

Edmonton Track and Field Council Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 14th, 2017

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: Loretta's House

Attendees: Loretta Amerongen, Daniel Rawson, Dan Lauzon, Colleen Babiuk-Ikiw, Carly Widdicombe, Jack Leman, Samantha Mackie, Dilini Vethanayagam.

Agenda:

1. Welcome new board members
2. Outcomes of Foundations Clinic (on April 29th)
3. Outcomes of ETFC Standard Buster June (on April 30th)
4. Outcomes from ETFC Legacy Foundation Proposal (on June 5th)
5. Equipment survey results & equipment update.
6. Battle of the Border:

Minutes:

Welcome new board members

Outcomes of Foundations Clinic (on April 29th)

- Carly: We had 15 entries for the clinic which it ran very smoothly. There were a few non-club kids whose parents were interested in them joining a club and wanted for information.

Outcomes of ETFC Standard Buster June (on April 30th)

- Carly: We have 37 entries. No one made the standard but we received positive feedback from coaches & athletes.
- Jack: It was a very good opportunity for officials to recruit as it was a bit of a smaller meet. We had lots of one on one time with the volunteers.

Outcomes from ETFC Legacy Foundation Proposal (on June 5th)

- Dan: On June 5th Carly presented the proposal to the Legacy Foundation Board and funding was approved for a 4-year commitment. We have been working with Carla Nichols from Athletics Canada, Athletics Alberta and the U of A to create the T.O.P Program aligns with Athletics Canada's & Athletic Alberta's athlete development stream. Since the T.O.P Program is what the Legacy Foundation is dedicated to funding, this is where Carly will be focusing the majority of her time.

- Dilini: I think that we need to be careful of how we frame the word IST. We need to choose the specialists that are best for the athletes.
- Colleen: I agree that we need to caution who we take our athletes to see.
- Dan: The option for IST in the Program is more so for athletes who cannot afford IST Support. Part of this program is that the athletes need to meet with the Management Committee who is made up of Athletics Alberta, the ETFC, and University of Alberta, show us their yearly training plan and work together with the athlete, parent and coach to identify their needs. In terms of enrolling into the program, we are still finishing up the funding policies & procedures.
- Colleen: What is the ETFC's role in this? When I look at this I wonder what our role is. There are not a lot of athletes that fall into this program.
- Dilini: It would be nice to have had discussions with the track and field community before making the program.
- Dan: The ETFC partnered with Athletics Alberta & U of A to bring together all aspects of track and field. The ETFC, Athletics Alberta, Athletics Canada and the U of A have come together to create an identification and support program for our athletes. Our mandate is to support and promote track and field. We are not excluding athletes from the program but this program will continually grow and develop as we receive feedback from the athletes and coaches involved.
- Colleen: Looking at this program I am unsure of what is my role on the committee? I am a bit upset because I was not involved in the process. I think that it has come to us when it is a done deal.
- Dan: The scope of the ETFC is much larger than the just this program.
- Lauzon: Our role is to assist our clubs in the development of coaches, athletes and officials. This program is a good option for some of our athletes but there are a lot more athletes that will not be a part of the program and the ETFC will continue to support those athletes.
- Colleen: I think that we need to be clear about what our intentions are as we move it forward.
- Dan: I understand the criticisms & concerns. I have only ever seen this project as a small piece of what ETFC is. I took on this project to contribute towards the track & field community. I am trying to move forward with the relationship with the U of A, whose participation has been very generous into this project.
- Dilini: I don't think that everything on this program can be designated to one person.
- Dan: The overarching pillars of the T.O.P Program are coach development, athlete development, equipment/facility, events, and the club matrix. The

majority of Carly's time will be spent on the T.O.P Program but many of the initiatives overlap with the ETFC's initiatives. About 80% of her time will be spent on the T.O.P and the remaining 20% will be on the ETFC.

- Colleen: I think that if the ETFC gets 20% of Carly's time, then we need to come up with aligned goals for her to work with in her time.

- Dan: I agree. We need to work to compete the ETFC's Strategic Plan.

Equipment survey results & equipment update.

- Carly: I sent out a survey to see what clubs wanted for equipment. The number one response was equipment storage solutions, the second response for wanted equipment was Starting Blocks, the third response was High Jump/hurdles, and the fourth response was Throwing Implements. I have met with a few contractors to price out storage lockers. You can see them in your package along with the quotes I have received for equipment

- Dan: My ideal goal is that hurdles & blocks should no longer be brought by the clubs. We are supplying equipment available to clubs.

- Samantha: Would it be possible to purchase the hurdles off of the clubs and make the available for all athletes? Having code locks would be better so that athletes can access the lockers if their coach is not there.

- Carly: Sam, that is definitely something that can be changed. I will make sure that the contractors to do not I include key's locks, instead clubs can use their own preferred lock.

- Dan: Is the board willing to motion to approve the -additional funding needed for equipment?

Motion: To approve the presented equipment budget.

Motion: Loretta

Second: Dilini

Passed

Battle of the Border:

- Dilini: This is a meet held for high school kids in Kamloops. It would be a great way to partner with schools and the ETFC would pay for bus transportation for the school and the schools would pay the rest of the costs.

- Dan: This may be a great opportunity for Colleen to reach out to the schools to spark interest. If there are only 12 schools interested we can have meetings with personnel who are monitoring track programs. Create a communication strategy in schools as a formal strategy. Dilini, please price out a bus and introduce Colleen, then see what grants are available. Start a relationship and pass the relationship with the school.