



**Annual General Meeting Minutes  
September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
Mississauga, ON**

**Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

1. Meeting called to order at 9:01 am EST by President, Erik Petursson, at the Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel.
2. Appointment of Parliamentarian
  - Motion by Erik Petursson to appoint Lori Johnstone (Racquetball) as parliamentarian as long time member and past President of AthletesCAN
  - Offer of appointment accepted by Lori Johnstone
  - Motion seconded by Ryan Ferguson (Lifesaving)
  - All in favour
  - Approved
3. Approval of Agenda
  - Motion to approve the agenda by Robin Randall (Water Polo), seconded by Michael Tayler (Canoe/Kayak).
  - All in favour
  - Approved
4. Approval of Minutes from 2012 AthletesCAN Annual General Meeting (AGM), Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012
  - Motion to approve the AGM Minutes from Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012, moved by Lynda Kiejko (Shooting), seconded by Jeane Lassen (Weightlifting).
  - All in favour
  - Approved
5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes
  - In May 2013 AthletesCAN released an article to the sport community illustrating how athlete representation can be incorporated under the new Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act. Representatives were encouraged to read and share this document with their sport to ensure that athlete representation is maintained under the new Act.
6. Officer Reports
  - 6.1 President's Report
    - Motion to accept the President's Report moved by Ian Crowe (Wheelchair Rugby), seconded by Jeff Teutsch (Orienteering).
    - Highlights of the Report which was distributed in the AGM package were presented. Highlights included: launch of the Athlete Leadership Handbook, launch of a new partnership with CIBC, multi-year funding with Sport Canada, transition of the Athletes Connect program to COC and overview of the Sport Solution program whose reach and scale of the support and service impacted over 200 athletes.
    - On the conclusion of their terms, words of thanks were extended to Executive Members, Phillippe Gagnon & Ahren Cadieux, for their valued contributions to the organizations.
    - All in favour
    - Approved

- 6.2 Treasurer's Report:
  - 6.2.1 Presentation & Approval of 2012-2013 Financial Statements.
    - 2012-2013 Audited Financial Statements by Ouseley Hanvey Clipsham Deep LLP were presented to the membership.
    - Highlights of presentation included: Organization faces changes in its financial landscape due to changes in sponsorship. Significant cuts have been made to operations including the transition to a virtual office. The budget for 2013-2014 will be balanced for the first time in 4 years. Current year's deficit will be covered by the reserve fund.
    - Motion to accept financial statements as presented, moved by Drake Greschner (Water Polo), seconded by Jennifer Joyce (Athletics).
    - All in favour
    - Approved
  - 6.2.2 Appointment of Auditors
    - Motion to accept Ouseley Hanvey Clipsham Deep LLP to conduct an audit of the AthletesCAN finances for the fiscal year 2013-2014, moved by Angus Dineley (Lacrosse), seconded by Thomas Hall (Canoe)
    - All in favour
    - Approved
  - 6.2.3 Presentation of 2013-2014 Finances
    - Treasurer provided a financial snapshot for 2013-2014.
    - Highlights included: expenses have been streamlined by moving to a virtual office, multi-year funding has been secured through Sport Canada, sun-setting of a former sponsorship partner and launch of the CIBC Team Next sponsorship will result in a balanced budget and projected surplus.
    - Motion to accept presentation of the 2013-2014 Finances moved by Chris Williamson (Para-Alpine), seconded by Chelsea Stone (Taekwondo).
    - All in favour
    - Approved
- 7. Appointed Board Member Reports
  - 7.1 Canadian Olympic Committee (COC)
    - Jeff Pain (Skeleton) presented the report as distributed in the AGM package. Highlighted the governance change in athlete representation on the COC board as athletes are losing one of two votes. Athletes are fighting to keep non-voting members present at COC board meetings.
    - Motion to accept the COC report moved by Jeane Lassen (Weightlifting), seconded by Ryan Riehl (Waterskiing).
    - Discussion around tuition funding, new stringent rules from the COC requiring athletes to prove they completed course and provide a receipt to the COC to receive reimbursement.
    - All in favour
    - Approved
  - 7.2 Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC)
    - Josh Vander Vies (Boccia) presenting on behalf of Alec Denys (Archery) presented the report as distributed in the AGM package,
    - Motion to accept the CPC report moved by Chris Williamson (Para-Alpine), seconded by Anastasiya Muntyanu (Rhythmic Gymnastics).
    - All in favour
    - Approved
  - 7.3 Commonwealth Games Canada (CGC)

- Jennifer Joyce (Athletics) presented on behalf of Suzanne Weckend-Dill (Triathlon) the CGC report as distributed in the AGM package. Highlighted the smaller Commonwealth Games team size for Glasgow 2014; CGC Athlete Counsel is recommending to CGC that they send a mix of elite and developing athletes to the Games to ensure major Games experience for developing athletes.
  - Motion to accept the CGC report, moved by Alex Bruce (Badminton), seconded by Lynda Kiejko (Shooting).
  - Discussion around how to provide more opportunity to attend Commonwealth Games including pay to play opportunities
  - All in favour
  - Approved
8. True Sport Foundation (TSF)
- Jasmine Northcott presented the TSF report as distributed in the AGM package.
  - Motion to accept the TSF report moved by Colleen Hagan (Ringette), seconded by David Blair (Rowing).
  - All in favour
  - Approved
9. New Business
- 9.1 Governance Report: Bylaws
- Progression by AthletesCAN on the transition to the new Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act is currently underway.
  - Voting membership will be streamlined to 1 able-bodied athlete representative and 1 athlete with a disability athlete representative per NSO.
  - A Special General Meeting will be called in the coming weeks to navigate the transition process and changes in governance.
  - Other changes will include a decrease in number of directors from 11 to 7 and ex officio members will no longer sit on the board.
  - AthletesCAN is also proposing to remove the 8 year limit requirement to sit on the board.
  - Motion to accept the Governance report moved by David Blair (Rowing), seconded by Cody Yano (Diving).
  - Discussion on the possibility that athlete voting rights on NSO boards may be lost with the new Act. AthletesCAN directed the membership's attention to the resource developed in May to use with their NSOs to ensure athlete representation is incorporated under the New Act.
  - All in favour
  - Approved
10. Election of Directors
- 10.1 Review of Election Procedures
- Delegates were provided with a brief overview of the election procedures.
  - It was explained to the membership that all current national team athletes or athletes who have retired from a senior national team within the past eight years are eligible to be a member of the board of directors.
  - Term will only be 1 year due to the transition to the new Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act.
  - Delegates were reminded that diversity is a value of AthletesCAN.
- 10.2 Appointment of Scrutineers
- Motion to appoint the Sport Solution Program Officer James Lyle & Mike Tolmie as scrutineers moved by Robin Randall (Water Polo), seconded by Ryan Ferguson (Lifesaving).
  - All in favour
  - Accepted

Motion to Recess the Meeting

- Motion to recess the meeting until 11:00am moved by Brit Yannick (Alpine), seconded by David Blair (Rowing).

Meeting called back to order at 11:00am EST

10.3 Election Protocol

Nominations from the floor

- Maxim Bouchard (Diving) accepted nomination by Jeff Teutsch (Orientation)
- Chelsea Stone (Taekwondo) accepted nomination by Robin Randall (Water Polo)

Confirmation of nominees

- Maxim Bouchard (Diving)
- Jennifer Joyce (Athletics)
- Dasha Peregoudova (Taekwondo)
- Chelsea Stone (Taekwondo)

Nominee presentations

- Nominees were given 2 minutes each to address the delegates on why they would like to be considered for a Board position with AthletesCAN

10.4 Election Results Announcement

- Based on the majority of votes, the following two individuals were elected to the Board of Directors for a term of one year: Jennifer Joyce (Athletics) & Dasha Peregoudova (Taekwondo)
- Erik Petursson thanked Philippe Gagnon (Swimming) and Ahren Cadieux (Beach Volleyball), whose term had come to an end, for their valued contribution to the Board of Directors

2013-2014 Board of Directors presented to the delegation:

- Erik Petursson (Diving), President
- Craig Buntin (Figure Skating)
- Alec Denys (Archery), Canadian Paralympic Committee
- Tom Hall (Canoe)
- Jennifer Joyce (Athletics)
- Jeane Lassen (Weightlifting)
- Jeff Pain (Skeleton), Canadian Olympic Committee
- Dasha Peregoudova (Taekwondo)
- Josh Vander Vies (Boccia)
- Suzanne Weckend-Dill (Triathlon), Commonwealth Games Canada

11. Next Meeting: Late September 2014, Location and Date TBD

12. President moved to adjourn