



Athletics New Brunswick - Semi Annual General Meeting

Date: Saturday, May 7, 2022

Time: 10am

In Person Conference at U. de Moncton

Attendees:

	Marc Lalonde	<i>ANB – President</i>		Eric Klein	<i>ANB-Director at Large</i>
	Michele LeBlanc	<i>ANB – Vice President</i>		Max Mazerolle	<i>Athlete UdeM</i>
	Grace Annear	<i>ANB - Secretary</i>		Colin McQuade	<i>Greater Moncton Running Club</i>
	Jarod Manuel	<i>Treasurer</i>		Oyinko Akinola	<i>Saint John Reds</i>
	Carl Cummings	<i>ANB – Officials Chair</i>		Bill MacMackin	<i>Saint John Reds</i>
	Andrée Savoie	<i>ANB - Director at Large</i>			
	Yvan Pelletier	<i>ANB – Director at Large</i>		Julia Loparco	<i>ANB Staff – Executive Director</i>
	Ryan Jacobson	<i>ANB-Director at Large</i>		Steve LeBlanc	<i>ANB Staff – High Performance Coach</i>
	Dawson Nancekievill	<i>ANB-Director at Large</i>		Chris Belof	<i>ANB Staff – Director of Coaching</i>
	Sandy Leland	<i>ANB- Director at Large</i>			
	Scott Anderson	<i>ANB- Director at Large</i>		5 Others	<i>Did not sign in</i>

1.0 Call to Order / Welcome / Apologies for Absence



The ANB board meeting was called to Order by Marc L a 10:15am

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Bill

That the Agenda be approved as presented.

Seconded: Michele

MOTION CARRIED

3.0 Approval of Minutes of the 2021 AGM & Matters Arising

Motion: Bill

That the Minutes of 2021 AGM be approved as presented.

Seconded: Carl

MOTION CARRIED

4.0 Verbal Reports

4.1 President - Marc

Marc gave an overview of content, which included returning to practice as usual with T&F, XC, Road, Trail, and Mountains. He updated that ANB has begun hiring summer students and that the awards ceremony was held, which added 7 new hall of fame members bringing the total number of inductees to 14 members.

He highlighted many high level events have been held in NB: 5 national championships, 3 indoors and 2 outdoors.

He noted that with regards to youth engagement, ANB has fewer resources than 4 years ago when we had a dedicated RJTW position; therefore, it will need to rely on summer students more.

He said that ADSP rollouts are finally happening; these will be discussed later by Chris. He briefly discussed potential changes for ANB's role in sport; there is potential for the organization's position to change, and he will be looking for ideas from the Board.

He expressed his gratitude for how well the Board, staff and all of the ANB membership handled the lockdowns and restrictions over the past two years.

4.2 Executive Director – Julia

Julia expressed gratitude to board, staff, membership for engagement and support. She stated that the coming summer looks normal; large schedule planned.

There is a large increase in membership – due to youth membership in clubs – which is fantastic – and the events also have contributed to this increase.



She gave a “shoutout: to Bill and O for the Saint John Reds hosting at the Irving Oil Fieldhouse this winter. She gave details on the newly hired summer students; there are 3 so far, from an expected total of 9.

She explained the upcoming summer camp with UNB-F; this is the program’s second year, as last year was successful. (In previous years, a similar program had been held at UdeM, and she would like to bring it back to Moncton in future years).

The program’s aim is to increase participation from schools, and, therefore, teacher engagement will be key. Teachers want coach education, training, meets, or general programming, connection to clubs. This is good for us as an organization.

She articulated that funding is an ongoing challenge. She said that Marc would explain further, but that many funding opportunities and new streams are being explored as a way to fix this issue. There is lots of government support right now, but the money is restrictive; this ends up making it difficult to put it into a different position. She referenced “that 4th position on youth programming.” This comes alongside the fact that our current funding doesn’t provide us with the resources we need, which is a youth specialist.

She also listed NBers on national teams; Ivy, Gen, Lee, Steve, Chris

4.3 Treasurer – Jarod – Report

Jarod went over the Profit and Loss from 2021—it was solid overall. The goal is to stay as close to break even as possible, while preferably building a small surplus to avoid deficit. Therefore, ANB’s 9k surplus is great.

- Key Highlights from 2021:
 - o Income: government funding was same, shows consistence. There was an uptick in membership and other revenue – 20k – which included club and partner contributions.
 - o Expenses for the year are expected to go up because of more programs, etc. The biggest expense was national 5k and additional covid expenses (have an account for this), and staff and wages went up because of summer students.
- Balance Sheet as of Dec 31, 2021 indicates that ANB is in the same position year over year. In 2021, the cash balance went up slightly and overall assets were up slightly, Liabilities are down and equity was up. Overall, this reflects a successful year in 2021. If we can maintain surplus like this, then ANB will be improving on its situation and options.
- Bill asked about significant variance over partner contributions and whether we were successful in securing matching fundings in Moncton. Jarod answered that that it came in late, therefore these contributions will only show up in 2022.
- Jarod referenced government agency funding and that ANB received 85-90k, due to CSG year. There was a total of \$225,000 in government funding.
- He expects higher expenses this summer, due to more competition. Overall, general admin is lower.

- He noted a cash balance difference on the balance sheet; this is due to different funding received and at different times. The Reasons are covid related—for, instance, CSCA amount not received yet, which explains lower cash amount for 2022.
- Sandy inquired about the office rental cost, which shows a change from 900 to 2100. Jaron explained that the facility hasn't changed – the increase is because the timing of payments for space.
- Bill noted that, given two years of reduced activity, we should use 2019 as a benchmark for 2022, not 2021 and 2020.

5.0 Topics of discussion including certain reports

5.1 ANB Youth Program Club Support

- Representative Max Mazerolle, athlete with MdeM and Aetos (sp). Summer student 2021 and 2022, with bigger position this year, mainly National 5k and ANB summer students.
- He asked, on behalf of summer students, what summer students can do to help ANB. He's looking for ideas regarding program incorporation or development, etc, so that summer students can take initiative.
- Suggestions:
 - o Michelle – have summer students find info for award giving, compile it, pass it on (because they are in touch and on the ground). Intangible factors. PBs, improvements, injury recoveries, switch events, culture and colour.
 - o Bill – move away from preventing kids from competing – go back to Hershey competitions, RJTW, low key fun competitions. Julia – clinics in schools.
 - o Grace – a good time to bring track and field or running, a low key, local sport, into schools. Money is tight, kids work, harder to do big commitment but they WANT local community events. (Ex: the multisport camp)
 - o Steve – Chaleur and northern clubs need more support
- It was noted that the Fredericton reds has changed from Reds to the reds, to highlight the connection with SJ and UNB and to streamline access to different levels. Their main challenge is related to facility access.
- Ryan O'Shea of the New Maryland Speeding Cheetahs is directing youth to ANB while looking to further develop their club. They're seeking coach training, and their challenge is access to facilities because it requires them to cap their membership. They currently capped their membership at 170 and have 40-50 people on wait list.
- Colin McQuade of the GMRC is carrying on initiating meets in the Greater Moncton region, which will include the Resurgo marathon as part of the Medavie Running Festival later this summer in Moncton.
- SJ Reds – busy and successful indoor season; grateful for help, was a provincial effort with help from out of province. Full slate outdoors; 3 twilight, stable membership. Huge upsurge in membership in 2019, then fell back due to pandemic, but restarting on growth curve. 12 coaches, 7-8 regular, trained 4-5 through sport coach in winter 2022, but none certified yet. Partnered with Shelly Doucet on Trails Kids program, 150kids will be recreation members for 5-week programs. O, a new assistant coach, was introduced.



- Yvan – (Fredericton reds) wants to get high school students involved before NBIAA, so that they do transition into involvement with clubs. It was noted that SJTC runs a 1 hour open practice at the same time, and they are covered under School insurance as long as a school representative is there.
- Michele – noted that at Championships held in SJ, participants were blown away by facility, especially natural light and air circulation.
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5.2 Athlete Representative – Dawson Nancekievill

- Dawson is making another survey similar to the one in October and its purpose is to determine what ANB can do for athletes, what do they need, etc. It drops next week, and he asked board members to encourage it as more feedback is better. It will be a google form through email.
- He recapped of results from October, which were reported at AGM in November. Generally, it showed excitement to return to normal, and a desire to focus on CSG or Uni.
- He said that the current mood of athletes is of a real sense of excitement for a return to normal.

5.3 Domestic Competition Schedule and Promoting Quality Competitive Opportunities – Chris Belof

- Chris began by stating that coaches and clubs control what is supported on the majority fixtures list. Therefore, the most important question is “what does this organization want?” Do we want local events that happen at the same time and hence are smaller but closer to home, or do we want to focus on making events bigger with more athletes in the Province competing with one another? How does this division affect officials and volunteers? He noted that, as seen in other provinces, when organizations cannot decide on which model, it goes badly.
- Bill replied: meet structure must be seasonal. In May, during school season, it must be keep it local, and that twilight series for later in the year, which links cities, would be effective.
- Yvan said that it’s important to discriminate based on age—younger athlete need to be local, but older need competitions that are bigger.
- Regarding NBIAA – the question was raised as to whether the format could be revised in order to make it a celebration of high schools? It could be used as a developmental meet. It was noted that there are issues with the qualification standards – they need to be broadened or reworded to meet their intentions. A lengthy discussion ensued. A committee may be formed, facilitated by Dawson, to address the problem and find a solution.
- Chris transitioned to the Atlantic Track League. This league has great promise, but there is no ties to making people attend multiple meets before Atlantics. Yvan suggested that offsetting provincial championships would help. Carl said it’s hard to coordinate. Steve said the idea was to have a limited number of meets, and the reason they had more was to generate revenue to pay for the prize money. It was noted that the second biggest challenge was that ANB shouldered all the work. With regards to collaboration with other

PSOs, the idea of merging Legions trials on a year to year rotational basis with NS and PEI has been discussed.

- Grace: athletes will appreciate having meet schedules decided and coordinated for them—it will drive engagement. She inquires as to whether there has been a summit meeting with the PSOs about setting up a structure? (The answer was Yes, for Legions, but NO for the Atlantic)

5.4 Offerings for Professional Development/Coach Development and Education – Steve L.

- Mixed results on participation of previous opportunities. Ask the question: “what kind of opportunities do they want to see?”
- Is it NCCP? Is it Professional Development? Is it theory or technical, which topics?
- Bill: condensing the blocks.
- Asked about virtual options – do as much online as possible.
- AC mentorship: Have summit back and forth with NS – Chris - and revisit mentorship within NB. Invest in one coach to mentor multiple across provinces.
- Importance of getting school coaches involved. Hesitance isn’t about not wanting to be involved; it’s intimidation.
- Anecdotes were shared. Suggestions included:
- Have event camps – ie small versions of the summits. Get coaches and athletes from event groups in the Maritimes in the same place for training and education.

5.5 Support of Sport in NB – Marc L.

- Core funding hasn’t changed in 15 years (30% less due to no compensation for inflation)
- Sport is now on GNB priority list, and as a result we’re stretched further. Bill is involved in the writing of the Envisioning Sport report that is lead by Nancy McKay(sp). Bill is on a committee, led by Sport NB, to chart every sport organization in Canada; result is a more focused organization in NB around sport. Hope is to have it released later this spring. Doesn’t reach PSOs which are under national boards. Feedback is increase in funding and longer-term predictability in funding (3-5 years). Response is that this government has an appetite to pursue change. Any changes depend on strength of board, on management, on employees.
- Need more comprehensive support at school level, currently unable because _____

Board Nomination.

- Motion: For Michele to step down from her responsibility as Vice President and to be assumed by Andrée.
All in favour.
Moved by Bill, Seconded by Carl, All in favour.

6.0 Verbal Reports from Committees / Teams / Events

4.1 Technical Committee – Steve

- Steve: canvassed crowd about XC and indoor calendar. (There will be a call for expression of interest for championships, etc)



4.2 Awards Committee – (designate)

- Sandy spoke: more info and nominations are better than less, inviting input from the group at large.

4.3 Officials – Carl

- Congratulated SJ on the meets held.
- Noted that clubs are just getting ramped up again after covid. Numbers are down, as many haven't returned. Engagement will be relying more on clubs and hosts to bring in volunteers.
- There's an online session to be evaluated and certified as an official. It takes 30 minutes, so it is accessible.
- Julia suggested that everyone get their parents involved! Bill noted that the gaps are in jumps and with umpires.
- Question: any recruiting outside the track community for officials? No.

4.4 Governance Committee – Yvan

- Safe Sport –we are backpacking on AC's policies

4.5 Canada Summer Games – Bill (or designate)

- Excited for it. Track and Field is a "Week 2" sport. Bill detailed travel days, and will share this along with selection shortly. Selection process is well defined and templated off of previous games.
- Marc added that JDLF Mondiale has been moved another year out to 2023, which eliminates the need for athletes to choose whether to go for this year.

4.6 Medavie Running Festival – Marc

- \$125k event, Sept 10-11
- Detailed the event team members
- Detailed the schedule, the order of events, and the course and venue.

7.0 Other Business

None

8.0 In Camera Time

There was no in camera time.

8.0 Next General Meeting- AGM on Sunday November 20, 2022

Adjournment

Motion: Chris

That the meeting be adjourned.