sessions

5.12 Coach Training and Development (Steve Leblanc)

See report from Page 39.

Comp Development is coming up in a month and a half in Moncton. Gabe and Steve are working on this. It will be an excellent opportunity for the coaches in New Brunswick.

They require some athletes to be coached to also be models and an email will be put out for this.

Club Coach Coaching Course (Level 2): There are three individuals who are registered currently, so this may not occur.

Sport Coach Coaching Course (Level 1): This has enough registrants. It is being held in the North. More people are welcome, including older athletes.

NEW NCCP Course: Theory and Technical is in combined in this course there has been some paperwork that is involved (ie. Homework training plans and workouts to be evaluated). You are mentored.

CACC: Event coming up in Ottawa. It is something that you might want to consider especially if you are interested in jumps.

Next Spring: There will be more Sport Coach and Club Coach Courses. They hope to have participants from Nova Scotia and PEI to increase numbers.

Would be nice to have some of the veteran coaches to come back and help the newer coaches, because the course is so interactive.

Addendum to Report: Steve plans to do photo timing system, and meet manager clinics. There are different skills required in setting up a system and running it. Meet management software is easy to use. Encourage parents and volunteers to attend.

Steve wants people to attend the ACS to attend multi sport clinics at this level, and we do not want them to be involved in the track and field component at this time.

It is expensive to take club and sport coach at the ACS, more expensive for a coach than ANB doing it on their own.

5.13 Competitions Report

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5.13.1 ANB (Gabriel Leblanc)

See p. 61, most meets profitable.

Meets Legions deficit, uniforms and paying officials took some money out.

Generally the meets were on time.

Recommendations will be sent out regarding meet management.

There may be a charge for events, to encourage athletes to show up for events, because this is often something that causes a delay.

Gabriel will check to see if pay pal and credit cards can be used for group registration.

Comments:

Steve: Dealing with the Entries, athletes are often double and triple entered, information is often incorrect (ie. Birth date, names spelling). This type of registration puts the responsibility of the person who enters, and then they should show up. Bib numbers, lane assignments, is time consuming and has a cost.

Bill a motion would be sent to ANB regarding these meet fees, as one was not prepared will be formalized in a Board meeting in the coming weeks.

5.13.2 Hub City Report (Peter Stuart)

This year there were 105 athletes competing in 12 events, compared 30 invited athletes, 5 events.

Flotrack will send statistics, events interviews, and the numbers go up, for sponsors, so encourage people to participate on this website.

Athletics Canada is changing schedules and Hub Classic should be around the 10-20th of July. A Saturday meet would be ideal.

New Brunswick athletes will be invited. This was really beneficial

The liaison with Halifax and Moncton helped many athletes with traveling accommodations especially for those who were funding the trip on their own budget.

Coordinating was really helpful financially with Toronto and Halifax.

NACAC: Was very rewarding for next year, and we set a legacy. Increased membership was very good.

Gabe: Working on increasing membership, for this.

Dave: Thanks to Kristen Sweet for helping out, she did an excellent job.

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5.13.3 NCCWMA Masters (Bill MacMackin and Dave Thomas)

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Gabriel is working on increasing membership, at the Masters level.

Thanks to Kristen Sweet for helping out, she did an excellent job.

5.14 Club Reports

The clubs are doing well. Membership has increased for most clubs.

Gabe if you are doing RJT then you must make sure that your athletes are registered, or else you are at risk of having a liability issue.

What to do Gabriel will look into rates to charge for athletes who are interested in doing just cross country?

6.0 New Business

6.1 Option of Membership fees: (Gabriel)

Stay at the same fees as last year. Moved by Harold, Seconded by Peter CARRIED

6.2 Podium Program (Jason Reindl)

See the Podium Program: designed for midget and youth.

The selection will take the top three athletes based on legal rankings (must be on the database).

Program will help Jason to identify the needs of the program, develop the program according. Promote the team atmosphere, camaraderie for the athletes.

The Youth only will go to an indoor meet in Montreal, and the midget is in Toronto so the NB Athletes will not go to this one.

This year would only include midget and first year youths, and would include cross country athletes, top three in the Atlantic Cross Country championships.

Questions regarding the rankings and selection process are a concern for the coaches.

The launching requires cautious monitoring. For example the youth girls 800 make the team.

The Podium Program report is accepted and this will be referred to the Board. Bill will have a discussion with Gabriel regarding the fee.

6.3 Clinics (Steve Leblanc)

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Need more structure of delivering clinics for Jason and Steve, so it can be done more effectively and efficiently.

Objective is to formalize the process so that they can better plan the clinic, attendance, and transportation. Forms have been designed.

Steve and Jason will to post some clinics and then people will be able to sign up. If there are enough participants then the clinic will go ahead.

It is also possible for coaches to ask for specific topics.

Jennifer would like to have billets to have the athletes from other clubs to visit when Jason is doing his clubs.

Steve and Jason need people to help them set up these clinics and to better plan them.

7.0 New Policies/Bylaws: None

8.0 Election of Officers and Directors (Harold Nicholson)

8.1 Vice President (1 year) Germain Landry

8.3 Secretary (2 year) Lynn Lalonde

8.4 Directors at Large Jennifer Butler, Scott Anderson, Colm McGrath

Announcements:

Harold Nicholson has been selected as this year's National Volunteer Sport Administrator Award for the Coaching Association of Canada and will be recognized in Montreal on November 9, 2012.

Brian Gillis inducted into the Oromocto Sport Hall of Name

10.0 Next General Meeting SAGM April 21,2013 Fredericton/Oromocto.

Motion to adjourn Peter.

Meeting adjourned at 2:43 pm

Respectfully Submitted: Lynn Seymour-Lalonde ANB Secretary