

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Special Meeting of Members to discuss the following:

Proposal to Dissolve the Not For Profit Corporation that is Ontario Masters Athletics Inc and become a Masters Council Under the Auspices of Athletics Ontario.

What is Proposed?:

The Ontario Masters Athletics (OMA) Board of Directors passed a Motion on January 5th 2020 to dissolve the not-for-profit Corporation (Ontario Masters Inc), that was formed in 1997, and instead become a Council under the auspices of Athletics Ontario, operating under a new and separate Terms of Reference, and known as the Athletics Ontario Masters Council (AOMC).

Such a move requires a Special Meeting of Members to approve the Special Resolution to Liquidate and Dissolve the Corporation. (OMA ByLaws 12.1)

Why is this Proposed?

The volunteer OMA Board Directors recently became aware that they could face serious *personal* liability in the event of any legal action taken against the OMA. As it stands, OMA Corporation would not have the financial resources to be able to withstand any such a legal action, and protect the personal liability of Directors.

By operating as a Council under the umbrella of Athletics Ontario, our volunteer Directors would be protected from such liability exposure.

In addition, the OMA organization has now out-grown the capacity of a a small number of volunteers to manage and grow the organization further. The Board also feels that an enhanced relationship with AO will allow us to focus on growing Masters athletics in the province, while retaining our current level of decision-making authority.

The transition **will not** impact any of our events from a member's point of view. Doug will continue to be the Meet Director with AO staff managing the events.

Becoming a Council under AO provides the opportunity to grow Masters to a much larger scale by leveraging a professional organization with paid employees that has the support of the National Sport organization as well as the Government of Ontario.

Further information is provided in the Frequently Asked Questions attached to this notice.

I look forward to discussing this proposal with you on January 21st at 7:00pm at the Zimmerman Room at Varsity Stadium

Respectfully,



Doug Smith

President
Ontario Masters Athletics

January 9th, 2020

Frequently Asked Questions;

Q. Will Membership fees go up as a result of this change?

A. Membership fees will not increase this year as a result of this change. The AOMC will establish its own budget including membership fees, and expenditure plan in consultation with AO.

Q. Will entry fees go up this year?

A. While fees are determined closer to the event, they are not expected to increase.

Q. Will the usual Masters events be held?

A. Yes. We will also have the assets to add opportunities for our members at new or established events.

Q. Will the look of the web page and Enews change?

A. No. We will continue to use the OMA 'brand' in communications.

Q. Will we still be the 'Ontario Masters' ?

A. Yes. We will continue to use that name. The Board of Directors will become the AO Masters Council.

Q. Will Masters now have a presence on the AO Board of Directors?

A. We will look at adding an Ex Officio Director to their Board.

Q. What happens to OMA equipment and financial assets?

A. They will be absorbed by AO for use at all events. OMA Financials will be identified as such in AO's account.

Q. Will the OMA Board remain in place?

A. The current Executive will remain with the same titles. Current Board members may remain on the Council if they wish.

Q. Will members still be affiliated with the Canadian Masters?

A. Yes. Membership will still include the CMA, AO, and Athletics Canada.

Q. What happens to the OMA ByLaws?

A. They are replaced by a Terms of Reference agreement with AO.

Q. When does this take place?

A. If the Special Resolution is passed by the members, documents will be filed with Corporations Canada to disperse the OMA property and dissolve the Corporation.