



**Annual General Meeting Minutes
October 29th & 31st, 2010
Gatineau, QC**

Friday, October 29, 2010

1. Call to Order by Andrew Nisker at the Chateau Cartier in Aylmer, QC: 4:49pm EST.
 2. Recognition of Special Guests
 - Andrew acknowledged Sport Canada and the sport partners present.
 3. Appointment of Parliamentarian
 - Andrew Nisker moved that Lori Johnstone be appointed as parliamentarian.
 - Seconded by Louis Poirier (Bobsleigh).

 - Open to discussion
 - No discussion
 - All in favour – all
 - Opposed – None
 - Abstentions – None
 - Motion carried
 4. Approval of Agenda
 - Louis Poirier (Bobsleigh) requested an amendment to the agenda to include under New Business the opportunity to discuss the scheduling of Forum and the time of year for winter athletes.
 - Request accepted and added to New Business, item 15: Forum Scheduling.

 - Amended agenda moved by Tom Hall (Canoe)
 - Seconded by Alec Denys (Archery)
 - Open to discussion
 - No discussion
 - All in favour – all
 - Opposed – None
 - Abstentions - None
 - Motion carried
 5. Election of Directors (Andrew Nisker)
 - Question: Louis Poirier (Bobsleigh) – is there an appointment from the Aboriginal Sport Circle (ASC) on the Board?
Andrew: The ASC holds an appointed position on the Board of Directors however at this time the position is currently vacant.
- 5.1 Nominations from the Floor
- Andrew invites nominations from the Floor.
 - Question: Tom Hall (Canoe) - is a board member allowed to nominate a candidate for the Board?
 - Andrew: No.
 - Lynda Hare (Shooting) nominates Ahren Cadieux (Beach Volleyball) – he accepts.
 - No other nominations from the Floor are received.
 - Floor is closed.

5.2 Confirmation of Nominees

- Ahren Cadieux (Beach Volleyball)
- Nicole Forrester (Athletics)
- Philippe Gagnon (Swimming)
- Nathaniel Miller (Water Polo).

5.3 Nominee presentations

- Nominees provide a 2 minute presentation on why they are running for a Board position.
- Nominations will be received between now and the AGM on Sunday October 31st.
- Elections will take place at the AGM on Sunday October 31st.

- Motion to table the elections to Sunday Oct. 31st, 2010.
- Moved by Ryan Blais (Freestyle Skiing)
- Seconded by Kalem Kachur (Judo)
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Abstentions - None
- Motion carried

6. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn the 2010 AthletesCAN AGM until Sunday, October 31, 2010.
- Moved by Tyler Mosher (Para Snowboard/Cross Country)
- Seconded by Ryan Ferguson (Lifesaving)
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Abstentions – None
- Meeting Adjourned

Sunday, October 31, 2010

Motion to re-open the AGM

- Moved by Ryan Ferguson (Lifesaving)
- Seconded by Elaine Allard (Wheelchair Basketball)
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Abstentions - None
- Motion carried

7. Call to Order by Andrew Nisker at the Chateau Cartier in Aylmer, QC: 10:36am EST.

- Josh Vander Vies (Boccia) moved to amend agenda item 14 By-law Ratifications from 'for decision' to 'for information' and rescind the motion to ratify the by-laws.
- Seconded by Hugh MacDonald (Archery).
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None

- Abstentions - None
- Motion carried

8. Election of Directors (Andrew Nisker)

8.1 Review of Election Procedures

- Andrew reviewed the Election Procedures and conducted a role call.
- Absent: Alex Brown-Thermal, Deidra Dionne, Marc Dorion, Marilou Dozois-Prevost, Colin Jenkins, John Hastings, Jared Macleod, and Caroline Ouellette.

8.2 Appointment of Scrutineers

- Motion to appoint Daniel Strickland and Jonathon Barnett as scrutineers (Sport Solution officers)
- Moved by Alec Denys (Archery)
- Seconded by Brian Johns (Swimming)
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Abstentions - None
- Motion carried

8.2 Election Protocol

- Nominations are invited from the floor
- No new nominations are received and the floor is closed.
- Confirmation of nominees: Ahren Cadieux (Beach Volleyball), Nicole Forrester (Athletics), Philippe Gagnon (swimming), Nathaniel Miller (Water Polo)
- Motion to reverse the alphabetical order of speeches moved by Nicole Forrester (Athletics)
- Second by Jeff Pain (Skeleton)
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Abstentions – None
- Motion carried
- Nominees provide a 2 minute presentation on why they are seeking a position with the Board. Nominees are asked to highlight the expertise they bring and how they hope to impact AthletesCAN; and what they think are the most important issues facing athletes and how they propose to bridge the gap.
- Floor is open to Q&A of the nominees by the assembly
- Q&A concludes and polls are opened.
- Announcement of election results will be made under agenda item 16.

9. Approval of Minutes from AthletesCAN Annual General Meeting, October 2nd & 4th, 2009

- Moved by Tom Hall (Canoe)
- Seconded by Alec Denys (Archery)
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Abstentions - None
- Motion carried

10. Business Arising From Previous Minutes

- No business outstanding from previous minutes.

11. Officer Reports

11.1 President's Report (Andrew Nisker)

See President's message in the 2009-2010 Annual Report.

- Motion to accept the Report of the President as presented
- Moved by Ryan Ferguson (Lifesaving)
- Seconded by Tyrel Rose (Tenpin Bowling)
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Abstentions - None
- Motion carried

11.2 Treasurer's Report (Alexandra Orlando)

See financial statements in the AGM package

11.2.1 Presentation & Approval of 2009-2010 Financial Statements

- Motion to accept the 2009-2010 Financial Statements as presented
- Moved by Jen Braem (Sailing)
- Seconded by Philippe Gagnon (Swimming)
- Open to discussion: Jen Braem (Sailing) – in 2009 why were there fewer revenues? Andrew: Rotating money from Bell makes the revenue vary from year to year. Hugh MacDonald (Archery) asked why are expenditures so much higher? Andrew: Our on-site presence at the 2010 Olympics and the 2009 Canada Games - we dipped into the reserve fund for special projects.
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Abstentions - None
- Motion carried

11.2.2 Appointment of Auditors

- Motion to accept Maurice Fex as auditor for 2010-2011.
- Moved by Brian Johns (Swimming)
- Seconded by Ryan Ferguson (Lifesaving)
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Abstentions - None
- Motion carried

11.2.3 Presentation of 2010-2011 Finances

- Motion to accept the Treasurer's presentation of the 2010-2011 Finances as presented.
- Moved by Erika Langman (Wakeboard)
- Seconded Kalem Kachur (Judo)
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None

- Abstentions - None
- Motion carried

12. Appointed Board Member Reports

12.1 Canadian Olympic Committee (Jeff Pain)

- Motion to approve the Canadian Olympic Committee report as presented by Jeff Pain.
- Moved by Ryan Blais (Freestyle Skiing)
- Seconded by Erik Petursson (Diving)
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Abstentions - None
- Motion carried

12.2 Canadian Paralympic Committee (Alec Denys)

- Motion to approve the Canadian Paralympic Committee report as presented in the AGM package by Alec Denys
- Moved by Tom Hall (Canoe)
- Seconded by Reuben Ross (Diving)
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Abstentions - None
- Motion carried

12.3 Commonwealth Games Canada (Suzanne Weckend)

- Motion to approve the Commonwealth Games Canada report as presented in the AGM package by Suzanne Weckend
- Moved by Nathaniel Miller (Water Polo)
- Seconded by Thea Culley (Field Hockey)
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Abstentions - None
- Motion carried

13. True Sport Foundation Report (Lori Johnstone / Jasmine Northcott)

- Motion to approve the True Sport Foundation Report presented in the AGM package by Lori Johnstone & Jasmine Northcott
- Moved by Brent Langbakk (Orienteering)
- Seconded by Melanie Rinaldi (Diving)
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Abstentions - None
- Motion carried

14. Bylaw Ratifications (Josh Vander Vies)

See AGM briefing note.

- The By-laws are in the process of being reviewed to ensure they are up-to-date and reflective of the organization and industry standards.
- It had been the hopes of the organization that the bylaws would be ready for ratification at this Annual General Meeting however based on a review of the document prior to the meeting it was decided that further review is needed and therefore the bylaws will be brought before the membership at the next AGM for review and ratification.
- Members are invited to provide their feedback on the bylaws presented today and share their comments with the office/Jasmine or Josh by phone or email.

15. New Business: Forum Scheduling

See briefing note prepared by Louis Poirier (Bobsleigh)

- Louis provided a brief overview of the issue winter athletes face in attending the Forum given the scheduling of Forum in the Fall.
- On behalf of the winter sport athlete reps, Louis is asking AthletesCAN to review the scheduling of Forum to enable the attendance and participation of winter athlete representatives by way of proposing that AthletesCAN move to rotating the Forum dates from spring to fall.
- Louis moves that beginning 2013, the AthletesCAN Forum move to a 4 year rotation of the Forum dates: Spring Forum in 2013 & 2014 followed by a Fall Forum in 2015 & 2016. This pattern would continue every four years. Striking from the original motion as outlined in the briefing note circulated at the meeting is the specification of (Last week of April) and (Mid September).
- Motion seconded by Ryan Blais (Freestyle Skiing)

Open to discussion:

- Hugh Macdonald (Archery) – in principle is in favour of this motion however is concerned with regards to the to the bylaws sections 51 and 49 with respect to the fiscal year of AthletesCAN and requirement of having an AGM every fiscal year. If the AGM is bumped around from year to year, would need to ensure that the organization is able to meet it's obligations and would recommend that somebody with some expertise review by-laws and make sure they are compatible with this proposed change.
- Ryan Blais (Freestyle Skiing) – Given this information was not considered when the original motion was presented (re: issue of overlapping fiscal years) it is his recommendation that a committee be formed to review the motion presented by Louie and make recommendations to the Board. It was also suggested that Louis be part of this committee to ensure the winter sport voice is represented.
- Ryan Blais (Freestyle Skiing) proposed a friendly amendment to the motion that a committee be created to look into exploring the possibility of rotating the Forum dates and provide recommendations to the Board of AthletesCAN.
- Friendly amendment seconded by Louis Poirier (Bobsleigh).
- Erik Petursson (Diving) – suggests that the Board report back to the membership at the next AGM on the status of review and discussions from the committee and Board.
- Josh Riker Fox (Modern Pentathlon) – commented that it would be important to ensure that summer sports aren't excluded in discussions as they make up more of the sports.
- Amended Motion: Be it moved that a multi sport committee be formed to find an equitable balance, recommend forum dates and report back with recommendations by AGM 2011.
- Moved by Ryan Blais (Freestyle Skiing)
- Seconded by Louis Poirier (Bobsleigh)
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Abstentions - None
- Motion carried

16. Board of Director Election Results Announcement

- Ballot results: the following nominees were elected to the Board: Ahren Cadieux (Beach Volleyball) and Philippe Gagnon (Swimming).
- Andrew Nisker thanks all the candidates for putting their names forward
- Andrew welcomes the new board members
- Andrew recognizes the board member whose terms has concluded, thanks them for their dedication and wishes them well on behalf of the board. Exiting board member: Nicole Forrester (Athletics)
- Andrew presents a motion to destroy the ballots
- Moved by Brian Johns (Swimming)
- Seconded by Melanie Rinaldi (Diving)
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Abstentions - None
- Motion carried

17. Next Meeting: September 23rd & 25th, 2011, Edmonton, AB

- Hugh MacDonald (Archery): is there a possibility of that date moving due to the Pan Am Games?
- Andrew: As of now the date is set, we would have to look into logistics to see if a change of date was possible.
- Mike Smith (Past President) acknowledged the conflict that many athletes experience with scheduling however noted that it is the athlete reps responsibility to ensure their sport is represented at Forum if they themselves can not attend.

18. Motion to adjourn

- Moved by Jeff Teutsch (Orienteering)
- Seconded by Craig Buntin (Figure Skating)
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Abstentions – None
- Motion carried