



HAMILTON OLYMPIC CLUB

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HAMILTON OLYMPIC CLUB **2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 81st Annual General Meeting was held at Bennetto Community Centre on Monday, November 5, 2007. The meeting was called to order by the president, Paul Morrison, at 7:15pm with 19 members present.

1) Minutes of the 80th Annual Meeting

Moved by George Kerr, seconded by Ralph Moulton that the minutes of the 80th Annual General Meeting, held on Monday, December 04, 2006, be accepted as circulated.

Carried

2) Business Arising from the Minutes of the 80th Meeting

There was no business that needed to be discussed.

3) Reports

- President, Paul Morrison

Thanks were given to Louise Murray-Leung, the administrative assistant, as she has dealt with the bulk of the presidential work.

The past year has been a busy and interesting one:

- the indoor track at McMaster was finally completed and was used extensively throughout the winter by all our athletes. A new system of entry is being developed to ensure easier access by our athletes for the upcoming winter season.
- the track at Mohawk Sports Park was resurfaced
- the Club hosted the regional Paralympic Meet at MSP
- a successful Canusa Games meet was held at MSP
- a new aspect to the Club was tried this year as various coaches worked on conditioning teams from other sports
- the OFSAA championship is to be held at MSP in 2008
- a Trillium Grant Application has been made to help cover some of the costs of continued improvement to Mohawk Sports Park

In general, things seem to be better in the city for track and field over the past year and a half. The Club still needs more coaches and athletes to ensure that we are a viable sports presence in the city. Additional members to the board of directors are also welcomed.

- Treasurer, Ralph Moulton

A financial report was distributed to those in attendance. Basically, expenses were \$28,000 more than revenue. Various questions about the report were answered.

- Secretary, Rhona Trott

Seven meetings of the board of directors were held with approximately five of the nine members attending each meeting. It should be noted that the board of directors can consist of up to 29 members, so anyone interested in this manner is more than welcome to apply.

- **Administrative Assistant, Louise Murray-Leung**

As membership chairperson:

There were a total of 116 members, including intermediate, senior, masters and YDP categories. We also had a few athletes who joined in the fall for the cross-country season.

As team manager

Including MTA and the national junior championship in Abbotsford, B.C., Club athletes attended 25 different meets during the year.

Team uniforms were a point of interest this year. Sarah Snable is looking into ordering new sprint tops for the female athletes. Also, we may be ordering a new track outfit, depending on finding a suitable contact.

- **Bingo Administrator, Louise Murray-Leung**

There were 37 bingo dates during the past year. Thanks to the assistance of Gae Melanson, the bingo ran much more smoothly. Also, Gae was able to stay on top of all the various administration changes that occurred in 2007. Unfortunately, due to these changes which became effective in May, there was a reduction in the Club's revenue from each bingo date.

The presence of the Club volunteers is so important in ensuring that all aspects of the bingo run smoothly.

- **Coaches**

Sprints: head coach: George Kerr

assistants: Tom Bereza, Brian Grolla – with Sarah Snable and Matt Hodgson to be added for next year.

There were 25 athletes in the group this year. With OFSAA being in Hamilton next year, George hopes that there will be an increase in the numbers. We need to format a plan to get into the high schools to let the athletes know of our existence.

Throws: head coach: Bozena Wojciekian

assistants: Monika DiCesare, Angelo DiCesare

There were two athletes in the group this year. They entered several meets with good success. Alyssa DiCesare improved on the bantam javelin record three times over the course of the summer. Indoor training will commence soon at Sir John A. Macdonald High School.

YDP: head coach: Bozena Wojciekian

assistant: Michael DiCesare

Both a spring and fall session of the YDP were held this year, with an average of 18 athletes attending. The YDP gives the youngsters an introduction to athletics; it is meant to be a fun experience for them.

Middle Distance: head coach: Patti Moore

The cross-country season has seen an influx of several athletes who are keen to try the sport. Because of this, the Club will be sending three teams to the OTFA championship meet in Brockville and a junior girls' team will be part of the group attending the Canadian championships in Guelph. The main strength of the middle distance group lies with its female members as many of them have had strong performances throughout the year. Patti is hoping to increase the numbers in the group and to add an assistant or two.

Masters Group

Rhona Trott reported on some of her achievements throughout the past year.

Intermediate Programme: co-ordinator: Paul Morrison

assistants: Bill Urie, Eric Morrison

The group was very enthusiastic with most athletes from the winter programme returning for the summer session. A middle distance component was added this year with a good deal of success. Many of the athletes competed in the Canusa Games with a lot of enthusiasm and desire.

It had been hoped that the Spectator would feature a 'fastest kid' column, but this effort to publicize the Club was not achieved.

Fund Raising: co-ordinators: Paul Morrison, Bill Urie

Besides our bingo dates, the application for a Trillium Grant has been the major thrust of the fall season. Thanks to Louise Murray-Leung and Doug Wyman for all the effort they put into this task. The Club is also looking to develop some corporate sponsorship, as well as raise money through the hosting of track and field meets next summer. Money raised will go towards the purchase of new equipment, as well as for any future upgrades/repairs to Mohawk Sports Park.

4) Motion to Accept Reports

Moved by Liz Morrison, seconded by Matt Hodgson that the reports of the various committees be accepted.
Carried

6) Motion to approve all Transactions, including expenditures, made by the executive on behalf of the Club

Moved by Ralph Moulton, seconded by Bill Urie that all transactions, including expenditures, made by the executive, on behalf of the Club, be accepted as reported. Carried

7) Election to the Board of Directors

Doug Wyman wishes to step down from his board duties, but he wishes to remain as a coach.

Bob Bunting is assumed to be continuing as a member-at-large.

Moved by Liz Morrison, seconded by George Kerr that Angelo DiCesare be elected to the board of directors as a member-at-large. Carried

Athlete representatives to the board will be elected at the Annual Awards Dinner, usually held in January.

8) Election and Ratification of Officers

A slate of officers was presented to the meeting.

All officers would remain as per the 2007 annual general meeting.

Moved by George Kerr, seconded by Liz Morrison that the Board of Directors be accepted as elected. Carried.

9) New Business

i) Angelo DiCesare asked if the Club had addressed the problems that have arisen with regards to the track at Mohawk Sports Park. The glue that holds the track components/surface together is not doing its job. More holes have appeared.

Also, the long jump pits still need to be repaired properly. Weeping tiles were added and the area resodded, but this did not fix the problem.

ii) It is necessary to increase the Club membership fees for the upcoming year. After much discussion, a new fee schedule was developed.

Moved by Ralph Moulton, seconded by Bill Urie that an across-the-board increase of 6% (rounded to the nearest five dollars) be implemented. Carried

The **membership fees for 2008** will be as follows:

Seniors, full-year intermediates	\$380
Part-year intermediates	\$190
University, masters	\$190
YDP – per session	\$ 80
Cross-country	\$ 80

iii) Travel fee

Moved by Ralph Moulton, seconded by Angelo DiCesare that an athlete be levied a \$50 travel fee for each away meet where the Club is paying transportation and accommodation costs.

Carried

This fee would not be levied should an athlete be taken to a meet by his/her parents and shared accommodations with them.

iv) Angelo DiCesare emphasized that the Club should concentrate on its own meets, rather than helping other clubs fulfill their obligations for theirs.

v) George Kerr asked that information about HOC be sent to the high schools (especially grade 9 and 10 students) as determined at the planning day.

vi) Bill Urie will be approaching Les Miller at McMaster to determine the times the Club may use the indoor facility. Passes will also be arranged for the athletes and coaches. Bozena Wojciekian reported that throwing practices will start at SJAM on November 19.

vii) Louise Murray-Leung will be conducting the Club registration at the David Braley Centre on November 27 starting at 6:15pm

9) Adjournment

Moved by Bill Urie, seconded by Brian Grolla that the meeting be adjourned. Carried
Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

A draw was held with the names of those in attendance being used:

Club membership	Kelly Morrison
Club sweatshirt	Rhona Trott
	Bonnie Bowick

Minutes submitted by Rhona Trott.