



**Annual General Meeting Minutes  
September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Toronto, ON**

**Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

1. Meeting called to order at 9:20am by President, Erik Petursson, at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel, Toronto, Ontario
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 Robin Randall (Water Polo)
  - All in favour
  - Approved
3. Approval of Agenda
  - Request to conduct item 6 "Election of Directors" prior to item 10 "New Business"
  - Request for addition of 5.1, 5.2, and 5.3 under item 5 "Business Arising from Previous Minutes" to follow up on past business
  - Motion to approve the agenda as amended moved by Josh Vander Vies (Boccia), seconded by Jeane Lassen (Weightlifting)
  - All in favour
    - One abstention
  - Approved
4. Approval of Minutes from 2011 AthletesCAN Annual General Meeting (AGM), Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011
  - Motion to approve the AGM Minutes from September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011, moved by Ryan Ferguson (Lifesaving), seconded Hugh MacDonald (Archery)
  - All in favour
  - Approved
5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes
  - 5.1 Proxy Votes
    - As the bylaws currently stand, proxy votes are not permitted. Consideration of proxy votes in the future has been rejected as it does not provide for a shared understanding and context on subjects discussed during the AGM, upon which members are requested to vote. A fully informed voting membership of those present at the AGM is a valued part of AthletesCAN's decision making process
  - 5.2 "Present" was defined as being physically in the room. Should the organization consider virtual meetings in the future, this definition of "Present" would have to be re-examined.
    - It was clarified that a member may run for election to the Board of Directors and not be present at the time of election; precedents exist to allow for this.
  - 5.3 Spring Forum
    - The AthletesCAN Board examined the possibility of holding a Spring AthletesCAN Forum
    - Board found that it would not be financially possible due to funding restrictions and would need to look at other strategies to attract winter athletes

- By-laws require an AGM each fiscal year and financial constraints limit Forum scheduling
  - Hosting Forum / AGM at the beginning of September may make it more accessible to winter athletes and will be considered in the future.
- 5.4 Review and acceptance of revisions to by-laws
- Upon further review of the new NFP Act, more revisions are required before a draft of renewed AthletesCAN By-laws can be brought before the AGM for review.
  - Board will continue to review and present renewed draft for next year's AGM
  - Athlete reps were encouraged to speak with their NSOs to make sure they have representation on Boards (i.e., an athlete rep position)
  - AthletesCAN will review how athlete representation within NSOs can be incorporated under the new Act
6. Officer Reports
- 6.1 President's Report
- Report was presented as distributed in the AGM package
  - Advocacy is taking a collaborative approach, where members are working with partners to promote positive change
  - Speaks directly to the 4 strategic directions of AthletesCAN (Advocacy, Leadership, Programs and Services, Operational Effectiveness)
  - Bell has renewed Olympic rights with Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) and transferred administration of the Athletes Connect program to the COC.
    - AthletesCAN's position – Bell committed to athletes and AthletesCAN in 2010. We have a contract in place until 2014. We will stand up for the interests of the athletes and organization to ensure that the athletes continue to receive the service until 2014 as was committed and that an acceptable arrangement is made for the rights of the Athletes Connect brand and financial commitment to AthletesCAN
    - AthletesCAN continues to press Bell and the COC to honour the existing program criteria to ensure the program remains unchanged for athletes.
    - Bell anticipates transitioning full administration of the Athletes Connect program to the COC by the beginning of January 2013
  - Motion to accept President's Report moved by Maria Jaworski (Rugby), seconded Ryan Blais (Freestyle Ski)
  - All in favour
  - Approved
- 6.2 Treasurer's Report:
- 6.2.1 Presentation & Approval of 2011-2012 Financial Statements
- 2011-2012 Financial Statements were presented to the membership
  - Treasurer explained that the organization is continually faced with the challenge of trying to do more with less and that cuts will have to be made to future fiscal years to ensure the organization is able to deliver on key objectives while maintaining a balanced budget.
  - The recent decision by Bell to move administration of the Athletes Connect program will also place challenges on the organizations finances and steps are being taken to see how to offset that loss of revenue by way of exploring new partnerships and reworking the budget to reflect the funding realities of the organization.
  - Motion to accept financial statements as presented, moved by Tyler Mosher (Snowboarding), seconded by Tom Hall (Canoe)
  - All in favour
  - Approved
- 6.2.2 Appointment of Auditors

- Motion to accept Ouseley Harvey Clipsham Deep LLP to conduct an audit of the AthletesCAN finances for the fiscal year 2012-2013, moved by Jeane Lassen (Weightlifting), seconded by Sean Phillips (Handball)
  - 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
  - Motion to accept the COC report moved by Lynda Kiejko (Shooting), seconded by Hugh MacDonald (Archery)
  - All in favour
  - Approved
- 7.2 Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC)
- Alec Denys (Archery) presented the report as distributed in the AGM package
  - Motion to accept the CPC report moved by Tom Hall (Canoe), seconded by Josh Vander Vies (Boccia)
  - All in favour
  - Approved
- 7.3 Commonwealth Games Canada (CGC)
- Jennifer Joyce (Athletics) presented the CGC report as distributed in the AGM package, on behalf of Suzanne Weckend-Dill (Triathlon) who sent her regrets
  - Motion to accept the CGC report, moved by Louis-Pierre Mainville (Volleyball), seconded by Meghan Montgomery (Rowing)
  - All in favour
  - Approved
8. True Sport Foundation (TSF)
- Lori Johnstone (Racquetball) presented the TSF report as distributed in the AGM package
  - Motion to accept the TSF report moved by Joel Dembe (Wheelchair Tennis), seconded by Fiona McKee (Badminton)
  - All in favour
  - Approved
9. Election of Directors
- 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
  - Delegates were reminded that diversity is a value of AthletesCAN
- 9.1 No Nominations from the Floor were received
- 9.2 Confirmation of nominees
- Tom Hall (Canoe)
  - Hugh MacDonald (Archery)
  - Dasha Peregoudova (Taekwondo)
  - Scott Sandison (Field Hockey)
  - Josh Vander Vies (Boccia)
- 9.3 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

9.4 Appointment of Scrutineers

- Motion to appoint the Sport Solution Program Managers Blake Pronk & Mike Tolmie as scrutineers moved by Ryan Ferguson (Lifesaving) and seconded by Maria Jaworski (Rugby)
- All in favour
- Accepted

9.5 Election Results Announcement

- Based on the majority of the votes, the following two individuals were elected to the Board of Directors for a term of three years: Tom Hall (Canoe) & Josh Vander Vies (Boccia)
- Erik Petursson thanked Joshua Riker-Fox (Modern Pentathlon), whose term had come to an end, for his valued contribution to the Board of Directors

2012-2013 Board of Directors presented to the delegation:

- Erik Petursson, President
- Craig Buntin, Figure Skating
- Ahren Cadieux, Beach Volleyball
- Alec Denys, Archery, Canadian Paralympic Committee
- Philippe Gagnon, Swimming
- Tom Hall, Canoe
- Jeane Lassen, Weightlifting
- Jeff Pain, Skeleton, Canadian Olympic Committee
- Josh Vander Vies, Boccia
- Suzanne Weckend-Dill, Triathlon, Commonwealth Games Canada

10. Next Meeting: Late September 2013, Location and Date TBD

11. Adjournment

- Move to adjourn by Robin Randall (Water Polo), seconded by Lynda Kiejko (Shooting)
- All in favour
- Accepted