

SUMMARY OF CMAA EXECUTIVE MEETING
August 19.2004

Communications

The next MASTERpiece will be out in late September or early October. The link from the WMA site to ours still to be arranged.

Insurance

The two copies of the policy requested at the end of May are still to be received. Ontario Directors Report- In Doug's absence, Brian reported due to conflict with the Terry Fox event, the course for the 5km team cross country event had been changed. The Club Championship attracted only 41 participants and the weight pentathlon and triathlon in Stouffville about 15. Records- Lists of new Outdoor, Road and Race Walk records approved. No new records at this time for Indoor Track & Field and Outdoor Throws.

Non-Stadia

Jack reported entry forms for the 10km road race championship and Don's cross country relay will be available soon. Brian reported preparations proceeding well for the National Cross Country with their next meeting scheduled for September 9.

Stadia

No one has come forward as yet to host our 2005 track and field championship although it is still hoped Montreal or Sherbrooke may apply. It was decided that any future CMAA Outdoor Track & Field Championship must include a 10,000m on the track and the schedule should be timed to allow for the usual six attempts in each of the throws.

WMA/NCCWMA

Brian Keaveney has been to Edmonton to review the facilities for the 2005 World Masters (multisport) Games at their request and will report to the organizers. Brian is going to Dorado for the regional championship: less than a dozen Canadians have indicated they will compete.

Athletica Canada

A new "Masters Committee" has been created by Athletics Canada and four members volunteered to represent CMAA when meeting with that committee - Bill, Brian K, Doug and John.

Other Business

The AGM would be held Thursday, October 28, at Sport Alliance. A Nomination committee has been selected. At the next meeting we will discuss the handling of records for the 30-34 age groups more fully. Brian K will review WMA Indoor Records. Rudy requested future "Club Championships" include more than one throwing event.

President's Message

Finally, we have had a few weeks of summer like weather but I guess it would be too much to expect them to be followed by one of our Indian Summers!

The 2004 CMAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships hosted by Calgary on July 17/18 was very successful with a total of some 433 athletes (a record number for this annual event) participating. In addition to competitors from eight of our provinces, the USA, Puerto Rico and Mexico were also represented. The organizing committee assembled some 65 officials and 105 volunteers from various locations to take care of the officiating and the many tasks that need to be handled at an event of this kind. The weather co-operated generating some four to five days of brilliant sunshine with the temperature at or above 30° C. Congratulations to everyone involved but in particular to the members of the host organizing committee, the officials and last but not least, the volunteers for without them it would not be possible to host an event of this magnitude. Meet details and photographs appear elsewhere in this issue.

The next event of note was the NCCWMA Regional Championships in Dorado, Puerto Rico August 26-29. Nine Canadians competed in forty-six events and claimed a total of forty-three medals: 26 gold, 14 silver and 3 bronze, altogether an extremely commendable achievement. The bid to host the regional meet in 2006 was won by Guatemala although other than the location, no other details are available at this time.

Entry booklets for the XVI WMA Stadia Championships in San Sebastian, Spain August 22 - September 3, 2005 have just been received; we have about 100 English and 20 French. Any member who is seriously considering competing, please contact Brian Keaveney (Canadian Team Captain) by telephone (416) 252-7047 or e-mail masters@syrnpatico.ca. The word "Seriously" is stressed as it is not just the time expended in handling entries but the overall cost of contact, mailing etc.

During the first few days of October, all our current members will have received correspondence including a "Notice of the Annual General Meeting" at Sport Alliance, 1185 Eglinton Avenue East, North York, Ontario, M3C 3C6 on Thursday evening October 28. Why a Thursday night? Well, we have tried weekends, after events and during the lunch break of events with the number of members attending rarely exceeding the low twenties and most of them being members of the executive anyway. I hope this time we can at least attract 30-40.

Effective October 28, I am stepping down as president after a number of years, although staying on as treasurer, so this will be my last "Jack^ Message". I have made many friends across Canada and around the world during the time I have held office and learned a great deal about our sport and the people who engage in it at all levels, both competitive and administrative. My thanks for the support and assistance given by everyone who has served on the executive during that period, the provincial directors and the executive of the OMTFA.

A complete list of events planned for the balance of this year is provided on the back page of the magazine and I wish all who compete manage to do so safely and successfully.