

SUMMARY OF CMAA EXECUTIVE MEETING
November 24, 2005

Membership

Currently 693 members, 514 in Ontario, compared with 607 members, 453 in Ontario a year ago, with 151 new for 2005, and 34 pre-2002 members have rejoined.

Communications

The next MASTERpiece is awaiting the President's letter, and results from the XC in Vancouver. It will include news from BC, from Harold Morioka, Alberta, from Rick Larush, and Saskatchewan, from Carol Lafayette-Boyd, as well as anecdotes from San Sebastian. The 2006 Indoor Events have been sent for insertion on the web site, and the updated Executive Meeting Summaries.

Provincial Directors' Reports

Doug reported on the problems with age group results for the 5K. XC. Three Indoor Mini Meets, and the Indoor Championship, are coming up, and the Outdoor will likely be in London this year.

Records

13 Outdoor Track records were approved. No new Road, Indoor Track, Throws, Race Walks, Multi-Event or Relay records presented for approval. A Records Sub-Committee will review such items as: multi-nationals; intermediate distance record requirements; Provincial meet issues; membership and records; and record certificates.

Equipment

All new Outdoor Weights have been purchased. A new Throwing net will be installed at York. The OMTFA will purchase another printing timer.

Non-Stadia-

Due to the loss in putting on the XC Relay, we'll consider not giving participant medals next year, and give ribbons instead. For the upcoming National Cross Country in Vancouver, age group team winners will receive plaques. Entries are being processed on the web site.

Stadia

Guidelines for the National Stadia Championships in Moncton, the third weekend in July, have been prepared. The US Championships will be in Charlotte, North Carolina, August 3 to 6.

WMA/NCCWMA

Brian Keaveney has visited the Non-Stadia courses in Linz, Austria, for the March, 2006 World Indoor Championships, and Nicaragua, where they held the Central American Championships. Guatemala is planning the NCCWMA Outdoor Championships, for sometime in 2006. Brian is also attending the WMA 100Km. Championships in Argentina in December. Brian distributed Entry Instructions for Canadians for Linz, and asked for comments. Torsten Carlus, Secretary and former President of WMA, died recently.

Throwing Trophy

Gary Bachman is offering a trophy for the best age-graded throw in Canada each year. This will be followed up with him.

President's Message

The 2006 indoor season has been an exciting season within Ontario, North America and on the world scene. In March at the Ontario Indoors ten Canadian records including two World records were broken. In mid March in Lenz, Austria, with less than 15 Canadians attending the World Masters Athletics Indoor Championships, Canadians came away with 10 medals and 6 Canadian Records. Finally at the end of March the USATF Indoor Championships were held with four Canadian Records broken. See the contents of this Masterpiece for the results. Next month the Canadian Records Book will be updated and published. Each CMAA member will get a copy. Please see the instructions for filling in a record application. The CMAA web site will also get a records update.

I am happy to report that Earl Fee who was the IAAF Master Athlete for 2005 finally received his award. He was

also handed his gold medal for the 200 m by the governor of Upper Austria. Earl featured well in the news and photos section of the WMA Linz web site (www.lin2006.com/) Check out the non stadia video on the Linz site.

After Linz I drove to Riccione to review the site for the 2007 WMA Outdoor Championships. Riccione is a beach resort city on the Adriatic. Riccione is just south of Rimini if you are trying to find it on a map. It has beach as far as the eye can see. The championships are to be held September 4-15. The main stadium in Riccione is torn apart and will receive a complete new synthetic field and track. Two other stadiums in nearby towns will be used with free transportation for all. The other stadiums are in Misano Adriatico and San Giovanni in Marignano They all boast great night life and restaurants. The marathon will run close to the shore line. Cross country will be hosted on a golf course Via Massaro on rolling terrain on the edge of a river. Finally the race walks will be held on a wide boulevard adjacent to the sea. All the right ingredients for a world class meet. Entry books are already available and the web site is at www.riccione.wma2007.org

Winston Thomas of Great Britain is now the secretary of the WMA. He replaces Torsten Carlus who died of a heart attach this fall. Torsten was the WMA President for many years.

The WMA 2008 Indoor Championships will be held in France, at the "Stadium Jean-Pellez" in Clermont - Ferrand.