



Mississauga Track and Field Club

2020 Annual General Meeting

December 13, 2020 - Zoom Meeting

Board Members Present: Joe Geiser, Bernadette Sheppard, Steve Ferreira, Jim Van Buskirk, Peter Lashley

Athlete Reps: Treshan Fernando, Thomas Beer, Aidan Therrien-Tomas

Coaches Present: Paul Carter, Kerry Smith

1. **Welcome & Introductions (Steve)** – Steve introduced the Board and welcomed all parents and athletes to our Annual General Meeting.
2. **Minutes of last AGM** – The minutes of the December 14, 2019 AGM were reviewed. Acceptance of the 2019 AGM minutes was moved by Charlotte Urbanc, seconded by Bernadette and carried unanimously.
3. **Manager's Update (Joe)** – Joe provided a 2020 update.
 - a. Currently we have 63 athletes registered with the club.
4. **Sprint – Hurdle Coach Report – Kerry Smith**
 - a. Kerry provided a summary of the group's activities in 2019.
 - b. Kerry acknowledged the COVID-19 challenge since March of this year. The athletes continued to participate enthusiastically and continued to grow as athletes. Parental support continued as well, helping to make training as a group while respecting COVID protocols possible.
 - c. **Kerry presented 2020 awards to the sprint/hurdle athletes:**
 - i. 2020 AO Male Sprint Athlete of the Year Jaylan Brown
 - ii. 2020 AO and MTA Female Sprint Athlete of the Year Kiana Burke
 - iii. 2020 MTA Male Athlete of the Year Jordan Parnell
 - iv. 2020 MTA Female Athlete of the Year Mariam Abdelhamid
5. **Distance Coach Report – Paul Carter**
 - a. Paul acknowledged the challenge with COVID-19 and all the things they couldn't do this year. He also wanted to applaud all the athletes for their dedication and resilience. The athletes continued to train throughout the year and grow as athletes. Highlights include the new uniforms, the "donut shorts", Time-Trials, and a Women's group reforming. Paul noted that the training has been great for the athletes' mental health and he thanked the athletes' dedication because it helped create a routine for Paul as well. He also thanked Sergio, Dylan who supported the training and Sarah for acting as the Health and Safety Officer as well.
 - b. **Paul presented 2020 awards to the distance athletes:**
 - i. 2020 Jr. Male Distance Athlete of the Year: Treshan Fernando
 - ii. 2020 Sr. Male Distance Athlete of the Year: Christian Rachner
 - iii. 2020 Female Distance Athlete of the Year: Rachel Love
6. **Athlete Report**
 - a. Steve acknowledged the contribution of the athletes to the MTFC Board and expressed appreciation for their initiative to organize the purchase of the "donut shorts".
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, 2020. Acceptance of the Treasurer's report was moved by Bernadette, seconded by Peter and carried unanimously.
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.



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- 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. 2021 Budget (Joe)

- a. Joe presented the club's 2021 Program/Budget, indicating that the club expects to have a deficit of about \$10K for the upcoming year. Acceptance of the Budget was moved by Bernadette, seconded by Peter and carried unanimously.

10. Bingo Update (Belinda)

- a. The bingos were cancelled as of March 2020 due to the pandemic. This has impacted the club's revenues for 2020 and will impact 2021. An online version of Bingo has been initiated and is generating a small amount of funding for the club.

11. Merchandise Update (Peter)

- a. Peter provided an update on the introduction of new "club gear" this past year (deliveries made last February/March 2020). When the club has new members and there is interest, the club can arrange for another sale this merchandise.

12. 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. Current Athlete reps agreed to continue on the Board until end June and will also work on recruitment of new Athlete Representatives.
- 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 2021 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: Joe Geiser
 - iii. Manager: vacant
 - iv. Secretary: Peter Lashley
 - v. Directors at Large: Jim Van Buskirk, Belinda Dei
 - vi. Athlete Reps: Aidan Therrien-Tomas, Thomas Beer, Treshan Fernando
 - vii. Treasurer: Bernadette Sheppard was appointed Treasurer. Delores Diluzio was appointed Assistant Treasurer.

13. Meeting Adjournment (Steve)

- a. Steve thanked everyone for attending and participating in the 2020 AGM, then adjourned the meeting.