



Mississauga Track and Field Club

2018 Annual General Meeting

December 8, 2018, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

South Common Community Centre

Board Members Present: Steve Ferreira, Joe Geiser, Bernadette Sheppard, Luca Geiser, Belinda Dei, Nilima Hou, Peter Lashley, Jim VanBuskirk, Connor Lashley, Jason Hou

- 1) **Welcome & Introductions (Steve)** – Steve introduced the Board and welcomed all parents and athletes to our Annual General Meeting. Steve advised that Nilima would be the acting Secretary in Kristin’s absence.
- 2) **Guest Speaker – Peter Fonesca** (Olympian / MP – Mississauga East)
 - a) Peter gave an enjoyable and moving speech about the fundamental importance of hard work and commitment to success in all endeavors, especially athletics.
- 3) **Minutes of last AGM** – The minutes of the December 7, 2017 AGM were reviewed. Acceptance of the 2017 AGM minutes was moved by Bernadette, seconded by Jim and carried unanimously.
- 4) **Manager’s Report (Luca/Joe)** – Luca provided a 2018 update.
 - a) Currently we have 33 full athlete time members and 26 seasonal athlete members.
 - b) Luca advised that in September 2018 club’s rented portable street signs to advertise the club.
 - c) The introduction of electronic payment is not feasible because it would require authorizing **one** individual to have complete ‘signing authority’ for our accounts. All club accounts require two signatories. One signatory for our accounts is not allowed under the Club’s Constitution or under the Not-for-profit corporation rules.
 - d) Luca will investigate merchandise options and advise members. Merchandise will roll out twice a year. Members can buy the merchandise directly from the supplier.
- 5) **Sprint – Hurdle Coach Report – Kerry Smith**
 - a) Kerry provided a summary of the group’s activities in 2018.
 - b) Kerry suggested the introduction of summer camps for young athletes to attract more membership as well as to find promising athletes early on. Both athlete representatives strongly agreed with the idea and are looking to encourage fellow athletes to volunteer for the camp.
 - c) Kerry presented 2018 awards to the sprint/hurdle athletes:
 - i) 2018 MTA Male Athlete of the Year Arun Vengadaramanan
 - ii) 2018 MTA Female Athlete of the Year Kiana Burke
 - iii) 2018 AO Male Sprint Athlete of the Year Essa Aamer
 - iv) 2018 AO Female Sprint Athlete of the Year Marie Cudmore
 - v) 2018 AO Male Most Improved Athlete of the Year Lael Zulueta
 - vi) 2018 AO Female Most Improved Athlete of the Year Carli McGrath
- 6) **Distance Coach Report – Paul Carter**
 - a) Paul reviewed the distance group’s activities in 2018.
 - b) He said that the Hill Camp training session which was reintroduced this year was a great success. There will be another possible Hill Camp in 2019 for both distance and sprint athletes.
 - c) Paul presented 2018 awards to the distance athletes:
 - i) 2018 Jr. Male Distance Athlete of the Year: James Ward
 - ii) 2018 Sr. Male Distance Athlete of the Year: David Domodossola
 Connor Lashley
 - iii) 2018 Sr. Female Distance Athlete of the Year: Jessica Keller



Mississauga Track and Field Club

2018 Annual General Meeting

December 8, 2018, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

South Common Community Centre

iv) 2018 Most Improved Female Distance Athlete of the Year: Nicola Kata

7) Treasurer's Report (Bernadette)

- a) Bernadette provided a complete review of the Club's year-end financials, as of our fiscal year-end, Nov. 30, 2018.

8) 2019 Budget (Joe)

- a) Joe presented the club's 2019 Program/Budget.

9) Bingo Update (Belinda/Steve)

- a) Belinda advised that the 2018 bingos went smoothly due to the participation of many volunteers.
- b) Belinda advised that last minute cancellations or no-shows at the bingos cause serious difficulties and consequences for the club. So please ensure that either you are there or that you have arranged to have your bingos covered by another volunteer. Belinda also stressed the importance of being on time.

10) MTFC Constitution and By-Laws (Steve)

- a) Steve advised that copies of the revised Constitution and By-Laws were previously provided to all members by email. Hard copies are available for all attending members. Steve reminded all attendees that all athletes and their parents or guardians are voting members as defined in the Club's existing Constitution and By-Laws, revised and amended, November, 2002.
- b) Steve explained that the club's Constitution and By-Laws, which were last revised in November 2002, were out of date and in need of updating. As such, the Constitution and By-Laws were recently updated and revised. The revisions ensure that the Club's Constitution and By-Laws are up-to-date and also meet all the requirements of the City of Mississauga's Community Group Registry Program policy. Steve presented the revised MTFC Constitution and By-Laws, Revised and Amended September 15, 2018, which had been previously approved by the Board. All revisions and amendments were explained to members.
- c) Steve asked if there were any questions from members prior to voting on approval/acceptance of the revised Constitution and By-Laws. There were no questions.
- d) Steve moved that the MTFC Constitution and By-Laws, Revised and Amended September 15, 2018, be approved and accepted as the new Constitution and By-Laws for the Club effective immediately. This motion was seconded by Joe Geiser. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

11) Election of Directors (Joe)

- a) Joe stated that the Sprint Group Athlete Rep position on the Board is available.
- b) Joe noted that the Treasurer is not an elected position but is appointed by the Board.
- c) Joe noted that he did not receive any inquiries or volunteers in response to an email sent to all members requesting members to consider joining the Board. Joe asked if there were any members present who would like to be nominated to join the Board, but there were no volunteers/nominations. Joe Geiser led the Election of Directors for 2019 and presented the nominations put forward by the Board. Joe called three times for additional nominations from the membership for all elected positions. All nominees put forward by the Board were elected unanimously.
- d) The duly elected 2019 Board is as follows:
 - i) **President:** Steve Ferreira
 - ii) **Vice President:** Joe Geiser
 - iii) **Manager:** Luca Geiser
 - iv) **Secretary:** Nilima Hou
 - v) **Directors at Large:** Kristin Mifsud, Jim Van Buskirk, Belinda Dei, Peter Lashley



Mississauga Track and Field Club

2018 Annual General Meeting

December 8, 2018, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

South Common Community Centre

vi) **Athlete Reps:** Connor Lashley, and Jason Hu.

vii) **Treasurer:** Bernadette Sheppard was appointed Treasurer. Delores Diluzio was appointed Assistant Treasurer.

12) **Meeting Adjournment (Steve)** – Steve adjourned the meeting.