



**Annual General Meeting
Mississauga, ON**

Minutes

Friday, October 3, 2008

1. Call to order by Claire Carver Dias: 3:39 p.m. EST
2. Recognition of Special Guests
 - Claire acknowledged Mitsubishi Motors as title sponsor of Forum 2008 and Ian Bird of the Sport Matters Group.
3. Appointment of Parliamentarian
 - Claire moved that Lori Johnstone be appointed as parliamentarian.
 - Seconded by Nicole Forrester, Athletics.
 - Open to discussion
 - No discussion
 - All in favour – all
 - Opposed – none
 - Motion carried
4. Approval of Agenda
 - Claire Carver Dias noted the following changes to the agenda: a new briefing note had been circulated based on a typo, associated with this typo was the need to remove agenda item 10.7 (motion 8).
 - Acceptance of agenda as modified was moved by Sally Thomas, Powerlifting
 - Seconded by Carolyn Galve, Snowboarding
 - Open to discussion
 - No discussion
 - All in favour – all
 - Opposed – None
 - Motion carried
5. Approval of Minutes from AthletesCAN Annual General Meeting, September 28th & 30th, 2007
 - Moved by Jason Myslicki, Nordic Combined
 - Seconded by Vaughn Chipeur, Figure Skating
 - Open to discussion
 - Discussion: Lori Johnstone noted that her comment as reflected in the 2007 AGM minutes needed to be updated to better reflect the intent of her comment. The following amendment was made to the minutes on Jan. 8, 2009: Independent of how it's funded, whether by government, sponsorship or self-generated revenue (i.e., through fundraising or membership), Athletes CAN was and is based on what athletes want and need. Independent funding would allow us to remain true to the organization's mandate and not be potentially swayed by funders' pressures.
 - Approval of the minutes as modified was moved by Courtney Brown, Synchronized Swimming
 - Seconded by Dave Willsie, Wheelchair Rugby
 - All in favour – all
 - Opposed – None

- Motion carried

6. Business Arising From Previous Minutes

- No business outstanding from previous minutes.

7. Officer Reports

7.1 President's Report (Claire Carver Dias)

-See President's message in the 2007-2008 Annual Report.

- Motion to accept the Report of the President as presented
- Moved by Darcy Marquardt - Rowing, seconded by Sheila Turner – Rugby
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Motion carried

7.2 Treasurer's Report (Andrew Nisker)

- Motion to accept the Report of the Treasurer as presented
- Moved by Sandra Sassine - Fencing, seconded, Thomas Marks – Waterpolo
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Motion carried

7.2.1 Presentation & Approval of 2007-2008 Financial Statements

- Motion to accept the 2007-2008 Financial Statements as presented
- Moved by Sandra Sassine - Fencing, seconded, Thomas Marks – Waterpolo
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Motion carried

7.2.2 Motion to Appoint Auditor Maurice Fex

- Motion to accept Maurice Fex as auditor for 2008-2009.
- Moved by Sheila Turner - Ruby, seconded by Janine Hanson – Rowing
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Motion carried

7.2.3 Motion 1 - Earmarking of Reserve Fund (Andrew Nisker)

- Motion to accept earmarking \$250,000 of the fund; \$100,000 to be allocated to operations and \$150,000 to be allocated to programming.
- Moved by Vaughn Chipeur - Figure skating, seconded by Marie-Eve Marleau – Diving
- Motion open to discussion
- Erik Peturrson of Diving asked for clarification about the earmarking for programming

- Andrew Nisker responded that the funds allocated to programming would go towards funding programs as approved by the Board.
- Ben Remocker of Sailing asked why the funds were being earmarked instead of sitting in a general fund.
- Andrew explained that it was the auditor's recommendation but would get back to the delegation with a more concise explanation.
- Trevino emphasized the fact that it is for general accounting purposes and that it will not tie up the money
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Motion carried

7.2.4 Presentation of 2008-2009 Finances

- Motion to accept the Treasurer's presentation of the 2008-2009 Finances as presented.
- Moved by Sheila Turner – Rugby, seconded by Chris Stadnyk –Lawn Bowls
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Motion carried

8. Appointed Board Member Reports

8.1 Aboriginal Sport Circle

- Motion to approve the Aboriginal Sport Circle report as presented by Sara-Lynne Knockwood
- Moved by Tyler Mosher - Snowboarding, seconded by Chris Daw, Board Member
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Motion carried

8.2 Canadian Olympic Committee

- Motion to approve the Canadian Olympic Committee report as presented by Claire Carver Dias on behalf of Alexa Loo
- There has been an update to paragraph 4, the number should read \$300,045.00
- Moved by Chris Daw - Board Member, seconded by Rachel Gardner - Modern Pentathlon
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Motion carried

8.3 Canadian Paralympic Committee

- Motion to approve the Canadian Paralympic Committee report as presented by Alec Denys
- Moved by Barbara Hastings - Ten pin bowling, seconded by Sally Thomas – Powerlifting
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Motion carried

8.4 Commonwealth Games Canada

- Motion to approve the Commonwealth Games Canada report as presented by Suzanne Weckend
- Moved by Marie-Eve Marleau - Diving, seconded by Carolyn Calve, Snowboarding
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Motion carried

9. True Sport Foundation Report

- Motion to approve the True Sport Foundation Report presented by Lori Johnstone
- Moved by Andrew Nisker – Board Member, Seconded by Chris Daw, Board Member
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Motion carried

10. Bylaw Ratifications (see AGM briefing note)

Claire Carver Dias

10.1 Motion 2 - *Be it moved that the length of Board of Director terms be amended from 2 years to 3 years, effective for all positions elected as of the 2008 Annual General Meeting onwards.*

- Moved by Robin Mackin - Softball, seconded by Dave Willsie – Wheelchair Rugby
- Claire explained that by extending board terms it allows board members to become more action orientated
- Brent Langbakk of Orienteering asked if it was possible for a board member to be reelected and Claire responded by saying yes.
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Motion carried

10.2 Motion 3 - *Be it moved that at least one year out from the end of the Presidential term the Board may elect by majority vote the President for an additional 3 year term.*

- Moved by Ian Cockerline – Luge, seconded by Ben Remocker - Sailing
- Glynn Loftin from Shooting asked when the motion begins and Claire Carver Dias responded by saying it starts after these elections.
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Motion carried

10.3 Motion 4 - *Be it moved that a new executive position of President Elect be created. The Board will elect the President Elect in the last year of the term of the serving President.*

- Moved by Josh Vander Vies - Boccia, seconded by Alexandra Orlando - Gymnastics
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all

- Opposed – None
- Motion carried

10.4 Motion 5 - *Be it moved that if in the event that a Board member's 8 year membership expires within their Board term, they may serve the remainder of their term with all the privileges of membership.*

- Moved by Janine Hanson - Rowing, seconded by Abdi Dini – Basketball
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Motion carried

10.5 Motion 6 - *Be it moved that the ex officio position of Past President be eliminated.*

- Moved by Sheila Turner - Rugby, seconded by Sally Thomas – Powerlifting
- Open to discussion
- Ben Remocker of Sailing asked whether the roles of the past president and president elect purpose are different
- Lori Johnstone addressed the issue of succession planning that the board has not had a challenge with retaining the wisdom of past chairs but the board has not done well at succession planning
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Motion carried

10.6 Motion 7 - *Be it moved that the ex officio position of Past Vice President be eliminated.*

- Moved by Barbara Hastings – Tenpin Bowling, seconded by Courtney Brown, Synchro Swimming
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Motion carried

11. Election of Directors (Chris Daw & Sara-Lynne Knockwood)

- Board composition slide was shown
- Recognition of nominees to date: - Nicole Forrester, Chris Stadnyk
- The following nominations were made from the floor:
- Nicole Forrester nominates Benoit Huot. He accepts.
- Joshua Riker-Fox nominates Malindi Elmore. She accepts.
- Malindi nominates Joshua Riker-Fox. He does not accept.
- Claire Carver-Dias nominates Vaughn Chipeur. He accepts.
- Mike Smith nominates Alexandra Orlando. She accepts
- Nominations to be accepted until Sunday

12. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn the 2008 AthletesCAN AGM until Sunday, October 5, 2008.
- Moved by Chris Daw – Curling, seconded by Dave Willsie, Wheelchair Rugby
- Meeting adjourned.

Sunday, October 5, 2008

13. Call to Order: 9:25 a.m. EST

- Motion to reopen AGM from Friday Oct 3, 2008.
- Moved by Suzanne Weckend - Triathlon, seconded by Greg Williscroft – Volleyball
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Motion carried

- Roll call took place and the following were absent: Trevino Betty (with regrets), Kevin Light (with regrets), Thomas Marks (with regrets) and Isabelle Turcotte Baird

- Tabled for business:
 - approval of Agenda
 - The elimination of 10.7 motion 8
 - Moved by Erik Petursson - Diving, seconded by Sally Thomas – Powerlifting
 - Andrew Nisker revisits 7.2.1 and explained that AthletesCAN receives twice as much financially in the Olympic year.
 - President Elect: Andrew Nisker elected into the position

14. Election

14.1 Review of Voting Procedures

- Final call for nominations from the floor.
- Erik Petursson nominated himself. Nomination supported by Jason Myslicki.
- Claire Carver Dias nominates Josh Vander Vies. He accepts.
- Jeff Adamson nominated Carolyn Calve. She accepts.
- Given the new board terms of service (3 year terms), Claire put forward a motion to stagger the board terms of those elected to ensure there are elections every year. The two candidates who receive the most votes will serve a term of three years and the following two candidates will receive a term of two years.
- Motion moved by Claire Carver Dias – Synchronized Swimming, seconded by Jason Myslicki – Nordic Combined.
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Motion carried

14.2 Appointment of Scrutineers: Motion to appoint Steve and Nora as scrutineers

- Motion to appoint Steve Teal (Sport Solution officer) and Nora Sheffe (Leadership Project consultant) as scrutineers.
- Moved by Sheila Turner - Rugby, seconded by Jacqueline Rennebohm – Swimming
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Motion carried

14.3 Election of Officers

Confirmation of nominees:

Vaughn Chipeur, Nicole Forrester, Alexandra Orlando, Chris Stadyнк, Josh Vander Vies, Malindi Elmore, Eric Petursson, Carolyn Calve, Benoit Huot

Each nominee was asked a series of questions.

All eligible delegates voted.

15. Board of Director Election Results Announcement

- Motion to table the announcement of the election results until the scrutineers have completed the process.
- Moved by Claire Carver Dias – Synchronized Swimming, seconded by Adam Trupish – Boxing
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Motion carried

16. New Business

- No new business.

15. Board of Director Election Results Announcement

- Motion to reopen agenda item 15 – Board of Director Election Results Announcement.
- Moved to reopen by Janine Hanson – rowing, seconded by Jamie Macari, boxing
- The following nominees were elected to the Board: Josh Vander Vies (3 year term), Alexandra Orlando (3 year term), Erik Petursson (2 year term), Nicole Forrester (2 year term)
- Claire presents a motion to destroy the ballots
- Moved by Vaughn Chipeur - Figure Skating, seconded by Greg Williscroft, Volleyball
- Andrew Nisker thanks all the candidates for putting their names forward
- Andrew welcomes all the new board members
- Andrew recognizes the board members whose terms have concluded, thanks them for their dedication and wishes them well on behalf of the board. Exiting board members include: Trevino Betty, Jason Dunkerley, Jason Myslicki, & Claire Carver Dias.

17. Next Meeting: October 2nd & 4th, 2009, Vancouver, BC

18. Motion to adjourn.

- Move to adjourn by Courtney Brown – Synchronized Swimming, seconded by Barbara Hastings – Tenpin Bowling
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – None
- Motion carried