



Mississauga Track and Field Club

2022 Annual General Meeting

December 11, 2022 - Zoom Meeting

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

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 12, 2021, AGM were reviewed. There were no changes or comment. Acceptance of the 2021 AGM minutes was moved by Bernadette Sheppard, seconded by Jim Van Buskirk, and carried unanimously.
3. **Manager's Update (Joe)** – Joe provided a 2022 update.
 - a. Joe indicated that the club had 53 (14 Distance/Cross-Country and 39 Sprint/Hurdles) athletes registered in 2022.
 - b. The club's Guideline for the Coaches was updated during 2022 to help provide the Coaches with clarity on some ways of working such as meet entries, competition expectations and travel expenses.
 - c. Joe provided a review of the application forms and reminded everyone that all forms must be completed to be fully registered for 2023
 - d. Joe reviewed the registration process for 2023 and all forms will be available on the club website. It was mentioned that etransfers are available to use for membership payment.
4. **Sprint – Hurdle Coach Report – Kerry Smith**
 - a. Kerry provided a summary of the group's activities in 2022.
 - b. Kerry noted that that all the Athletes performed well throughout the year, including medalists at both indoor and outdoor provincial championships as well as medalists at the Legion National Championships.
 - c. **Kerry presented 2021 awards to the sprint/hurdle athletes:**
 - i. 2022 Male Sprint Athlete of the Year Athavan Vengadaramanan
 - ii. 2022 Female Sprint Athlete of the Year Ashley Johnson
 - iii. 2022 Male Most Improved Athlete of the Year Kareen Sacka
 - iv. 2022 Female Most Improved Athlete of the Year Zara Blackman
5. **Distance Coach Report – Paul Carter**
 - a. Many Athletes performed well throughout the past year. Paul noted that many of the Athletes were graduating high school and heading to university in the Fall.
 - b. Paul indicated that many new younger athletes are joining the club being introduced (with care) to the sport
 - c. Paul expressed gratitude to Sergio and Dylan for their coaching support, making it possible to manage workouts with Athletes at different levels of training.
 - d. **Paul presented 2021 awards to the distance athletes:**
 - i. 2022 Senior Male Distance Athlete of the Year: Treshan Fernando
 - ii. 2022 Junior Female Distance Athlete of the Year: Mary Smith
 - iii. 2022 Most Improved Athlete of the Year: Aiden Kalloo
 - iv. 2022 Senior Female Distance Athlete of the Year: Michelle Gray



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6. Athlete Report

- a. Julia and Treshan were not able to attend the AGM

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, 2022, indicating that there was a small deficit for the year end. There were no questions or comments regarding the financial report. Acceptance of the Treasurer's report was moved by Belinda, 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, ability to place promotional signs on city property, 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. 2022 Budget (Joe)

- a. Joe presented the club's 2022 Program/Budget, indicating that the club expects to have a deficit of about \$9,000.00 for the upcoming year. It was noted that AO costs and meet costs are increasing, which is partially offset by an expected increase in Bingo revenue, however the club found that it was still necessary to raise the club registration fees. Acceptance of the Budget was moved by Jim, seconded by Bernadette, and carried unanimously.

10. Bingo Update (Belinda)

- a. The club will participate in more bingo events during 2023.
- b. The club only needs to provide one "bona fide" member at each bingo event. The bingo hall makes our job very simple, and it is also very safe from a health perspective.
- c. Steve expressed the club's gratitude to Belinda for her excellent support and operation of the bingo program.
- d. Belinda and Steve also thanked all the volunteers that helped run all the bingo events during 2022.

11. Merchandise Update (Peter)

- a. Peter indicated that MTFC clothing merchandise is available to be purchased by athletes and families. Peter will share photos of the current styles with the coaches and work with the coaches to determine when we should conduct our next sale.

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



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- v. Directors at Large: Jim Van Buskirk, Belinda Dei
- vi. 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 the coaches to follow-up with their athletes to see if there is any interest in joining the board. It was noted that for the Athletes, a MTFC board position can be used to count towards "volunteer hours".
- d. 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. Joe reminded everyone that registration requires completion of all documents, and that registration needs to be completed by 31 December 2022 to participate in workouts at the beginning of January 2023.
- b. Next Board meeting is January 25, 2023, 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 2022 AGM, then adjourned the meeting.