

## Report of the executive meeting of the ACU on December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2006

Meeting location: York Hotel, Toronto

Attending: Michel Gouin, president  
Michel Careau, secretary/treasurer  
Armand Leblanc, National team manager

Guests: Les Michalak  
Diane Chesla  
These guests joined the meeting at 14:00 hrs

Opening by the president: greetings (12:00)

Report from the president: satisfied after his first few months as president, lots of work to be done.

Report from the secretary/treasurer: 65 members from which 49 need to renew their membership by the end of December; 42 members who, did not renew for 2006, will be contacted by e-mails or regular mail, and will be invited to rejoin the ACU.

Financial statement for the period of Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 2004 to Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 2006 was presented and approved. The balance at the end of the period is \$354.82.

The membership fees as of now will be raised to \$30.00. Those who have already paid for 2007 and 2008 will not have to pay the difference. An announcement will be posted on the web site and the membership form will be amended.

Report from the team manager:

- Need for funding. The team manager spend an average of 2000.00\$ a year, of his personal money, to accompany and support the National Team.
- Suggested that a thank you letter be prepared and sent by the president to all generous sponsors of the National Team.
- An ACU patch will be circulated in order to raise funding for the National Team. Production cost 300.00\$. The patch will be sold at 5.00\$ each.
- A big announcement: a Commonwealth Series is set for 2008. Twelve (12) countries minimum need to be involved. Distances considered are: 50km, 50M, all the way up to the 48Hrs. This in preparation to a possible participation to the Commonwealth Games of 2010. The ultimate objective being the Olympics Games of 2012 in London, UK, in the 100km demo sport. One step in the right direction and a giant step forward.
- The president will communicate with the provincial and territorial directors to appraise them on what is coming.
- The IAU is seeking major sponsors.

- The ACU will have to pay 150 euros a year to the IAU, starting January 2007.
- Monaco is now the headquarters of the IAU; the move was done shortly after the departure of Malcolm Campbell president of the IAU.
- The World Masters 100K will take place at the same time and venue as the World Cup 100K. Masters men's: 40 years old; women's 35 years old.

ACU Championship Series winners 2006: Jim Newin (men); Laurie McGrath (women).  
Congratulations to these athletes.

ACU Series 2007: many locations have showed interest; Levis, Victoria and Toronto. Nothing concrete yet. Communication still ongoing. The president will be in contact with the provincial and territorial directors to find out their intentions and possible bids. Final deadline to receive bids will be set for end of December in order to have the schedule out by the end of January at the latest.

Proposition received from the VP Andrew with regards to the repartition of the Championships events within Canada, has been discussed, (3 in BC, 3 in AB, 3 in ON and 3 in QC). The secretary suggested that the East Coast needed to be considered. The president will contact Peter Barrett to see if anything is in the planning. For now nothing on the horizon in the Maritimes. Again everything needs to be finalized quickly for the 2007 calendar.

Qualifications for the 100km: same for men and women. The web site will be amended to reflect the new IAU label sanctioning system. With regards to the 100K qualifications, the 50 miler or 80km will no longer be considered. Official split times in a 24hrs event could be considered. Qualifications for the 24hrs National Team; men's 160km; women's 140km.

The ACU as a charitable organization has been discussed with the enlightenment from Diane, who will pursue this dossier and get back to the executive. There is many conditions so it will be up to the executive the render the final decision.

The treasurer is ready to meet a contact provided by Armand, for a financial audit. Armand will contact the treasurer on this issue in the near future.

A fundraiser activity could be organized. Maybe looking at someone already in this line of work. Peter Donato? Diane Chelsea? We also need someone from Quebec. Dossier open. More to follow.

Meeting adjourned: 16:20 hrs.