



**Annual General Meeting Minutes  
October 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016  
Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel & Suites  
Mississauga, ON**

**Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016**

1. Meeting called to order at 5:01pm EST by President, Josh Vander Vies, at the Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel & Suites.
2. Appointment of Parliamentarian
  - Motion by Josh Vander Vies to appoint Robin Randall (Water Polo)
  - Offer of appointment accepted by Robin Randall (Water Polo)
  - Motion seconded by Marilou Dozois-Prévost (Weightlifting)
  - All in favour
  - Approved
3. Approval of Agenda
  - Motion to approve the agenda by Alexandra Fergusson (Lifesaving), seconded by Anne Fergusson (Sitting Volleyball)
  - All in favour
  - Approved
4. Approval of Minutes from 2015 AthletesCAN Annual General Meeting (AGM), Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015
  - Motion to approve the AGM Minutes from Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 moved by Hayley Daniels (CanoeKayak), seconded by Jasmine Mian (Wrestling)
  - All in favour
  - Approved
5. Business Arising from the previous minutes
  - None
6. Officer Reports
  - 6.1 President's Report
    - Motion to accept the President's Report moved by Christine Richardson (Racquet ball), seconded by Jillian Drouin (Athletics)
    - Highlights of the Report which was distributed in the AGM were presented.
    - All in favour
    - Approved
  - 6.2 Treasurer's Report
    - 6.2.1 Presentation & Approval of 2015-2016 Financial Statements
      - 2014-2015 Audited Financial Statements by Ouseley Hanvey Clipsham Deep LLP were presented to the membership.
      - Jean-Michel Lavallière (Para Swimming) asked why the big difference in expenses between 2015 and 2016. Thea Culley explained that AthletesCAN went from two staff member to one staff member and that compensation is included in the expenses.
      - Motion to accept financial statements as presented, moved by Celina Toth (Diving), seconded by Mercedes Nicoll (Snowboarding)
      - 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 2016-2017, moved by Cody Caldwell (Wheelchair Rugby), seconded by Jillian Drouin (Athletics)
  - All in favour
  - Approved
- 6.2.3 Presentation of 2016-2017 Finances
- Treasurer provided a financial snapshot for 2016-2017
  - Ahmed Zeividavi (Goalball) asked a question regarding the HST rebate since initially it looked like AthletesCAN would not qualify in 2015-2016. Thea Culley explained that in the end AthletesCAN got the 40% HST rebate because the cost for acquiring sponsorship does not count towards income. AthletesCAN will not be eligible for the rebate in 2016-2017.
  - Motion to accept presentation of the 2016-2017 Finances moved by Celina Toth (Diving), seconded by Mercedes Nicoll (Snowboard)
  - All in favour
  - Approved
7. Aboriginal Sport Circle Report
- Janice Forsyth presented the Aboriginal Sport Circle (ASC) report as distributed in the AGM package.
    - Overview of ASC and implication with AthletesCAN
    - Overview of issues facing ASC members
    - Message about awareness and challenges to access the sport system
    - Encourages athletes to work towards a better sport system
  - Motion to accept the TSF report moved by Mercedes Nicoll (Snowboard), seconded by Kelleigh Ryan (Fencing)
  - All in favour
  - Approved

Motion to Recess the Meeting to Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

- Motion to move agenda items 8 - Canadian Paralympic Committee Athlete's Council Report, 9 – Commonwealth Games Association of Canada Report and 10 - Election of Directors to Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 at 10:45am EST moved by Alexandra Fergusson (Lifesaving)
- Q: Maria Samson (Rugby) - Can you nominate if you are not the representative?
  - Yes
- Q: Hayley Daniels (CanoeKayak) – How long are the terms?
  - 3 years
- Q: Trevor Hirschfield (Wheelchair Rugby) – Will there be nominations tomorrow as well?
  - Yes
- Robin Randall (Waterpolo) nominates Hayley Daniels (CanoeKayak)
  - Declined
- Q: Jillian Drouin (Athletics): What is the typical time commitment and expectations?
  - Tom Hall (IED) explained that it consisted of 1 monthly meeting and more if part of the executive. Small description of the executive roles.
- Caroline Calvé nominates Mercedes Nicoll (Snowboarding)
  - Accepts nomination
- Caroline Calvé nominates Luke Couture (Badminton)
  - Accepts nomination
- Motion to recess by Alexandra Fergusson (Lifesaving)
- Seconded by Kelleigh Ryan (Fencing)
- All in favour
- Approved

Meeting Recessed at 5:31pm EST.

Meeting called back to order on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, at 11:28am EST

- Roll call
  
- 8. Canadian Paralympic Committee Athletes' Council Report**
  - Tyler Mosher presented the Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC) Athletes' Council report as distributed in the AGM package.
    - o Trying to align NSO – Athlete – CPC
    - o Focus on getting athlete reps on boards and committees
    - o Work on:
      - Restructuring website
      - Involvement
      - CPC alumni
  - Motion to accept the CPC Athletes' Council report moved by Jillian Drouin (Athletics) seconded by Cody Caldwell (Wheelchair Rugby).
  - All in favour
  - Approved
  
- 9. Commonwealth Games Association of Canada Report**
  - Nicole Forrester presented the Commonwealth Games Association of Canada report as distributed in the AGM package.
    - o Description of Canada Commonwealth Cup #CANCOMMCUP
    - o Revision of Terms of Reference
  - Question from Thea Culley (Field Hockey) about the process to win the Canada Commonwealth Cup, is Commonwealth tracking results, or do athletes have to apply?
    - o It is tracked
  - Motion to accept the Commonwealth Games Association of Canada Report by Robin Randall (Waterpolo), seconded by Jaqueline Simoneau (Synchronized Swimming)
  - 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 as outlined in the Nominations & Election Procedures document that was circulated in the AGM package.
    - Delegates were reminded that diversity is an integral part of the AthletesCAN value of excellence.
  
  - 10.2 Appointment of Scrutineers
    - Motion to appoint the Sport Solution Program Officers James Sifakis and Rachel Islam as scrutineers moved by Celina Toth (Diving), seconded by Tricia Oshiro (Archery)
    - All in favour
    - Approved
  
  - 8.3 Election Protocol
    - Nominations from the floor
      - Maria Samson (Rugby) accepted nomination by Marilou Dozois-Prévost (Weightlifting)
      - Ahmed Zeividavi (Goalball) accepted nomination by Marilou Dozois-Prévost (Weightlifting)
      - Jean-Michel Lavallière (Para-swimming) accepted nomination by Marilou Dozois-Prévost (Weightlifting)
      - Celina Toth (Diving) nominated herself
      - Haley Daniels (CanoeKayak) declined nomination by Robin Randall (Waterpolo)
      - Jillian Drouin (Athletics) accepted nomination by Kimberly Hyacinthe (Athletics)

#### Confirmation of nominees

- Luke Couture (Badminton)
- Jillian Drouin (Athletics)
- Jean-Michel Lavallière (Para Swimming)
- Jasmine Mian (Wrestling)
- Robin Randall (Waterpolo)
- Maria Samson (Rugby)
- Celina Toth (Diving)
- Ahmed Zeividavi (Goalball)

#### 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
- Questions from the floors were taken and each nominee was given 2 minutes to answer each question

#### 8.4 Election Results Announcement

Based on the majority of votes, the Board of Directors is:

- Thea Culley
- Jillian Drouin
- Pierre-Luc Laliberté
- Dasha Peregoudova
- Robin Randall
- Maria Samson
- Josh Vander Vies
  
- Motion to destroy the ballots moved by Jaqueline Simoneau (Synchronized Swimming), seconded by Alexandra Fergusson (Lifesaving)
- All in Favour
- Approved

**11. Next Meeting:** September 23, 2017, Ottawa, Ont.

#### **12. Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn the 2016 AGM moved by Hayley Daniels (CanoeKayak)
- Seconded by Kelleigh Ryan (Fencing)
- All in Favour
- Adjourned

**Adjourned 1:30pm EST**