



Annual General Meeting

Whitehorse, YT

Friday, September 28, 2007 and Sunday, September 30, 2007

Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 28, 2007

1.0 Call to order by the President: 3:45 p.m. PST

2.0 Motion to appoint Parliamentarian Lori Johnstone

- Accepted by Lori Johnstone, seconded by Chris Daw - Curling
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour - all
- Opposed - none
- Motioned carried

3.0 Recognition of Special Guests

- Carla Qualtrough, President Canadian Paralympic Committee
- Bruce Deacon, COC
- Karin Lofstrom, Executive Director, CAAWS
- Bill Cooper, VANOC
- Marie Claude Asselin, SDRCC
- Kevin Bean, CCES

4.0 Motion to approve agenda

- Moved by Greg Williscroft - Volleyball, seconded by Barbara Hastings - Bowling
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – none
- Motion carried

5.0 Election of Directors (Alec Denys, Jason Myslicki)

- No nominations were made from the floor
- Board composition slide was shown
- Recognition of nominees to date – Amy Alsop, Annie Bellemare, Erin Carter, Chris Daw, Jason Dunkerley, Michelle Hastick-Cowell, Andrew Nisker, Kelly Stefanyshyn, Adam Trupish
- Nominations to be accepted until Sunday

5.1 Motion to table elections until Sunday, September 30, 2007

- Moved by Erik Petursson - Diving, seconded by Chris Wolfenden – Volleyball
- Open for discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour - all
- Opposed – none
- Motion carried

6.0 Motion to approve minutes from AthletesCAN Annual General Meeting, September 29, 2006 and October 1, 2006.

- Moved by David Willsie – Wheelchair Rugby, seconded by Chris Daw – Curling
- Open for discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour - all
- Opposed – none
- Motion carried

7.0 Business arising from previous minutes: None

8.0 Report of the President (Claire Carver-Dias):

- See 2006-2007 Annual Report – President’s message and highlights
- Claire highlighted a challenging first year as President, including:
 - New board and staff
 - Changing federal sport portfolio
 - Funding reductions
- Major areas of concentration for 2006-2007 were:
 - Taking a close look at who we are and what we do
 - Becoming more diligent and becoming a stronger voice for athletes
 - Revenue generation, sustainability, diversifying the funding base, creation and implementation of the sponsorship strategy
 - Fourth Canada Games presence
 - Strengthening partner relationships – Bell, IG, Dale Carnegie

8.1 Motion to accept the Report of the President as presented

- Moved by Vivian Berkeley – Lawn Bowls, seconded by Sheila Turner – Rugby
- Open to discussion
- Nicole Cargill – Will AthletesCAN be hiring a sponsorship consultant or doing sponsorship in-house?
- Claire – AthletesCAN doesn’t have the funds to hire someone so sponsorship will be done in-house
- All in favour - all
- Opposed – none
- Motion passed

9.0 Presentation and approval of Financial Statements (Trevino Betty)

9.1 Motion to approve the March 31, 2007 Financial Statements as presented

- Moved by Greg Williscroft - Volleyball, seconded by Erika-Leigh Stirton – Rhythmic Gymnastics
- Question as to why 2006-2007 revenues were higher than 2006-2005 revenue, when the President's Report indicated funding had dropped
- Clarification was made that the President's Report was referring to the year 2006-2007 and the funding drop will happen in 2007-2008
- Discussion turned to the SFAF and how it is affecting AthletesCAN
- Wallen Chang-Hong from Sport Canada lent his expertise to the topic
- It was reiterated that AthletesCAN needs to find outside funding and to look at doing things differently
- All in favour - all
- Opposed – none
- Motion carried

9.2 Motion to appoint auditors Maurice Fex, CGA

- Moved by Iain Brambell - Rowing, seconded by Kelly Stefanyshyn - Swimming
- Open for discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour - all
- Opposed - none
- Motion carried

10.0 New Business – Funding for AthletesCAN

Bobby Milroy – What are the options for AthletesCAN with regards to diversifying the funding base?

- Goal is to seek funding that will preserve the identity of AthletesCAN.
- Would like to assemble a working group to discuss the issue.
- With regards to SFAF – membership is a key component, so we need to ensure for the next go round that our numbers are strong.
- Therefore AthletesCAN needs to broaden our reach and this perhaps means reaching out to provincial and territorial-level athletes.

Chris Daw – would it be possible to amend the agenda this weekend to discuss solutions?

- Claire Carver-Dias – may be more worthwhile to assemble a working group to deal with this topic.
- Is there anyone here that would be interested in helping out? **Chris Daw, Jason Dunkerley, Bobby Milroy.**

Bobby Milroy – Is there anything that we could do very quickly that would move us in that direction – ie: membership-setting a goal to increase this by 25% - is there anything like that we could do now?

- Iain Brambell - Suggests we should post a flip chart for people to post ideas with working group can take and work with.

Andrew Nisker - Is it possible to email the SFAF criteria to the athletes so we can reflect on it? Also, if membership is going to generate more points (SFAF funding is based on a point system), can we make a motion to increase our membership base (re: 10 years vs eight years)?

- Guy will have that info out to us in a one-pager by Sunday morning.

Ohenawa Akuffo – This may be an opportunity for AthletesCAN to step away from the constraints of government funding.

Trevino Betty – That's why we've been toying with the idea of membership so we can become more organized as a group so we can get more things done when we want them.

Joshua Riker-Fox – Please define what a member is. Because it is my understanding that we are looking at a limited pool. Expanding base? Will the mission and vision of AthletesCAN change if we move to a more independent funding base.

- Claire Carver-Dias – AthletesCAN's mission and vision would remain the same and would not be changed by funding bases.
- Membership is active and retired within eight years – however what we're saying is perhaps we need a more formalized membership with tangible membership benefits that could include a small fee.

Lori Johnstone – AthletesCAN started independent of government funding and was and is based on what athletes want. Independent funding allows us to be true to the organization's mandate.

Amy Alsop – Feels the board is not hitting the panic button on this quite yet and feels that we have time and we need to take that time to really start a process that will provide us with a sustainable plan.

10.1 Motion to recess meeting until Sunday, September 30, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

- Moved by Ohenawa Akuffo - Wrestling, seconded by Sheila Turner – Rugby
- Open to discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – one (Fraser Will)
- Motion carried

Sunday, September 30, 2007

11.0 Call to order: 9:13a.m. PST

12.0 Motion to reopen AGM from Friday, September 28, 2007

- Moved by Jason Myslicki – Nordic Combined, seconded by Chris Daw – Curling
- Open to discussion

- No discussion
- All in Favour - all
- Opposed – none
- Motion carried

13.0 Election

13.1 Call for any final nominations from the floor (repeated three times)

- No nominations from the floor were put forward

13.2 Motion to reopen AGM from Friday, September 28, 2007

- Moved by Chris Daw - Curling, seconded by Andrew Nisker - Tennis
- Open for discussion
- No discussion
- All in Favour – all
- Opposed – none
- Motion carried

13.3 Review of voting procedures

- Nominees will have two minutes each to address the delegates
- Speeches will be followed by a question and answer period
- Voting delegates are to put an X beside four names and the four nominees with the most votes will be elected

13.4 Motion to appoint Scrutineers Shane Henry and Steve Teal from Sport Solution

- Moved by Suzanne Weckend - Triathlon, seconded by Erika-Leigh Stirton – Rhythmic Gymnastics
- Open for discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed - none

13.5 Introduction of nominees

- Final list of nominees: Amy Alsop, Annie Bellemare, Erin Carter, Chris Daw, Jason Dunkerley, Michelle Hastick-Cowell, Andrew Nisker, Kelly Stefanyshyn, Adam Trupish

13.6 Nominees speeches

- Each nominee was given two minutes to address the delegates
- Annie Bellemare and Michelle Hastick-Cowell were not in attendance but their applications were read by Jason Myslicki
- Question and answer period was held
- Claire Carver-Dias – How will active athletes handle the time commitment and how will retired athletes stay connected to the issues?

- Chris Wolfenden – What are your ideas re: funding?
- Joshua Riker-Fox – Will AthletesCAN be stronger by expanding our membership base? Any ideas how to do that?
- Michael Smith – How do you propose to use your reach to get to athletes that aren't in your sport?
- Greg Williscroft – If you could lead a session showcasing your greatest skill set, what would you do?
- Ohenewa Akuffo – What personal challenges do you feel you have to overcome to be successful on the AthletesCAN board?
- Iain Brambell – What do you want to accomplish in your two years?
- Ian Cockerline – What are your thoughts and/or ideas regarding the summer/winter funding gap
- Alec Denys – What does advocacy mean to you?

13.7 Voting

- All eligible delegates voted

14.0 New Business – Resolution

- Erin Carter and Erik Petursson introduced the following resolution :
That AthletesCAN immediately engage Sport Canada and other Podium partners to ensure that AthletesCAN and athletes' perspectives are fully integrated into Podium Canada's Strategic Advisory Committee, to facilitate effective athlete representation and collaborative decision-making.
- Erik Petursson – Noted that this was a firm commitment by AthletesCAN to work with Podium partners
- Greg Williscroft - Isn't that what ACAN already does??
- Claire Carver-Dias – Yes, but this is an official commitment to doing this.

15.0 Motion to recess for elections

- Motion to recess at 10:40 a.m.
- Moved by Akos Sandor – Weightlifting, seconded by Greg Williscroft – Volleyball
- Open for discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – none
- Motion passed

16.0 Motion to reopen

- Motion to reopen at 11:24 a.m.
- Moved by Michael Smith – Wrestling, seconded by Erin Carter – Cycling
- Open for discussion
- No discussion
- All in favour – all

- Opposed – none
- Motion carried

17.0 Announcement of elections

- Announced the four elected to the Board of Directors: Erin Carter, Chris Daw, Jason Dunkerley, Andrew Nisker
- Jason Dunkerley will hold a one year term, while the other three will hold two year terms

17.1 Motion to destroy ballots

- Moved by David Willsie – Wheelchair Rugby, seconded by Marie-Eve Marleau - Diving
 - Open to discussion
 - No discussion
 - All in favour – all
 - Opposed – none
 - Motion carried
- Recognition of departing board members Aaron Lowe, Iain Brambell, Erik Petursson and Michael Smith

18.0 Motion to Adjourn

- Moved by Sheila Turner - Rugby, seconded by Darcy Marquardt – Rowing
- Open to discussion
- All in favour – all
- Opposed – none
- Motion carried