



Mississauga Track and Field Club

2019 Annual General Meeting

December 14, 2019, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

South Common Community Centre

Board Members Present: Steve Ferreira, Joe Geiser, Bernadette Sheppard, Belinda Dei, Peter Lashley, Jim VanBuskirk, Connor Lashley, Eesa Aamer

- 1) **Welcome & Introductions (Steve)** – Steve introduced the Board and welcomed all parents and athletes to our Annual General Meeting.
- 2) **Guest Speaker – Sergio Ruez-Villanueva**
 - a) Sergio gave an enjoyable and inspirational speech where he shared his personal experiences as a runner at the club, university and national levels.
- 3) **Minutes of last AGM** – The minutes of the December 8, 2018 AGM were reviewed. Acceptance of the 2018 AGM minutes was moved by Bernadette, seconded by Jim and carried unanimously.
- 4) **Manager's Update (Joe)** – Joe provided a 2019 update.
 - a) Currently we have 63 athletes registered with the club.
 - b) Once again we rented portable street signs to advertise the club.
- 5) **Sprint – Hurdle Coach Report – Kerry Smith**
 - a) Kerry provided a summary of the group's activities in 2019.
 - b) Kerry noted that it has been a transition year for the sprint group as a number of athletes have started high school.
 - c) Kerry presented 2019 awards to the sprint/hurdle athletes:
 - i) 2019 AO Male Sprint Athlete of the Year Essa Aamer
 - ii) 2019 AO and MTA Female Sprint Athlete of the Year Kiana Burke
 - iii) 2019 MTA Male Athlete of the Year Athavan Vengadaramanan
 - iv) 2019 MTA Male Most Improved Athlete of the Year Arun Vengadaramanan
 - v) 2019 MTA Female Most Improved Athlete of the Year Saanvi Kholi
- 6) **Distance Coach Report – Paul Carter**
 - a) Paul reviewed the distance group's activities in 2019.
 - b) Paul noted that it has been a very good year for the distance group as every athlete has shown solid improvement.
 - c) He said that the Hill Camp training session was a success once again.
 - d) In 2019 six distance group athletes participated in the Nationals XC championships.
 - e) Paul presented 2019 awards to the distance athletes:
 - i) 2019 Jr. Male Distance Athlete of the Year: Treshan Fernando
 - ii) 2019 Sr. Male Distance Athlete of the Year: Christian Rachner
 - iii) 2019 Female Distance Athlete of the Year: Rachel Love
 - iv) 2019 Most Improved Junior Male Distance Athlete of the Year: Daniel Torres
 - v) 2019 Most Improved Senior Male Distance Athlete of the Year: Aidan Therrien-Thomas
- 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, 2019.



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8) City of Mississauga Affiliation (Steve)

- a) Steve explained that the Mississauga Track & Field Club is registered as an Affiliated Youth Sport Provider under the City of Mississauga's Community Group Registry Program.
- b) Steve reviewed the benefits and support the club receives due to our Affiliation with the City including Discounted Youth Affiliate rental rate for City facilities and equipment, free monthly and annual room bookings for Executive meetings and AGM respectively, priority allocation and use of the Courtney Park track at no cost, and access to City staff liaison support.
- c) Steve emphasized that these benefits, especially the priority allocation and use of the Courtney Park Track at no cost, are of immeasurable importance to the continued viability and success of our club.

9) 2020 Budget (Joe)

- a) Joe presented the club's 2020 Program/Budget.

10) Bingo Update (Belinda)

- a) Belinda advised that the 2019 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.

11) Merchandise Update (Peter)

- a) Peter provided an update on the status of the club's efforts to source new club merchandise.
- b) Peter described the items that will be available for purchase online. The online store will be open from December 15th through January 5th. Everyone was encouraged to place their orders before the closing deadline.
- c) Peter thanked Connor and Jason, our athlete reps, for their help in selecting the merchandise offered by the club.

12) MTFC Constitution and By-Laws (Steve)

- a) Steve explained that the Club's Constitution and By-Laws were approved and adopted at last year's AGM (Dec. 8, 2018) after undergoing a number of changes which were required to make them compliant with the requirements of the City's Community Group Registry Program. However, after adoption we were advised that **one** additional revision is required. This revision to the **DISSOLUTION CLAUSE** in our Constitution & By-Laws is needed to separate the dispersal of non-lottery funds and assets from lottery funds and assets in order to meet Provincial regulations.
- b) Steve provided copies of the existing Dissolution Clause (Dec. 8, 2018) and the Revised Dissolution Clause (Dec. 14, 2019) and explained the changes.
- c) Bernadette Sheppard moved that the MTFC Constitution and By-Laws, Revised and Amended – December 14, 2019, 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.

13) Election of Directors (Joe)

- a) Joe stated that the Athlete Rep positions on the Board are available since all our current Reps will be graduating high schools in 2020.
- b) Joe noted that the Treasurer is not an elected position but is appointed by the Board.



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- 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 2020 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 2020 Board is as follows:
 - i) **President:** Steve Ferreira
 - ii) **Vice President & Manager:** Joe Geiser
 - iii) **Secretary:** Nilima Hou
 - iv) **Directors at Large:** Jim Van Buskirk, Belinda Dei, Peter Lashley, Annie Therrien
 - v) **Athlete Reps:** Aidan Therrien-Tomas, Thomas Beer, Treshan Fernando
 - vi) **Treasurer:** Bernadette Sheppard was appointed Treasurer. Delores Diluzio was appointed Assistant Treasurer.

14) Meeting Adjournment (Steve)

- a) Steve thanked everyone for attending and participating in the 2019 AGM, then adjourned the meeting.