



2012 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date; Saturday, March 16th, 2013

Started: 4:11PM

Adjourned: 5:50PM

Location; Toronto Track & Field Centre – Upstairs meeting room

BOD Attendees: Doug Smith (President), Karla Del Grande (Vice President), Norm Creen (Treasurer), Don Ritchie (Secretary), Annie Bunting, Lynn Bourque, Lily Whalen, Bill Pearson

BOD Regrets: Al LePage, Jay Yakabowich

Members: Jim Pascoe, Robert Moore, Rhona Trott, Stafford Whalen, John Powell, Lynn Kobayashi, Paul Osland, Duncan Greenshields, Cathy Tedford,

Other Attendees: Ashley Osland

Action Item:

1. Lynn to investigate OMA Road Racing accreditation requirements and standards.
2. Annie to review the OMA Director Election process.

Meeting Agenda:

1. Meeting Comes to Order (Chair Doug Smith)
2. Proxy Count (Don Ritchie)
3. 2011 AGM Meeting Minutes (Don)
4. President's Report (Doug)
5. Vice President's Report (Karla Del Grande)
6. Financial Report (Norm Creen)
7. Road Racking Report (Lynn Bourque)
8. Ontario Records (Duncan Greenshields)
9. Merchandise (Doug)
10. Throws (Bill Pearson)
11. Racewalking (Lily Whalen)
12. Combined events (Don)
13. Executive Elections (Don)

Attendance & Proxy count (Don);

28 Proxy votes for OMA AGM Chair

Minutes from the 2012 meeting (Don);

Are available at the meeting, and posted on the OMA website

Motion: Lily/Paul

President's Report (Doug);

This is my 23rd anniversary AGM as a member of the Ontario Masters Board of Directors. Next year will be my 20th anniversary as President.

In 2012, we hosted 16 events for our members - 4 Mini Meets, Indoor Pentathlon, Indoor Championships, Canadian Indoors, Outdoor Championships, 5 Road Race Championships, 2 Cross Country races, and the Ontario XC Championships. The Outdoor Championships had the largest turnout in the 41 year history of the event.

We wound up with 634 members in 2012 – with a large number of non-renewals from the previous year (323). Of those, 114 were new 2011 members who didn't renew the following year. A number of the 2011 non-renewals are joining this year.

We continue to enjoy our close relationship with Athletics Ontario. Special thanks to our VP Karla, who works so hard to make the Annual Awards Banquet a great success.

Thanks to our liaison Chris Lemassif, Burnbrae Farms continues to be a major sponsor. I want to thank Mario Iozzo for his service on the Board in the past.

Internet Update: Smart technology was great when we first used the group, however, due to technology challenges with ranking and hitek technology, the OMA began looking at new providers in 2012. The OMA is now using trackie for membership, events and ranking

Report Questions:

Robert Moore: Do none competing members still need to pay membership fees?

Doug: Yes, due to AO membership component.

Vice President's Report (Karla Del Grande);

My contributions to OMA as VP are:

- Ordering and preparing medals for all OMA events – supply should last for 2013 – for 2014 we propose keeping the medal but adding colour and interest by new ribbons - this year Board of Directors added trophies for top clubs at our indoor and outdoor championships – BOD decided to honour 2 long-time OMA meet organizers – Doug Smith and Brian Keaveney – new trophies were designed and ordered for 2013 events
- Writing contributions to Rundezvous (online newsletter of Athletics Ontario) to highlight events and achievements of Ontario Masters to different audience than Doug's eNews – for example, to parents, officials, athletes visiting AO website, to promote OMA, and direct them to our site, and to inform them of benefits of athletics for older people – 2012 contributions included an article from the Sports Information Resource Centre on “senior athletes” and a contribution by Bert DeVries on a One Hour on the Track competitive event – however, AO seems to be discontinuing this communication – not published since Sept. 2012
- Representing OMA on AO technical committee (participating in discussions re: events, scheduling, and rules), and at AO AGM
- Chairing of OMA AOTY and HOF committees - collecting data and selecting candidates, preparing slideshow with info and photos at AO banquet, etc. - created a nomination form and spreadsheet to make our comparison of candidates an easier task – updated bios on OMA HOF pages - during 2012 we expanded into Athlete of the Month – as always, feedback is welcome from members
- Participating on website committee of BOD and contributing actively to Board of Directors online discussions

Financial Report (Norm);**ONTARIO MASTERS ATHLETICS
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2012**

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash (DUCA)	\$ 26,391	\$ 10,808
Petty Cash	\$ 1,272	\$ 431
Short-term Investments:		
ING Bank	\$ 17,965	\$ 17,965
DUCA	50	50
Outstanding Deposit	-	-
PayPal Balance	781	2,898
Medals Inventory	<u>3,900</u>	<u>6,917</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 50,359</u>	<u>\$ 39,069</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current Liabilities:		
Deposit for Future Service	<u>3,074</u>	<u>6,627</u>
Total Current Liabilities	3,074	6,627
Fund Balance:		
Surplus (Deficit), Current Year	14,844	11,977
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	<u>32,441</u>	<u>20,465</u>
Total Fund Balance	47,285	32,441
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 50,359</u>	<u>\$ 39,069</u>

**ONTARIO MASTERS ATHLETICS
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS BY SOURCE
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2012**

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>FORECAST</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>	<u>LAST YEAR</u>
NET REVENUE FROM MEMBERSHIPS:				
Revenue:				
Membership Fees	\$ 28,958	\$ 35,000	(\$6,042)	\$ 35,033
CMAA Rebate			0	790
AO Grant			0	
	<u>\$ 28,958</u>	<u>\$ 35,000</u>	<u>-\$ 6,042</u>	<u>\$ 35,823</u>
Expenditure:				
CMAA Payment	-	-	0	-
AO Payment	12,975	17,500	4,525	18,730
	<u>\$ 12,975</u>	<u>\$ 17,500</u>	<u>\$4,525</u>	<u>\$ 18,730</u>
Net Revenue (Expenditure) from Memberships	\$ 15,983	\$ 17,500	(\$1,517)	\$ 17,093
NET REVENUE FROM EVENTS:				
Revenue:				
Entry Fees	\$ 29,825	\$ 20,225	\$9,600	\$ 30,889
Other Income	49		49	2,063
	<u>\$ 29,874</u>	<u>\$ 20,225</u>	<u>\$9,649</u>	<u>\$ 32,953</u>
Expenditure:				
Track Rental	6,839	5,187	(1,652)	5,831
Meet Director's Expenses		300	300	
Medical Staff	2,463	1,970	(493)	3,092
Officials	5,575	3,650	(1,925)	6,877
Medals/Ribbons	5,414	2,370	(3,044)	6,529
Administrative Expenses	1,326	3,100	1,774	805
Supplies	1,904	1,575	(329)	5,091
Club Payment		-	0	300
	<u>\$ 23,520</u>	<u>\$ 18,152</u>	<u>(\$5,368)</u>	<u>\$ 28,526</u>
Net Revenue (Expenditure) from Events	\$6,354	\$2,073	\$4,280	\$4,427
NET REVENUE FROM OTHER SOURCES:				
Revenue:				
Sale of Material	125	500	(375)	40
Equipment Rental			0	
Other Income			0	694
Bell True Sport Foundation Grant		500	(500)	
Sponsorship		5,000	(5,000)	5,000
Donation			0	111
	<u>\$ 125</u>	<u>\$ 6,000</u>	<u>(\$5,875)</u>	<u>\$ 5,845</u>
Expenditure:				
Meeting Expenses	-	200	200	-
Office Expenses			0	194
Marketing Expenses	2,153	8,000	5,847	-
Internet Development	1,979	8,000	6,021	170
Postage		100	100	11
Bank Charges	56	50	(6)	82
Telephone/Internet	-		0	-
Equipment Purchases	565	2,000	1,435	2,773
Merchandise Purchase		2,500		
Inventory Adjustment				8,461
Awards Banquet	1,210	2,000		1,643
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,654	1,000	(654)	2,054
	<u>\$7,618</u>	<u>\$23,850</u>	<u>\$12,942</u>	<u>\$15,388</u>
Net Revenue (Expenditure) from Other Sources	(\$7,493)	(\$17,850)	\$7,067	(\$9,543)
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE	\$14,844	\$1,723	\$9,831	\$11,977
Fund Balance, Beginning of Period	\$32,442			\$20,465
FUND BALANCE, END OF PERIOD	\$47,286			\$32,441

Ontario Masters Athletics Events 2012

	MiniMeet 1 York	MiniMeet 2 York	MiniMeet 3 York	Indoor Champ. York	Outdoor Champ. Varsity	XC 5K Taylor Creek	XC 8K Sunnybrook	XC 5K Kingston AO/OMA	Total (Regular Events)	CMA Indoor York	Other	Total (All Events)
8-Jan-12												
22-Jan-12												
12-Feb-12												
26-Feb-12												
29-Jul-12												
30-Sep-12												
4-Nov-12												
11-Nov-12												
11-Mar-12												

REVENUE:

Entry Fees	\$1,367	\$2,403	\$2,716	\$4,247	\$6,992	\$1,775	\$1,286	\$777	\$21,564	\$7,528	\$732	29,825
Other Revenue									0		\$49	49
Total	\$1,367	\$2,403	\$2,716	\$4,247	\$6,992	\$1,775	\$1,286	\$777	\$21,564	\$7,528	\$781	\$29,874

EXPENSES:

Facility Rental	\$820	\$820	\$820	\$1,207	\$500	\$171	\$88		\$4,425	\$2,414	\$0	6,839
Meet Director									-		\$0	0
Medical Services	229	234	188	288	584	210	210		1,943	519	\$0	2,463
Officials	490	535	650	1,010	1,015	164	163		3,700	1,875	\$0	5,575
Awards				1,003	1,475	77	86		2,804	2,610	\$0	5,414
Admin. & Misc.	120	28	290	216	155	102	184		972	150	\$203	1,326
Meet Supplies			73	342	229				929	514	\$460	1,904
Club Payment									-		\$0	0
Total	\$1,659	\$1,617	\$2,020	\$4,066	\$3,958	\$724	\$732	\$0	\$14,775	\$8,081	\$663	\$23,519

NET REVENUE	(\$292)	\$786	\$697	\$182	\$3,035	\$1,051	\$554	\$777	\$6,789	(\$553)	\$118	\$6,354
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Indoor Season	(292)	786	697	182					\$1,372			\$1,372
Outdoors					3,035				\$3,035			\$3,035
Cross-Country						1,051	554	777	\$2,382			\$2,382
Other Events									\$0	(553)	118	(\$435)
									\$6,789	(\$553)	\$118	\$6,354

The OMA is in good shape financially and continued to grow cash balances in 2012. We are approaching a threshold which is high relative to the desired practice for non-for-profit organizations. The OMA is advised to consider new projects to invest cash reserves.

Report Questions:

Robert: Suggested we spend money on archives, magazines, digitizing historically relevant magazines.
Annie: Suggested we hire a high school student to do the scanning.

Doug: Indicated that he thought about increasing meet fees, but given our current financial situation, do not believe we should increase event fees. Doug has not received feedback that our event fees are too high.

Duncan: Suggested additional marketing.

Doug: mentioned that Jay is investigating marketing opportunities as part of his new OMA marketing responsibilities.

Bill: Suggest we invest in new throwers equipment.

Karla mentioned we should look at hurdles.

Doug mentioned we do not have room to store hurdles, but we need to investigate this.

Lynn K.: Do we have a booth at running events?

Karla: We introduced book marks which are handed out at select running events by Jay.

Robert: We could develop a video that is continuously playing at a booth.

Many: We could get a professional to develop a video that we play at expos, events etc.

Jim: Why no more mail?

Doug we have not used mail since 2007. We use internet since it is a widely accepted form of communications and commerce now. As well it is very costly and time consuming work to process mail.

Motion: Lynn/ Bill

Director's Reports

Road Racing Report (Lynn)

In 2012 Ontario Master's Athletics (OMA) partnered with six (an increase in 2 events from 2011) Canadian Class Ontario based road race organizations to stage the OMA 2012 Road Race (RR) Championships series.

THE 2012 OMA RR CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

1. **5K: CarrotFast** – Aug. 18, 2012 Branford
2. **8K: Somersault Colonel By Classic** – May 19, 2012 Ottawa
3. **10K: VRPro Eaton Downtown Dash** - July 19, 2012 Burlington
4. **15K: Midsummer Night Run** – Aug. 18, 2012 Toronto
5. **Half Marathon: Somersault Fall Colours** – Oct. 7, 2012 Ottawa
6. **Marathon: CRS Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon** – Oct. 14, 2012 Toronto

All six events were a success for OMA as not only did our organization provide a well-rounded RR championship series to its membership but heightened OMA's profile amongst the RR community in Ontario which represents the fastest growing athletic body in the country and OMA's target audience for future growth.

It is estimated that approximately 100 OMA members participated in the 2012 RR series. OMA board/committee representatives were present at each event and presented age category OMA Championship medals to OMA winners. OMA members were also eligible for event specific medals/awards.

While the 2012 participation number is relatively small (2011 was approximately 75), we believe this number will easily double or triple in 2013 with the following strategies to be deployed:

- I. Expansion of the series adding a 30K distance which will increase the overall series from 6 events to 7 events;
- II. Redistribution of Event Awards to provide a “fresh” selection of new choices while re-awarding to events where we have had consistent high-attendance and strong cross-marketing;
- III. Spread events out geographically to ensure we maintain a “provincial” presence;
- IV. Spread events out over the calendar year increasing the RR season, allowing appropriate recovery time thereby allowing OMA athletes more opportunities in competing in more events;
- V. Improved website and social media marketing to increase volume of website traffic and exposure to OMA and its RR partners;
- VI. Introduction of a 2013 OMA RR Promo Card marketing OMA and the RR Series – distribution via Running Rooms, Athletic Centers and Road Races across Ontario and;
- VII. Introduction of the 2013 OMA RR Championship Points Program- This initiative will award overall winners for the RR Series. To qualify runners must compete in at least 3 of the 8 RR Championship Races.

THE 2013 OMA RR CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES WILL GROW TO INCLUDE:

1. **5K: Longboat Toronto Island** – September 8, 2013 Toronto
2. **8K: CRS Harry Rosen Spring Runoff** – April 6, 2013 Toronto
3. **10K: VRPro Eaton Downtown Dash** - July 18, 2013 Burlington
4. **15K: Midsummer Night’s Run** – Aug. 17, 2013 Toronto
5. **Half Marathon: Good Life Fitness Marathon** – May 5, 2013 Toronto
6. **30K: Around The Bay** – March 24, 2013 Hamilton
7. **Marathon: Somersault Fall Colours Marathon** – October 13, 2013 Ottawa

Partnership “expectations” to becoming an OMA RR Championship site include the following:

- I. RR Event must be a solid brand and well established event with above average participation
- II. Course must be distance “certified” and registered with Athletics Canada;
- III. Race must be chip-timed & work in partnership with OMA to capture OMA specific results;
- IV. Partner must co-promote the championship event and OMA itself leading up to, during and after the event (website logo/link, printed material, eBlasts & medals) and;
- V. OMA co-presents age-category OMA medals during event championship awards ceremony where possible.

Where possible, OMA will partner with races over a broad geographic area to ensure we reach and serve the largest possible OMA membership make-up.

Report Questions:

Doug: Informed the assembly that Lynn is taking over as Road Racking director for Jay.

Robert: Mentioned that the OMA races are accredited by AO or AC standards. However, he has observed that the AC & AO accreditation process and standards are significantly different with the AC not being nearly as rigorous as the AO. Bob suggested that we use AO to certify all OMA events.

Action Item: Lynn to investigate OMA Road Racing accreditation requirements and standards.

Ontario Records Report (Duncan)

2012 was another busy year in the records department for Ontario Masters. 78 new Ontario records were set last year (excluding Relays and Multi-events), and that was an even split ... 39 Indoors and 39 Outdoors.

In the Indoors record book, there were 16 new records set on the Oval, and 23 new ones in the Throws and Jumps. These 39 records were 25 Men’s records and 14 Women’s and came from 15 people (9 men and 6 women) Outdoors the 39 new postings were dominated by the Field events (34) versus only 5 new records on the track. This involved 26 Men’s new bests and 13 Women’s, coming from 15 individual male athletes and 6 women.

Last year was also the first full year tracking new Provincial Relay records under Ken Hamilton's supervision. 6 new ones were set ... 1 Indoors, and 5 Outdoors. Last year at this time we were looking for someone to take over responsibility for Road Race records. Ken Hamilton has stepped up to the plate to assist with this, and we are working on the database and updating it. We hope to have everything up to date soon.

On a more personal note, last year I began to track individual Ontario Masters Outdoor performances in order to create a Rankings Database to tide us over until a permanent solution was established. This gave me an opportunity to become more familiar with individuals, and the depth and breadth of Ontario's Masters Competition. To be honest, I was shocked at the scope of the competition. I recorded **1,153** Outdoor performances for Ontario Masters last year. And it showed quite dramatically how competitive our group is. Congratulations to all for taking part. And as well, I would like to thank those of you who assisted me in sending in results, and correcting my miscues. Just to remind all, Athletics Canada should be providing National and Provincial Masters Rankings very shortly.

For the coming year my hope is to add some events that we track records ongoing, and provide as much history as possible. Events to consider to add are 5000m Indoors, 1500mRW Indoors, 1500mRW Outdoors and 10000mRW Outdoors.

Report Questions:

Doug: Should Ontario records have an interface link to the new trackie system database?

Duncan: This would be advantageous for managing records. We would need to incorporate links to US and WMA results.

Doug: Trackie should be able to import data from US and WMA hytek databases if we can results from these organizations.

Throws Report (Bill)

2012 was a very active year for masters throwers in Ontario:

- Seven (7) Canadian Masters Indoors Records were set of which 2 were set by Ontario throwers – Garry Bachman M90 (shot put) and Emil Muller M75 (weight)
- 17 Canadian Masters Outdoors Throwers Records were set of which 8 were set by Ontario throwers – Garry Bachman M90 (shot put, discus & throws pentathlon), Jim Slepica M50,55 (rare double in shot put in both age classes), Mike Ranksy M40 (discus) and Barb Dabrowski W55 (javelin three times).
- A total of 19 Ontario Masters Throws records were set

- The year saw the last meet held at Stouffville after a remarkable run of 50 years. The final meet held on September 15th had some remarkable performances led by Marg Tosh W75 of Saskatchewan who set two World Records (weight and throws pentathlon) along with 4 Canadian Records (hammer, shot put, discus and javelin).
- The masters throws community lost three iconic members in 2012
 - Garry Bachman, one of our most decorated Canadian Masters throwers best known for winning 5 gold medals at Riccione in 2007, passed away in December at the age of 90. He still holds 18 Canadian Masters Throws Records for M75 (2), M80 (4), M85 (7) and M90 (5). He was inducted into the Ontario Masters Hall of Fame in 2009.
 - Arvids Zakis, the founder of the Latvian Club in 1962 and patriarch of the Throwers Club who for 50 years provided his wonderful farm at Stouffville for numerous meets, in September at the age of 91. He was also a strong advocate for masters athletics especially throwing
 - Rudy Boghina a former co-manager of Throwers Club, former OMA Throwers director and long time competitor in March at the age of 62.

Looking forward to the 2013 season, we plan to hold the OMA Masters Throwers Pentathlon and Ultraweight Pentathlon Championships from August 24-25th at the Toronto Track and Field Centre. This will be the first time that the Ultraweight will be held in Canada. Jim Wetenhall, our good friend in Toledo, Ohio, has kindly agreed to supply the Ultraweight implements which go up to a maximum of 300lbs! The goal is to grow this into a signature masters throwing event not only in Ontario but in Canada as well.

Report Questions:

Many: Lots of good discussion about including running events during the August 24&25 meet.

Also, discussed clinics and marketing to emphasize athletics participation and less emphasis on records and elite level competition.

Merchandise Report (Doug)

Sold a total of 13 cotton T's, 12 Tech. shirts and 3 hats. We have a limited quantity of sizes & colours of all items left. New pricing for 2013, cotton T's #5, Tech short sleeve \$10. Only two hats remain at \$10. As in 2012, merchandise will be available at all track meets and X/C events.

Racewalking Report (Lily Whalen)

In 2012, a total of 21 Canadian racewalking records were broken. Out of the 21, six were set by Ontario Athletes. Alberta and British Columbia are the two other provinces.

As in the past, masters racewalkers made up the field at the Junior/Senior level Athletics Ontario Indoor Championships.

Stafford and I continue to give clinics for free to those who want to try it out. After the London Olympics, we had a surge of emails wanting to learn the “how to” walk. It was great exposure for the sport. This led to new members joining the Ontario Racewalkers and other clubs.

On a great note, Maria Mallia, high jumper, tried the 1500m racewalk at mini meet # 3, and she said “she liked it”, so who knows....

Keep on walking

Report Questions:

Paul: Why were there fewer participants in 2012?

Stanford: They went to other competitions that occurred at about the same time.

Paul: Does the OMA advertise Race-Walking clinics information on the OMA website?

Doug: Good idea, we will do this in the future.

Many - suggested we do this for other OMA clinics as well.

Combined Events Report (Don)

It was a good year for OMA combined events and combined event athletes. Ontario athletes competed at indoor and outdoor OMA provincial championships, USA and world championship events. Ontario athletes set Canadian Records at the US Heptathlon Championship and in the pentathlon at the OMA Championship events.

2013 promises to be an exciting year for combined event athletes with the first every Canadian master Decathlon event taking place at TT&FC on August 24 – 25 2013.

Also have decathlon event opportunities at the US championships and the world championships as well. So it promises to be an exciting year.

Elections;

1. Secretary assumed Election Officer Responsibilities
2. Election Officer released OMA Executive Officers from duties.
3. As per bylaw 4.3b, 3 directors stood down from Director role
 - ❖ Don Ritchie
 - ❖ Annie Bunting
 - ❖ Mario Iozzo
4. Election Office asked the assembly for nominations.

No candidates where nominated.

5. Slate of Directors offered by the Executive for 2013 was acclaimed unchallenged:
 - ❖ Doug Smith
 - ❖ Karla Del Grande
 - ❖ Norm Creen
 - ❖ Lynn Bourque
 - ❖ Lily Whalen
 - ❖ Jay Yakabowich
 - ❖ Al LePage
 - ❖ Bill Pearson
 - ❖ Annie Bunting
 - ❖ Don Ritchie
6. Executive Officer Elections
 - a. Secretary (Don Ritchie, incumbent was nominated by Annie/Lynn/Unanimous)
 - b. Treasurer (Norm Creen, incumbent was nominated by Bill/Paul/Unanimous)
 - c. Vice President (Karla Del Grande, incumbent was nominated by Annie/Duncan/Unanimous)
 - d. President (Doug Smith, incumbent was nominated by Don/Lily/Unanimous less one)

Election Questions:

Paul: Asked for clarification on the Director voting process – what is the maximum number of directors, and what constitutes a majority?

Action Item: Annie to review the intention of the OMA Director Election process.

Discussion From The Floor;

Bill: Feedback he has received is that the CMA Championship medals are not very attractive and difficult to determine which is gold, silver and bronze placing?

Doug: The OMA can use our own medals for CMA events.

Paul: Yes, however, CMA event medals must be approved by the CMA first.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:50PM.

Motion: Bill/Lily