



Mississauga Track and Field Club

2024 Annual General Meeting

December 08, 2024 - Zoom Meeting

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

Coaches Present: Kerry Smith, Dylan Alick, Sergio Villanueva

Note, about 33 people joined the meeting.

1. **Welcome & Introductions (Steve)** – Steve welcomed all athletes and families and introduced the members of the board.
2. **Minutes of last AGM** – The minutes of the December 10, 2023, AGM were reviewed. There was one change to item 14a, the date of the next meeting was corrected from “2023” to “2024”. The minutes were then adopted (Belinda, Bernie, carried), acknowledging the one change.
3. **Manager’s Update (Joe)** – Joe provided a 2024 update. **This year the club had a record total number of 101 athletes registered.**
 - a. Joe provided an overview of club registration:
 - i. Distance Athletes, coached by Paul Carter, Dylan Alick and Sergio Villanueva. 32 Athletes were registered.
 - ii. Sprint/Hurdle and Field Athletes, coached by Kerry Smith and Curtis Peschier. 63 athletes have been registered.
 - iii. Overall, it was noted that we had 93 athletes that registered with Athletics Ontario and 50 were members of the Minor Track Association (MTA).
 - iv. The relatively new group under the leadership of Sergio and Dylan called the “Sauga Striders”, continues to grow with 6 athletes.
4. **Sprint – Hurdle Coach Report – Kerry Smith**
 - a. Kerry provided a summary of the group’s activities in 2024. These athletes compete in Sprint, Hurdle, Jump and multi-discipline events (Decathlon and Pentathlon)
 - b. Kerry thanked the MTFC Board, and the parents for their great enthusiasm this past year. In particular Kerry named, Mahogany Jones (Instagram!), Curtis (coach), Richard (weight training), and finally, Paula & Karla as mentors for the girls! Kerry stated that it has joy to coach an amazing group this past year.
 - c. Kerry noted that that all the Athletes performed well throughout the year with many Personal Bests and Championships, including medalists at both indoor and outdoor provincial championships as well as medalists at the Legion National Championships.
 - d. Kerry is looking forward to seeing the athletes grow further in 2025.
 - e. **Kerry presented 2024 awards to the sprint/hurdle athletes:**
 - i. 2024 Most Outstanding Male Athlete of the Year: Jeshua Barnes (Spelling)
 - ii. 2024 Most Outstanding Female Athlete of the Year: Alexia Jones
5. **Distance Coach Report – Dylan Alick, Sergio Villanueva (on behalf of Paul Carter)**
 - a. Dylan thanked the MTFC Board for their support during the year. He stated that it was a busy year, with new athletes. There are many athletes in the grade 8 to 11 group. It was a great year for athlete development.
 - b. Many athletes performed well at ROPSSA and OFSSAA achieving PBs and with significant results during the high school xc season and at MTA events. It is a growing group with lots of energy. Of note, the



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mixed relay team finished 25th out of 60 teams at Nationals and we had a 4x800 girls team achieve silver at the Ontario outdoor championships.

- c. The "Sauga Striders" group continues to grow and they are starting to win some local races, including trail races and road races. Next year, the group will make an effort to do more events together as a group.
- d. **Dylan and Sergio presented 2024 awards to the distance athletes:**
 - i. 2024 Outstanding Male: Matthew Ponikvar
 - ii. 2024 Outstanding Female: Emily Reid
 - iii. 2024 Outstanding Junior Female: Camila Forero Rodriguez
 - iv. 2024 Most Improved Male: Ahsan Shahid
 - v. 2024 Most Improved Female: Pardeep Bath
- e. Paul and Kerry were reminded to provide their training schedule for the next few months so that it could be posted to MTFC Facebook page.

6. Athlete Report (Ashley Johnson)

- a. Ashley commented that Kerry provided a very nice summary of the year. On behalf of the athletes, Ashley expressed a deep appreciation for everything that Coach Kerry does for the team, doing his best to work with all the athletes. Ashley also thanked Coach Curtis for this support.

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, 2024.
- b. Acceptance of the Treasurer's report was moved by Jim, seconded by Belinda 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. 2025 Budget (Joe)

- a. Joe presented the club's 2025 Program/Budget, indicating that the club expects to have a deficit for the upcoming year of about \$11,000. Highlights in the budget include an amount to replace all athlete singlets, increase the coaching fees and travel support by 20% (this hasn't been increased in a long time), and provide an honorarium to all assistant coaches. Acceptance of the Budget was moved by Steve, seconded by Bernadette, and carried unanimously.

10. Bingo Update (Belinda)

- a. The club will continue to participate in more bingo events during 2024.



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- b. Belinda thanked all the parents, athletes and coaches for their support this past year.
- c. Meeting attendees expressed the club's gratitude to Belinda for her excellent support and operation of the bingo program.
- d. Belinda made a finale request for volunteers to cover the upcoming events on Dec 21st and 22nd.

11. Merchandise Update (Peter)

- a. Peter indicated that MTFC clothing merchandise is available to be purchased by athletes and families. The MTFC on-line store will open on December 10th, and planned to be closed on December 27th. It was indicated that size charts become available on the website as you go through the purchasing process.
- b. During the discussion it was clarified the MTFC club will be purchasing new singlets for all members of the club. In the coming weeks, samples will be made available for athletes to try some of the gear to select the best size for them.

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, Simone Johnson
 - vi. Treasurer: Bernadette Sheppard was appointed 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:
 - i. Stephanie Felice indicated that due to other commitments she is not able to continue.
 - ii. Karin Staley volunteered to join the board as a Director at Large (Thank You!).
- d. 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".
 - i. Ashley Johnson will continue as an Athlete Rep.
 - ii. William Hong expressed interest in being an Athlete Rep.
 - iii. Zohair Adnan expressed interest in being an Athlete Rep.
- e. The Slate of candidates put forward to the meeting (including Karen, Zohair and William) was accepted unanimously.

13. Registration Process for 2024 (Joe)

- a. Joe reminded everyone that registration requires completion of all documents, and that registration needs to be completed by 31 December 2024 to participate in workouts at the beginning of January 2025.
- b. Only competitive athlete registrations are available.
- c. A separate form is used to register with the "Sauga Striders".
- d. Coaches can provide advice about the type of membership that is most appropriate for an athlete.



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- e. Reminder that the Bingo forms provide clear instructions to the volunteers about what is expected from the volunteer during the event. The email reminders also provide instructions. It was noted that the Delta Bingo provides very good guidance and support to our volunteers. Please call Belinda if you have any questions.
- f. It was noted that the registration fees do not cover fees to practice at the "Dome". Final fee arrangements with the "Dome" are being worked upon.

14. Other Business (Steve -opened the floor to questions)

- a. Would the club consider organizing a social event open to all members in the near future.
 - i. Yes, that is something that the club could consider and would support.
- b. Could the club host a track event?
 - i. The club has done this in the past. It requires some effort and could be feasible with further support.
- c. Can the athletes travel together to events?
 - i. This is something that the parents can organize among themselves.
- d. Based on our City Affiliation, is it possible to get training rooms that we could use for warm-up and or exercises, such as at River Grove CC.
 - i. We would need to provide a fee for such a service. It is not currently included in the City Affiliation.
- e. Can the club cover hotel costs for the athletes at away meets?
 - i. These costs are not included in the budget. The club would need to increase the membership fees to do this and not all members would benefit equally.
- f. Can we add track suits to the club merchandise store?
 - i. Yes, we can look into adding additional merchandise to the club store.

15. Meeting Adjournment (Steve)

- a. Reminder that the next Board meeting is January 22, 2025, at 7:30. A Zoom link will be sent to members in advance.
- b. Steve thanked everyone for attending and participating in the 2024 AGM, then adjourned the meeting.