



Mississauga Track and Field Club

2025 Annual General Meeting

December 14, 2025 - Churchill Meadows CC

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

Athlete Reps: Zohair Adnan, James Chatfield, William Hong

Coaches Present: Kerry Smith, Paul Carter, Dylan Alick, Sergio Villanueva

Note, about 30 people attended 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 08, 2024, AGM were reviewed. There weren't any changes identified. The minutes were then adopted (Jim, Belinda, carried).
3. **Manager's Update (Joe)** – Joe provided a 2025 update. **This year the club had a record total number of 105 athletes registered.**
 - a. Joe provided an overview of club registration:
 - i. Distance Athletes, coached by Paul Carter, Dylan Alick and Sergio Villanueva. 43 Athletes were registered, of which 29 were for the full year.
 - ii. Sprint/Hurdle and Field Athletes, coached by Kerry Smith and Curtis Peschier. 53 athletes have been registered, of which 28 were for the full year.
 - iii. "Sauga Striders", led by Sergio Villanueva and Dylan Alick. 9 athletes were registered, of which 7 were for the full year.
 - iv. It was noted that we had athletes that registered with Athletics Ontario (AO) and some with the Minor Track Association (MTA), and many with both AO and MTA.
4. **Sprint – Hurdle Coach Report – Kerry Smith**
 - a. Kerry provided a summary of the group's activities in 2025. 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 been a joy to coach an amazing group this past year.
 - c. Kerry noted 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 2026.
 - e. **Kerry presented 2025 awards to the sprint/hurdle athletes:**
 - i. 2025 Outstanding Male Sprinter: Daniels Ogunleye
 - ii. 2025 Outstanding Female Sprinter: Alexia Jones
 - iii. 2025 Outstanding Male Newcomer: Nathaniel Clarke
 - iv. 2025 Most Improved Female Athlete: Reagan Lovell
5. **Distance Coach Report –Paul Carter (with support from Dylan Alick, Sergio Villanueva)**



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- a. Paul thanked the MTFC Board for their support during the year. He stated that it was a busy year, with new athletes. The athletes have grown and developed over the past year and this showed up in the results.
- 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. .
- c. The "Sauga Striders" group continues to grow, and they are starting to win some local races, including trail races and road races. This group is mainly targets racing from 5Ks to Marathons
- d. **Paul presented 2025 awards to the distance athletes:**
 - i. 2025 Senior Male Athlete of the Year: Matthew Ponikvar
 - ii. 2025 Senior Female Athlete of the Year: Emily Reid
 - iii. 2025 Junior Female Athlete of the Year: Camila Forero Rodriguez
 - iv. 2025 Most Improved Female Athlete: Veronika Majkowski
- 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

- a. William and Zohair (distance): commented that they were excited by all the great performances this past year. The indoor season has begun, and we already see some promising results. Both William and Zohair are looking forward to taking a short break and getting back to work in early January. William and Zohair expressed their thanks to the coaches.
- b. James (sprint/hurdles) expressed excitement about the success that the team had last year. He and the team are very excited and looking forward to the upcoming indoor track season. James expressed the gratitude of the team for their coaches.

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, 2025.
- b. Acceptance of the Treasurer's report was moved by Karin, seconded by Jim and carried unanimously.

8. 2026 MTFC Youth Budget (Joe)

- a. The proposed 2026 Youth Budget was presented and reviewed. The budget proposed a planned deficit of about \$7,000. It was noted that in the past few years, we have been projecting a similar small deficit but ended up achieving a positive balance at the end of the year. Acceptance of the proposed budget was moved by Peter, seconded by Bernadette and carried unanimously.

9. Bingo Update (Belinda)

- a. Belinda expressed gratitude to everyone that gave their time supporting bingos and for the MTFC Boards help in providing support as needed. The MTFC club has been very grateful for Belinda's management of our Bingo program, a key source of support for the club.

10. Merchandise Update (Peter)

- a. Peter indicated that MTFC clothing merchandise is available to be purchased by athletes and families. The MTFC on-line store is open, and planned to be closed on January 5th. It was indicated that size charts become available on the website as you go through the purchasing process.



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- b. There is a new item this year, an MTFC track suit. The track jacket and the track pants can be purchased separately.

11. 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, Karin Staley
 - 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 invited and encouraged any member present who is interested in becoming a board member to contact him or any other board member to explore this opportunity.
- 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. William Hong, Zohair Adna and James Chatfield will continue as Athlete Reps.
- e. The Slate of candidates put forward to the meeting was accepted unanimously. (Moved by Karin, seconded by Belinda, carried unanimously)

12. Registration Process for 2026 (Joe)

- a. Joe reminded everyone that registration requires completion of all documents, and that registration needs to be completed by 31 December 2025 to participate in workouts at the beginning of January 2026.
- b. Upon completion of registration, Joe will contact the registrant to indicate that they are able to participate in the club.
- c. Only competitive athlete registrations are available.
- d. A separate form is used to register with the "Sauga Striders".
- e. Coaches can provide advice about the type of membership that is most appropriate for an athlete.
- f. 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.

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

- a. Sergio, for general interest, indicated that through the Mississauga Sports Council, the City is looking at the potential for an indoor track facility near the corner of Hurontario and Mattheson Rd.
 - i. Sergio requested that we, as individuals and club members, express our interest in the creation of an indoor track facility.
- b. Would the club be supportive of getting some corporate sponsorships?
 - i. The club would be willing to consider corporate sponsorships. We could create opportunities for various organizations to display their logo during club events and/or on club merchandise.



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14. 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.

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 2025 AGM, then adjourned the meeting.