



Mississauga Track and Field Club

2021 Annual General Meeting

December 12, 2021 - Zoom Meeting

Board Members Present: Joe Geiser, Bernadette Sheppard, Steve Ferreira, Jim Van Buskirk, Belinda Dei

Athlete Reps: Treshan Fernando, Julia Kochanski

Coaches Present: Paul Carter, Kerry Smith

1. **Welcome & Introductions (Steve)** – Steve Ferreira welcomed all athletes and families and introduced the members of the board.
2. **Minutes of last AGM** – The minutes of the December 13, 2020 AGM were reviewed. There were no changes or comment. Acceptance of the 2020 AGM minutes was moved by Joe Geiser, seconded by Jim Van Buskirk and carried unanimously.
3. **Manager's Update (Joe)** – Joe provided a 2021 update.
 - a. Joe noted that following a decision by the board that all athletes born after 2009 are now required to be vaccinated and provide proof of same in order to register for the 2022 season.
 - b. Joe provided a review of the application forms. He highlighted that there is no longer a non-competitive category.
 - c. Due to COVID 19 restrictions only 1 member of the club has been required to attend the bingos. Joe thanked Belinda Dei for having done this on behalf of the club. Parents are asked to complete the bingo form but do not need to identify dates at this time.
 - d. Joe thanked the coaches and their assistants for keeping the programs running in 2021.
 - e. Joe reviewed the registration process for 2022 and all forms will be available on the club website.
4. **Sprint – Hurdle Coach Report – Kerry Smith**
 - a. Kerry provided a summary of the group's activities in 2021.
 - b. Numbers of athletes have increased. Athletes performed well in a number of meets over the year.
 - c. **Kerry presented 2021 awards to the sprint/hurdle athletes:**
 - i. 2021 AO Male Sprint Athlete of the Year Jaylan Brown
 - ii. 2021 AO Female Sprint Athlete of the Year Magda Bator
 - iii. 2021 MTA Athlete of the Year Ashley Johnson
5. **Distance Coach Report – Paul Carter**
 - a. A number of athletes performed well throughout the past year with limited competitions due to COVID restrictions. Paul thanked Sergio and Dylan for their support in assisting with coaching duties. The group is hoping to be able to access the Mississauga Dome for winter training.
 - b. **Paul presented 2021 awards to the distance athletes:**
 - i. 2021 Male Distance Athlete of the Year: Treshan Fernando
 - ii. 2021 Female Distance Athlete of the Year: Michelle Gray
 - iii. 2021 Leadership Award: Lorelei LaPlante
6. **Athlete Report**
 - a. Julia and Treshan provided a report on the season.
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, 2021, indicating that there was a small surplus for the year end. There were no questions or



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comments regarding the financial report. Acceptance of the Treasurer's report was moved by Steve, seconded by Joe 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.
- 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 2022 Program/Budget, indicating that the club expects to have a small deficit for the upcoming year. Acceptance of the Budget was moved by Jim, seconded by Bernadette and carried unanimously.

10. Bingo Update (Belinda)

- a. The bingo hall will continue to run a limited number of in person bingos and it is hoped that MTFC will continue to receive revenue from this source.

11. Merchandise Update (Peter)

- a. Steve reported that Peter Lashley arranged for clothing merchandise to be available to athletes and families in November. More can be ordered as required in the coming year.

12. Election of Directors (Joe)

- a. Joe presented a slate of candidates 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: Treshan Fernando (until the end of June), Amrit Singh Menhi (June to December) and Julia Kochanski (Sprint Group)
 - vii. Treasurer: Bernadette Sheppard was appointed Treasurer. Delores Diluzio was appointed Assistant Treasurer.
- b. Joe noted that the Treasurer is not an elected position but is appointed by the Board.
- c. Joe asked if there were any members present who would like to be nominated to join the Board, but there were no volunteers/nominations. The Slate of candidates put forward to the meeting was accepted unanimously.

13. Other Business

- a. The Code of Conduct and Training schedule will be posted on the website.



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- b. Dylan suggested that reflective arm bands be purchased for increased visibility of the athletes training after dark. Steve asked him to speak with Paul Carter about this and the club will pay for this purchase.
- c. Joe reminded all board members to complete their registration form, criminal record check, SafeSport module and Proof of Vaccination and forward to him.
- d. Next Board meeting is January 19, 2022 at 7:30. A Zoom link will be sent to members in advance.

14. Meeting Adjournment (Steve)

- a. Steve thanked everyone for attending and participating in the 2021 AGM, then adjourned the meeting.