

ETFC 2024 Spring Meeting Minutes

- **Date:** Thursday, April 4, 2024
- **Time:** 8:00 PM
- **Location:** Zoom

Meeting called to order at 8:10pm

Review Attendance, Quorum, and Voting Representatives

Person	Club/Role	Votes
Corrine Timmer	ETFC President	1
Robyn Webster	TOP/ETFC Coordinator	0
Amy Millar	ETFC Vice President	1
Loretta Amerongen	ETFC Treasurer	1
Rachel Yee	ETFC Secretary/Capital City	3
Gabi Dyck	Edmonton Thunder	3
Antoine Boussombo	Nova	0
Jevin Monds	EMMA	0
Walter David	EOC	3
Bruce Mintz	EMMA	3
Denise Watson	St Albert Mustangs	3
Shane Schulz	St Albert Mustangs	0
Anna-Maria De Gannes	REACH	3
Matthew Normington	RRAC	3
Dylan Zambonelli	Nova	3
Jessica Ansell	GGTFC	3
Candace Fairclough-Jones	Edmonton Royals	3
Shawna Sonsteby	Edmonton Harriers	3
Spencer Unrau	Edmonton Columbians	3

Agenda:

1. Review Attendance, Quorum, and Voting Representatives
2. Indoor Review
 - a. Facility usage
 - b. Feedback from Clubs
 - c. 2024-2025 Season
3. Outdoor Review
 - a. Bookings for this season
 - b. Number reporting and invoicing
 - c. Scheduled high jump and pole vault times
 - d. Equipment/storage
 - e. Presence at school meets
 - f. Para camp
 - g. TOP Update
4. Floor open to attendees
5. Adjourned

Meeting Minutes:

- Corrine – welcome message. Introduced herself, the board members and Robyn.

1. Review Attendance and Quorum

- Attendance reviewed.
- Quorum met.

2. Indoor Review

Kinsmen

- Corrine provided an update on how the indoor season went. She indicated the track monitor helped with making the indoor season run smoothly. She noted that we will send information to Kinsmen staff to help educate others who use the facility during ETFC has bookings. While Hafiz was the track monitor, he did a tally to see how many athletes were utilizing the bookings. Approximately 114-130 athletes were at Kinsmen each night (Monday to Thursday), with Monday being the busiest day.

Dome

- Corrine indicated that attendance was better at this facility than previous years and it was well utilized.

TTC

- Corrine indicated the TTC was utilized 3 times a week and was busy, and also well utilized.

Feedback from clubs

- Denise passed along notes from the St Albert head coach (Joanna). She indicated that St Albert liked the Foote Field bookings, enjoyed the later booking, and that time slots were assigned. It was noted that Kinsmen was chaotic and overwhelming and would recommend running sessions

at Kinsmen in a similar fashion to Foote Field. She indicated warm up is challenging at Kinsmen when you can't start at 5pm. Robyn indicated that we have looked into extending Kinsmen to 8pm, but we cannot book both the infield and track till 8pm (they will only give us the infield), and fees would also increase by approximately \$100 per athlete. Robyn indicated we could reach out to Kinsmen and see if there are changes in availability for the next indoor season.

- Denise also indicated the netting is falling apart at TTC, and Paul was less than receptive to repairing the netting. Corrine indicated there may be some changes coming. Shane indicated the netting is a safety issue at this point. Robyn indicated Paul offered to move bookings back to TTC1 and would put in a sturdier throwing design with the help of Ralph's design. Spencer indicated he is aware of a site that makes netting specific to what we are looking for (will forward information to Robyn).

2024-2025 Season

- Corrine indicated that we will look into getting another track monitor for next year at Kinsmen. When Hafiz left, there were a few issues that came up due to rugby starting up and there were kids who crossed the track without looking.
- Corrine indicated the high jump mat will be moved from Kinsmen to Rollie Miles on April 16th (time TBD based on coordination with Rollie). At this time, the storage room will also be cleaned up. The inflatable high jump mat is for sale for any clubs/groups who may be interested. A new mat has been purchased and will be coming in. It will fit better in the storage room (slightly smaller than the current mat from Rollie) and will stay at Kinsmen. Standards need to be repaired, or new standards will be purchased if it cannot be repaired – TBD. Block cart and some blocks needs to be repaired, or re-purchased if it cannot be fixed – TBD. Corrine mentioned that if anyone is available to help move the high jump mat on April 16th to contact her.

3. Outdoor Review

Bookings for the season

- April 19th – Rollie start date.
- Start time is 4:45pm. Schools should be cleaned up by 4:45pm.
- Robyn indicated to be sure to include the city staff if there are issues with the schools and community users.
- Reminder to all to review the Rollie Miles policy.

Numbers/Reporting

- Robyn will reach out to clubs for numbers/invoicing.
- Pricing did not change from last year (based on number of athletes).

Scheduled high jump and pole vault times

- Robyn will be offering pole vault at Rollie again. Contact her for more information.
- High jump can be booked on the calendar that can be accessed from the ETFC website. It can also be accessed through the app.

Equipment/storage

- Corrine reminded everyone that equipment must be cleaned up and put back into storage by 7pm. Hurdles were often left out last year. Track can be used after 7pm if needed, but there will be no access to the storage areas. Lockers will be utilized for ETFC equipment only. In the future, there may be a possibility to order more lockers for club's personal equipment.
- ETFC ordered additional throwing implements, and they will be stored in the lockers.
- Corrine indicated the blocks also require some repairs, but the material required needs to be sourced. Main complaint was the pads need to be replaced, and some blocks cannot go into the base. The city is responsible for repairing, but if anyone has ideas, feel free to contact ETFC.

Presence at school meets

- There is an influx of athletes from being present at school meets.
- Club coaches have been getting involved with schools, which has also helped.
- ETFC tent is usually set up at school meets. Club coaches are more than welcome to join.

Para camp

- Camp will not be happening.
- If any coaches are interested in doing more para training, contact Robyn for more information.

TOP update

- Application for athlete program will be opening up in the summer for the fall intake (Oct).
- Coach bursary program is still available.

4. Floor Open

- Questions:
 - Dylan inquired if it is the city's responsibility to fix bubbles etc. on the main stretch at Rolle. Corrine indicated it is the city's responsibility and it is a costly fix. Realistically, the track needs to be replaced. ETFC can make a note of it and hopefully enough attention to it can push the city to consider addressing it. Gabi indicated there are "bubble on track" signs at Rollie. Robyn indicated the city may repair it after winter. In general, clubs should be aware and avoid if possible to prevent any potential injuries.
 - Spencer inquired if the netting on the cage is going to be put up on the first day of access at Rollie. Corrine indicated it may not be up the first day, but the city is aware that the netting needs to be up as soon as possible. The vehicles will not go on the grass until the grass is dry enough, so that may be the determining factor as to when it happens.
- Awards celebration – BBQ/potluck was done last year and more people attended than anticipated. ETFC board would like to continue doing this celebration. Potential date is the evening of the Foote Field Open – July 6, 2024. It was indicated that a weekend with an in town meet would be better, and the Foote Field Open weekend will be less hectic than other weekends.
- The ETFC board is entertaining the idea of hosting a "fun" track meet at the end of August. More information to come as things are more thought out. Would incorporate it to be a try-it day. If there are any ideas, feel free to contact ETFC.
- Feedback:

- Rollie Friday/Saturday bookings – Robyn indicated we often cancel Friday/Saturday bookings before big meets and asked what coaches' thoughts were. Antoine indicated he would like to keep the bookings as not all his athletes would attend every meet (some would attend the meet and some would train). Bruce and Gabi also indicated they would have athletes that would continue training. Nova and EMMA would like to keep Saturdays. Gabi would like to keep Fridays for younger athletes on some weekends. Shawna indicated Harriers would likely not need Fri/Sat bookings.
- Steeple chase – Gabi asked if we could book one day a month where the pit is filled. Jevin indicated the once a month would work for his group as well. Loretta indicated ETFC can financially handle \$100/month to fill the pit. Gabi is okay with any day. Jevin is on the track Thursday night. Agreed that the pit would be filled on a Thursday night – exact date TBD. Spencer indicated we should fill the pit at the beginning of the month so that athletes can be ready for the Caltaf Classic.
- Corrine indicated we are trying to get a better idea of who is utilizing Kinsmen as there are a number of athletes not registered with AA or with a club. Robyn indicated she looked into the scan card option for Kinsmen and that was not an option they would entertain. Robyn asked if we could have athletes have an ETFC card to show instead and are awaiting a response. If anyone has other ideas, feel free to reach out to ETFC.
- When will Kinsmen be re-done? It has been pushed back to 2027.
- Proposing a fieldhouse. A brief discussion on needing a fieldhouse was had. ETFC will look into previous proposals that had been prepared and submitted and see if this topic can be re-opened for discussion.

5. Adjourned

Meet adjourned at 9:35pm.