

**MANITOBA RUNNERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**Annual General Meeting/Online**  
**Monday, April 10, 2023**

**Minutes**

Land Acknowledgement

MRA operates throughout Manitoba on the original lands of the Anishinaabe, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation. In the past, MRA has sanctioned events throughout Treaty lands 1,2, 3, 4, and 5. We respect the Treaties made on these territories. We dedicate ourselves to moving forward with members of all communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration to make Manitoba an inclusive and safe place for everyone who lives or works here.

Present	Greg Athayde, Mauricio Alfaro, Don Bevington, Derek Boutang, Shelley Borschawa, Reg Brown, Kirk Cook, Jessica Drakul, Gordon Flett, Aldo Furlan, John Helliard, Bryan Mintenko, Brenlee Muska, Alan Neumann, Melissa Pryce, Andrew Swan, Lorraine Walton, Krista Waring
Quorum Met	Yes: 18 present/ 9 Directors
Chair	Derek Boutang
Recorder	Lorraine Walton
Staff	Kathy Wiens
Called to Order	19:30

**1. Attendance and Confirm Quorum**

Attendance was confirmed and the meeting called to order at 19:30

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

M: Andrew Swan S: Reg Brown To approve the agenda as distributed. Carried.

- Introduction of the Board of Directors: Derek Boutang, Reg Brown, Aldo Furlan, Bryan Mintenko, Alan Neumann, Melissa Pryce, Andrew Swan, Lorraine Walton, Krista Waring

**3. Approval of Minutes of April 11, 2022**

M: Andrew Swan. S: Aldo Furlan To approve the minutes as distributed. Carried.

## 4. Reports

### *I. Executive Director (Kathy)*

See Kathy's written report attached to the agenda. Kathy spoke to her report, made additional comments, and answered questions about the following:

- Membership 468 in 2022. 2023 numbers are ahead of 2019.
- Greg asked if Dwayne Olson will continue to stay in the province. Kathy explained that Dwayne will be staying in the province and has agreed to become a contractor for MRA to run the timing service.
- During the pandemic, supports established by the federal and provincial governments helped MRA replace revenue lost from race cancellations. As a result, MRA weathered the pandemic reasonably well.
- Kathy's report was accepted as information.

### *II. 2022 Treasurer's Report (Reg)*

See Reg's written report attached to the agenda. Reg spoke to his report, made additional comments, and answered questions about the following:

- Deficit: Reg reported the \$11,000 deficit for the year. Derek highlighted that \$5,100 of the deficit was budgeted, reflecting the Board's decision to spend some of the surpluses accumulated during the pandemic years. Further, almost all of the additional \$6000 was incurred by the Hall of Fame/50th Anniversary Celebration Banquet. The Board reviews MRA's financial situation at each meeting (10 times per year), and was well aware of and authorized the overspend on the Hall of Fame Banquet.
- M:Reg S:Aldo To approve the treasurer's report as presented. Carried.

### *III. 2022 President's Report*

See Derek's written report attached to the agenda. Derek spoke to his report, made additional comments, and answered questions about the following.

- Questions from Greg (Canadian Masters Athletics). Greg Athayde asked about Canadian Masters Athletics opportunity to host the CMA championships in Winnipeg. At this point in order to participate and earn medals runners must be Athletics Manitoba members. The potential to have the CMA masters' championship in Manitoba is limited because there are only 27 members. Is there an opportunity to cooperate, eg. Purchase a AM membership and get MRA membership for one cost? Derek highlighted that MRA already extends a free membership to Athletics Manitoba members, provided they fill out an MRA registration form. So it is possible for MRA members to belong to both organizations at a reasonable cost. Perhaps this options needs better promotion. Kathy added that a day pass is available.
- Greg also commented on "competition", eg. Subscription model (Manitoba Marathon has lots of other events). What can we offer to road runners in the province? Derek highlighted that MRA also gets revenue from sanctioning events, so it's in MRA's interest to both encourage more events in the province AND to add new members. MRA must also consider how this dynamic affects another stakeholder group, namely Race Directors.

Specifically, by promoting more events, MRA could dilute participation in existing one. This was a primary driver behind the creation of Run 4 Your Cause, which brings smaller charities together in one big event, rather than having them compete against each other.

- Kathy Wiens and Alana (AM) are discussing changes to the membership process. Tiered set of memberships. Kath reassured everyone that talks are in progress as to how this could work. Target November 2023 for implementation in 2024 membership year.
- The President's report was accepted as information.

## 5. Bylaws Amendments

Derek shared his screen and walked the members through proposed amendments that were distributed as part of the agenda. Derek explained the rationale for each change, most of which he characterized as housekeeping amendments to bring better clarity to specific solutions.

- 4.15. Greg asked about remuneration for any of the Directors doing anything for the MRA. Derek stated that Board members are considered to be volunteers and will not be paid, except in the case of reimbursement for expenses.
- M Andrew S: Reg. To approve the Bylaw amendments as distributed. Carried

## 6. Election of Directors

### ***I. Governance Committee recommends the following individuals.***

The Board is currently composed of nine (9) Directors, as follows:

- Terms ending in 2023, seeking re-election: Derek Boutang, Aldo Furlan
- Terms ending in 2023, not seeking re-election: Bryan Mintenko
- Terms continuing in 2023 (ending in 2024): Reg Brown, Alan Neumann, Melissa Pryce, Andrew Swan, Krista Waring, Lorraine Walton

No members were recommended to the Governance Committee under section 4.5.2 of the Bylaws. The Governance Committee recommends the Board consist of eight (8) Directors, as follows:

Derek Boutang (2025)

Reg Brown (2024)

Aldo Furlan (2025)

Alan Neumann (2024)

Melissa Pryce (2024)

Andrew Swan (2024)

Lorraine Walton (2024)

Krista Waring (2024)

M: Derek S: Aldo To acclaim the slate of nominees for 2023/24 presented to the membership (term expiry in parentheses). Carried.

## **7. Adjournment**

M: Alan To adjourn. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 20:45

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