

**114TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
TORONTO, ONTARIO  
JUNE 21 - 24, 2000  
WYNDHAM BRISTON PLACE  
SUTTON B**

**Friday, June 22, 2001 - 8:30**

**1. Call to Order**

The President, John Cavar, called the meeting to order at 8:45.

**2. President's Welcome**

The President, John Cavar, welcomed the delegates and guests to Toronto, SSC's 114th Annual General Meeting (AGM). He spoke about Canadian speed skaters being number one in the world; that in our internal ranking system, we finished 1st country overall in the world – in front of Germany, China and the Netherlands (last year, we were 4<sup>th</sup>). SSC has won 117 medals in international events, 54 in Long Track and 63 in Short Track. Canada is the only country to win medals at World Championships in both men and women in Long Track and Short Track. He congratulated the athletes on their fine performances of the past year.

Mr. Cavar mentioned that the Salt Lake City Olympic Games are fast approaching and there is a lot of work to prepare for as it will be a busy year. He also mentioned that the programs for SSC are developing and increasing in number as is the administrative workload for the both the National Office and volunteers. Mr. Cavar stated that the collective collaboration of volunteers, the increased marketing dollars and high visibility would continue to benefit the sport. He mentioned the new Sport Policy from the Office of the Secretary of State (Amateur Sport), which is to be put in place in the near future, would be comprised of three components – participation, excellence and building capacity. Mr. Cavar discussed the National Development Forum, which took place in April 2001, indicated that there is a strong movement in new initiatives; he felt that it was important to capitalise on this momentum to create new growth. Mr. Cavar closed with, “We have had success in some areas and we have challenges to face in other areas.”

John Cavar introduced the Board of Directors: Jack Nicholson, Treasurer; Linda Lee, Director; Lee McGreish, Director; Brian Bunney, Director; Daniel Gingras, Director and he mentioned that unfortunately, Peter Dankers, Director was absent due to work reasons.

Mr. Cavar introduced the National Office staff: Jean R. Dupré, Director General; Patricia Brennan, Office and Finance Administrator; Robert Bolduc, High Performance Director; Vivianne Slade, Club and Membership Development Coordinator; Shelley Murdock, Office and Membership Assistant; and Brian Rahill, Technical Program Coordinator who is now working with the Canadian Olympic Association.

Mr. Cavar introduced the Committee Chairs: Gregg Planert, High Performance Long Track; Tom Overend, High Performance Short Track; Ted Houghton, Officials Development Committee; Don Hicks, Competitions Development Committee; Dave Morisson, Coaching Development Committee; and Shirley Lamoureux, Club & Membership Development Committee.

The President introduced the National Coaches who were present: Robert Tremblay, National Team Coach Long Track (Québec); Sean Ireland, National Team Coach Long Track Sprint (Calgary); Mike Marshall, National Team Coach Long Track (All-round); Yvon Deblois, National Team Coach Short Track (Calgary) and Guy Thibault, National Team Coach Short Track (Montréal).

Following the National Coaches introduction, Mr. Cavar introduced the Skaters' Representatives: Mark Wild, Short Track (Calgary); Mathieu Turcotte, Short Track (Montréal); and Patrick Bouchard, Long Track (Québec). Nicole Slot, Long Track (Calgary) was absent and unable to attend the AGM. He welcomed and introduced the athletes that were attending the meeting: Andrew Quinn, Carol Anne Chenard, Tyson Heung and Kevin Crockett.

Mr. Cavar introduced the guests who were attending the AGM: Micheline and John Sands, special friends and supporters of speed skating; William and Jo-Ellen Anderson, ASU; John Mills, CODA; Jim Sterling and Roxanne Jobin, B.F. Lorenzetti & Associates Inc.; Jean Marie Leduc; Mark Greenwald, Jacques Thibault, Carol Meibock, and Jonathan Gebert, Calgary Olympic Oval; Mark and Marna Messer and Jim Kelly, OIOC; Debbie Bauche, Saskatchewan Observer, Lise Gagné; and Debbie Fisher, Calgary Oval.

### 3. **Roll Call of the Delegates**

The President called the roll of delegates to the AGM, noting those delegates holding proxy.

Provincial/Territorial delegates:

Nunavut	John Maurice	2	Votes
Northwest Territories	Joan Irwin	2	Votes
Yukon	David Knight	0	Vote
British Columbia	Cindy Miller	3	Votes
	Fred Feddema	3	Votes
Alberta	Phyllis Loewen	2	Votes
	Bill Wotherspoon	1	Vote
	Greg Taylor	1	Vote
	Shirley Hons	1	Vote
Saskatchewan	Margaret Campbell	1	Vote
	Debbie Graham	1	Vote
	Norman Waters	1	Vote
	Rod Johnston	1	Vote

Manitoba	Richard Nichol	1	Vote
	Lori Derraugh	1	Vote
	Terry Mymryk	1	Votes
Ontario	Mike Rivet	1	Vote
	Dennis Duggan	1	Vote
	Joyce Leggatt	1	Vote
	Ian Hennigar	1	Vote
	Jean Rickaby	1	Vote
Quebec	Marie-Claire Rouleau	3	Votes
	Robert Dubreuil	3	Votes
	Stéphane Bronsard	2	Votes
New Brunswick	Chantal Brideau	2	Votes
	Peter Steele	1	Vote
	Kathy English	1	Vote
Nova Scotia	Steve Angelidis	2	Votes
Prince Edward Island	No Delegates	0	Vote
Newfoundland	No Delegates	0	Vote
Board of Directors	John Cavar	1	Vote
	Jack Nicholson	1	Vote
	Linda Lee	1	Vote
	Lee McGreish	1	Vote
	Brian Bunney	1	Vote
	Daniel Gingras	1	Vote
	Skaters Director (None)	0	Vote
Skaters Representatives	Patrick Bouchard	1	Vote
	Mark Wild	1	Vote
	Mathieu Turcotte	1	Vote

This yielded a total of 51 delegate votes. A simple majority is 27 votes and a 2/3 majority is 34 votes.

#### **4. Lee McGreish presented SPECIFIC BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

Resolved (ordinary resolution) that the by-laws of the Speed Skating Canada be amended by deleting Article IV Section 24 (e) and replacing it with the following:

##### Section 24 VOTING

- e) A Member may, by means of a written proxy, submitted no later than at meeting registration, appoint a proxy holder to attend and act at a specific meeting of Members, in a manner and extent authorised by the proxy.

A proxy holder must be a member of the Corporation. Proxy votes are allowable as follows:

- i. Board – A Director may not carry a proxy on behalf of any voting group;
- ii. Branch Members – Proxy voting shall be permitted at a ratio of two (2) proxies per attending delegate. No individual may represent by proxy more than one Branch Member other than the one to which they are affiliated;
- iii. Skater’s Representative – proxy holder to be a current skater from a National Training Centre High Performance Program

Motion: To approve the amendment to the By-Law.

Moved by: Lee McGreish; Seconded by: Patrick Bouchard CARRIED

Ian Hennigar, OSSA, stated that a more detailed written follow up to the previous year’s recommendations would be appreciated.

## 5. Approval of the Agenda

Addition of Items:

Item 12. To include Peter Williamson Fund and Risk Management

Item 16. To include: Starlight Children’s Foundation Canada, Alternative Options for SSC AGM Locations and World Youth Games for Ice-Skating.

Motion: To approve the AGM AGENDA as amended.

Moved by: Marie Claire Rouleau; Seconded by: Fred Feddema CARRIED

## 6. Greetings from ASSU

William Anderson, ASU, addressed the delegates. He gave Curt Benjamin (US Speed Skating) and Duane Riley’s (ASU) best wishes. He mentioned that this year, politically, the merging of the two skating associations, ASU and US Speed Skating, was a historical union for the United States.

Mr. Anderson encouraged the delegates to enthusiastically support the North American Championships; to encourage the transportation for athletes to attend the event. He spoke about venues, accessibility, and the enthusiasm of new clubs and new locations for speed skating. Mr. Anderson stated that he looks forward to seeing SSC in Salt Lake City and a podium full of North American athletes.

## 7. Approval of 2000 AGM Minutes

The following changes were made to the 2000 AGM Minutes (changes in ***bold Italics***) :

- Page 2 of 22 – Third paragraph – Rose Mercier, Maverick ***Consulting***
- Page 3 of 22 – ... simple majority of **26** votes and a 2/3 majority of **34** votes; Approval of 1999 Minutes
- Page 5 of 22 – Presentation of 2000-2001 Budget

Motion: To approve the Minutes as amended.

Moved by: Margaret Campbell; Seconded by: Brian Bunney

CARRIED

## 8. **Business Arising From 2000 AGM Minutes**

### (Branch Recommendations & Actions)

Mr. Dupré reviewed the 2000 Recommendations and the present status.

Taken from page 4 of 22 of the 2000 AGM Minutes – in reference to the 1999 Recommendations

Don Hicks, Competition Committee Chair, discussed the issue of Junior Age Categories / Age Class. He mentioned that the Competitions Development Committee would be addressing this at the AGM workshop.

Taken from page 11 of 22 of the 2000 AGM Minutes:

### Provincial and Territorial Recommendations (2001 AGM Response)

- Motion by NWT Speed Skating Association - The equalisation of airfare for delegates attending Speed Skating Canada Annual General Meetings. - Referred to the Board of Directors – *2001 AGM Board session to address and present a cost comparison to delegates.*
- Motion by NWT Speed Skating Association - The inclusion of Multi Provincial / Territorial Relay Teams at the Canadian Age Class Short Track Speed Skating Championships - Referred to Competitions Committee - *2001 Competitions Development Committee to address this at the AGM workshop.*
- AASSA proposal #1 - That SSC sanctions the Modified All Points Ability format meets and recognises records established at these meets. - Referred to Competitions Committee - *2001 Competitions Development Committee stated that the motion was put forward for all points ability, however the ability meet was not yet fully defined, Mr. Hicks mentioned that they are not recommending or including records.*
- AASSA proposal #2 - That all Canadian and North American Age Class Championships follow the Modified All Points Age Class format when held in Canada. We should also encourage the ASU to use the same format for the North American Age Class Championships held in the US. - Referred to Competitions Committee - *Mr. Hicks reported that this format was followed in Regina and in the USA this year.*
- AASSA Recommendation #1 - To add a division C to the National Short Track Team Trials. - Referred to HPST Committee - *Mr. Overend stated that presently the Team Trials take a long time (three days) and to increase by another 50% would be too overwhelming and difficult for the competitors; the rational is to not have a division C and increase the time at the Trials as the HPCST feels that the CANAM circuit would address this issue and provide competitive opportunities for short track skaters.*
- AASSA Recommendation #2 - SSC should put together a pin program for time standards. - Referred to Sport and Membership Development Committee – *underway*

- AASSA Recombination #3 - The North American Long Track Championships should be held two weeks earlier in light of a scheduling conflict with Alberta Provincial school exams. - Referred to Competitions Committee - *taken under advisement*
- AASSA Recommendation #4 - That SSC should create a paid staff position based out of Calgary - Referred to the Board of Directors - *The new partnership with the four major funding partners: CODA; University of Calgary - Oval), National Sports Centre and SSC has addressed this issue. There are 3 levels of operation: the Policy Group (J. Thibault, Oval; Al Murray, CODA; Dale Henwood, National Sports Centre; and Jean R. Dupré, SSC); the Oval employee (Mark Greenwald) and SSC employee (Robert Bolduc); and the coaches. This process has proven to be effective for managing speed skating issues at the Oval.*
- SASSA Recommendation - That if the SSC budget permits the sending of the alternate skater to Junior Worlds and the Junior Country Match, that this be announced to the skaters well in advance of the trials for the Junior Team. If the budget does not permit funding then that, too, should be formally announced.

AND that this principle - of open and clear communication of selection and funding policies to skaters, well in advance of the competition - be followed in all competitions, long or short track, where skaters are competing for positions on national teams. - Referred to HPLT and HPST Committees - *At the annual meeting it was discussed how to develop communication with the skaters; this issue is a priority and information will be better distributed with the use of e-mail, if information is posted on the website for easy access, and also by ensuring that the primary written information, THE HP BULLETIN, is published in a timely manner. The HPCs requested that each skater acquire an e-mail address for information distribution. Mr. Overend stated that communication is an ongoing problem, however, improvements are being made.*

- SASSA Recommendation - That the Canadian Junior Olympic Long Track Championships be held at the same time as the trials for the Junior World Championships. Holding it at any other time renders it meaningless, as the top Junior skater, as selected at the trials, may not necessarily be at the competition. - Referred to the HPLT Committee and the Competition Committee - *HPCLT Chair stated that the ISU sets the schedule, however he will look into it. Competition Chair stated that he is willing to accommodate the suggestion and discuss with the HPCLT Chair.*
- SASSA Recommendation - That SSC investigate ways of rationalising the setting and breaking of short track records timed manually, with the setting and breaking of records timed electronically. - Referred to the Competitions Committee and reference to the ODC - *The motion put forward by New Brunswick will deal with this issue.*
- SASSA Recommendation - That SSC investigate establishing a minimum ice surface for the Canadian Short Track Age Class Championships and the North American Short Track Championships, when held in Canada. - Referred to the Competitions Committee -

- SASSA Recommendation - follow-up on Competitions Committee re: SSC Rule K43-100 - Referred to Competitions Committee - *Risk Management Committee is to follow up.*
- MASSA Recommendation #1 - Junior World Championships - It is recommended that an information package be developed by SSC specifically related to participation at the World Junior Long Track Championships. This information package should be available to Branches as early as possible in the speed skating season and should include:
  - Location and date of Competitions - ie) including the Junior Country Match
  - Requirements for qualification
  - Make up of SSC Team - athletes, coaches and support staff (gender appropriate) including personal profiles and related qualifications to ensure familiarity to athletes and parents
  - Anticipated time requirement - including travel
  - Expectations of skaters and parents - travel documents, athlete waivers, medical info., adult supervision and responsibilities, code of conduct, travel itineraries, competition schedule
  - Communication contacts and itinerary information while travelling
  - Indication of any additional documentation that skaters may be expected to sign
  - Contact persons with SSC and appropriate Branch Staff
  - Equipment, clothing and other personal needs of the skaters
  - Ongoing notification to Branches and athletes on updates regarding information related to the Junior Worlds
  - Information on any prize money that may be available as well as documentation that may be required for awarding and or securing
  - Follow up with the athletes regarding the competition

The communication package that is developed for the World Junior Championships should be consistent with other information that is developed to with National programs to ensure clarity for both athletes and Branches - Referred to HPLT Committee - *ISU Junior age category to be discussed in the workshop. The HPCLT Chair stated that this season a more detailed package would be distributed at the Junior Worlds. He stated that all information must get out to the Branches in the announcement - information on entry forms, passports, etc.*

- MASSA Recommendation #2 - Branch Long Track Oval Usage - It is recommended that SSC play a lead role in ensuring continued equitable use long track ovals for competitions and qualifying meets which are not designated as long track training centres. The continued strength of the long track program within branches is contingent on the viability and use of these facilities. - Referred to Competitions Committee - *Competition Chair stated that the point was valid and that the committee noted it.*

- OASSA Recommendation #1- Enhanced website to include all future High Performance Bulletins, ranking, P&R's By-laws, Office reports, committee updates, competition results in a logical user-friendly manner, etc.; Recommendation #2 - As of May 6, 2000 the new SSC membership database does not contain the benefits of the old system; Recommendation #3 - Leverage is the success of Olympians, World Champions in the public awareness programs including Canadian Championships, SC AGM and all special. - Recommendation #1 and 3 are recommendations which are being addressed by the new sponsorship (Communications /new web design/database and management to be undertaken by WASOO), Recommendation #2 is a comment. – *This is presently being addressed by the National Office and the Board*
- NSASSA Recommendation - Because of the expense of travel, and the lack of money within SSC we recommend that the AGM each year be held no further east than Quebec and no further west than Saskatchewan. The idea of having it in every province is a good one but financially it is quite beyond most organisations ... in the east anyway. - Referred to the Board of Directors - *There will be a session on the AGM location and alternative options presented at the meeting.*
- NBSSA Recommendation - Speed Skate New Brunswick membership recommends that Speed Skating Canada look at the possibility of having a different format for the National Age-Class Championship. Maybe to have an age-class and an all-points at the same time would permit us to send more skaters (maybe six per sex per class all the time). Faster skaters based on times (numbers to be discussed) from Canada per class per sex could qualify for the Age-class. The others could go to an All-Points. - Referred to Competitions Committee - *Workshop session will address this issue*
- Proposal to make Mark Lackie an honorary member of SSC - Referred to Board - *Board to further discuss this proposal with the NB delegates for more information*

Risk Management Committee - *Jeff Polakoff, Chair, stated that risk management would be a continuous process, and that the committee would inform the members of the follow ups to recommendations that are made.*

#### Aboriginal Sports Circle of the Northwest Territories - Maskwachee Declaration

*John Cavar, President, stated that there was minimal feedback from the Branches. The Board has discussed the declaration and has decided to support the sports related aspects of the Maskwachee Declaration - what refers to sports activity and amateur sports.*

Motion: To support the sports related aspects of the Maskwachee Declaration with regards to sports activity and amateur sport.

Moved by: Norman Waters; Seconded by: Joyce Leggatt

CARRIED

**9. Presentation of Reports**

Mr. Cavar briefly mentioned the reports, which were circulated prior to the AGM and included in the AGM binder. He asked whether there were comments or additions; the following was mentioned:

- HPCST Chair mentioned that Michel Daignault has stepped down from the committee. Mr. Overend stated that Mr. Daignault has been an important member and an asset to the committee.
- Peter Steele, mentioned the Byes Policy – he stated that there was no indication of this policy until September 2000 and he questioned why this was not presented at the 2000 AGM. He spoke briefly about on-ice selection and would like discussion on this matter. Mr. Overend responded that it was formally presented in October 2000 but discussed earlier with the athletes at the training camps. Mr. Bolduc, HP Director, stated that exceptional circumstances do occur and previously the HPCs have addressed them without the guidelines, however, both the HPCs use now a general principle. The HPCs and Mr. Bolduc agreed that there are still some problems and both committees will take a closer look at this issue this year. Mr. Bolduc mentioned that the HPC workshop would address this topic.
- Mike Rivet (ON) inquired as to what steps are being taken to ensure that the National Office responds to the membership. There was discussion regarding response time and acknowledgement of requests and letters. Jeff Polakoff (Risk Management Committee Chair) stated that a clear, articulated process to address the question and indicating the response time to the sender when sending the acknowledgement was good business practice. A proposal was suggested for a 7-day response time with the onus on the Branches to partner up with the National Office to subsequently follow up requesting a response. Mr. Cavar pointed out that it would be difficult to implement a tracking system without the Branches' help. Mr. Dupré suggested that by the end of August 2001, a proposal for the service delivery / tracking system from the National Office would be presented to the Branches. Marie Claire Rouleau (QC) endorsed the Branches/ National Office partnership and sharing of the responsibilities of correspondence follow up; she also suggested that caution should be used when establishing deadlines and that deadlines should be realistically time based.
- Jeff Polakoff inquired about the status of the Manitoba Mat Proposal; Mr. Dupré responded that the Seed Program, which was created during the National Forum, would address this. Mr. Dupré also explained that the costs of this proposal are high and that SSC is trying to find sponsors for the financial portion of the proposal and he mentioned that the Risk Management Committee's input would be beneficial – a three-party approach with the C&MDC, Risk Management Committee and SSC to address the issue.
- National Office Report – Mr. Dupré informed the delegates that SSC's new Sport Canada consultant was Marie Gendron. He expressed appreciation to Judy Rash for her efforts and contribution during the past years.

Motion: Express appreciation to Judy Rash for her efforts and helpful contribution towards Speed Skating Canada.

Moved by: Linda Lee; Seconded by: Mike Rivet

CARRIED

- OIOC and Training Centre Report – Jacques Thibault informed the delegates that the Calgary Oval Report was available and could be picked up where the Oval display was set up.
- CODA Report – John Mills spoke of CODA's commitment to winter sport excellence, helping athletes reach the podium and especially to the top step of the podium. He stated that CODA wants to provide the best possible training and competitive environment for Canadian athletes. He stated that CODA's biggest single investment at the Calgary Oval is speed skating and this clearly indicates that the partnership is working well. He mentioned that this was his first SSC Annual General Meeting and he appreciated the historical aspects presented and the sense of speed skating history.

John Mills and Jacques Thibault made a PowerPoint presentation on the Hall of Fame proposal for the Calgary Olympic Oval to create a Canadian Speed Skating Hall of Fame. The goal is to have the first portion of The Hall of Fame in place for the World Cup in October 2001. They requested the help of SSC to put this together.

- Branch Reports – Robert Dubreuil (QC) mentioned the 10<sup>th</sup> edition World Masters Long Track, March 2001 – 135 athletes from 8 countries participated. He expressed appreciation to Robert Tremblay for the elite development plan that he created and which is to be implemented in the coming seasons.
- Jeff Polakoff, past MBSSA President, expressed his appreciation to Gail Johnston, Association Director who has resigned from her position, for her 6 years of hard work and he mentioned how much she will be missed.

#### 2001 Recommendations

#### **BCSSA RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Starlight Foundation be brought back to the floor for discussion by the branches – ***to be discussed at AGM 2001***
- Caution be used when considering changes to the Canadian Age Class Championships.
- Any proposals will require careful consideration by the Branches and should not be rushed.
- SSC to continue to recognise the need for timely communications with the Branches. – ***referred to Board***
- Issue of time required to enter and delete Special Event members from the SSC database be addressed. This process is currently too time consuming for many branch staff. – ***referred to C&MDC***

## OSSA RECOMMENDATIONS

WEBSITE: SSC to take the necessary steps to have a professional, fully operational site not later than October 1 2001, that contains as a minimum the following information:

- All of the content of the existing website: Plus:
- SSC P&R's
- Up to date results, posted to the site within 2 working days of any National Championship, National Ranking Meet, World Cup, World Championship
- SSC Records
- SSC High Performance Bulletins
- SSC Newsletters
- SSC Ranking lists
- AGM Information and Final Report

*Being addressed*

COMMUNICATION: SSC to implement or revise their communications practices to ensure requests/correspondence sent to the Office by members and branches are responded to within 7 days. *Commitment to follow up and have a service delivery process in place – onus on Branches to follow up. A partnership.*

DEVELOPMENT: That SSC place membership development issues as a high priority and that SSC commit the resources necessary to fully implement the priorities for programs services & operations established at the Forum held in Winnipeg from April 6 to 8, 2001.

INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM: That SSC design and implement a fully Integrated Management Information System that includes an integrated database to track membership, coaching, officials and skaters management information. Ontario would be pleased to offer some direction on the content of such a system. *Information to come from the committees and OSSA is to give direction. Mr. Cavar requested the help of OSSA to take the lead and investigate with other Branches to establish the requirements. Robert Dubreuil offered to help create the system; he would like to participate in an open discussion, the process and the project. OSSA and FPVQ are to meet and discuss throughout the weekend to begin the process.*

## MBSSA RECOMMENDATIONS

- North American Championships - As per information provided to the SSC within the Sanction Package for the 2001 NA Long Track Championships.
- Information on the championship medallions are required in the P& R's.
- Branches should be made aware of the "Alliance" between the ASU and the SSC (annex J)

***Referred to Competitions Development Committee for action. It was requested that the Redbook should be included in the information package provided to organisers. Follow up of supplier of medals to be made and the information / address of North American medals to be included in the Redbook.***

***Referred to ODC – education to referees***

**NBSSA RECOMMENDATION:**

- Be made mandatory that Speed Skating Canada holds at least two (2) evenly spaced National Team Trials every year to determine Canada's National Short Track Skating representatives to either world cup events or the World championships, no exceptions. ***Referred to HPCST***
- Eliminate the use of the "Bye policy" established by the high performance committee. Skaters feeling they have justification for a spot on the National Team, and did not earn the spot at an SSC sanctioned Team Trial may file an appeal under the Appeals procedures as set out in Speed Skating Canada regulations. ***Referred to HPCs and Board to review***
- SSC implements in the 2001-2002 season a format to get top level entrants in the senior/open divisions, to both the National Age Class Short Track Championships and the North American Short Track Championships. ***Referred to Competition Development Committee***
- That SSC would have only one (1) week to distribute the minutes from all Board, Committee and Presidents meetings. ***Referred to Board***
- All Agenda's, material's and correspondence for conference calls for committee's be e-mailed to all committee members at least Three (3) days prior to the scheduled meeting. This would not include late correspondence or material that the SSC office did not have in their possession prior to the three (3) day time frame. ***Referred to Committees and Board***

Motion: To receive the reports.

Moved by: Linda Lee; Seconded by: Cindy Miller

CARRIED

**10. Presentation of Audited Statement**

Jack Nicholson gave a presentation of the audit statement. He mentioned that the name change to Speed Skating Canada would be on next year's audited statement.

**11. Recommend and Approve Auditors**

Motion: That SSC appoints McCay Duff & Company as auditors for the 2001-2002 financial year.

Moved by: Jack Nicholson; Seconded by: Fred Fedemma

CARRIED

**12. Presentation of the 2001-2002 Budget**

Jack Nicholson presented and summarised the 2001-2002 budget as approved by the Board of Directors.

Motion: To adjourn for the day's session. 12h15  
 Moved by: John Maurice; seconded by: Norman Waters  
 CARRIED

*Saturday, June 23, 2001*

*The meeting reconvened at 8:15*

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#### 14. SSC Website

Patricia Brennan previously presented the new website concept to the Club and Membership development Committee members who in return gave their full approval. The AGM participants gave their satisfaction in what they saw following the complete presentation and question and answer period.

#### 15. Presentation of Rules From Rules Workshop - Session 1 Friday, June 22, 2001

Ted Houghton, Officials Development Committee Chair, presented the results of the rule changes from the Rules Workshop. The following is a summary of the Rules Workshop:

##### Proposed amendment – Add to K6-102

Open category            500, 1000, 1500, 3000/5000

Rule K6-102 submitted by Competition Development Committee            WITHDRAWN

##### Proposed amendment – Add d) to rule K-20-100 Sanctions

- d) all SSC sanctioned meets require electronic times **only** and in the event of hand-held times being used (backup), a 0.20-second adjustment be added to those hand-held times to ensure a more accurate and fair comparison to electronic times.

Rule K20-100 (d) submitted by Competition Development Committee.....    DEFEATED

##### Proposed amendment K20 and amended K20-101

Proposed revisions are highlighted in **bold**.

#### **K20-100**

- A) **An** SSC sanction is available for meets other than Canadian Championships provided they follow the rules of the Association, **subject to the terms of section K20-100 B)**. (the current subparagraphs 1), b), and c) remain unchanged);

**B) A sanction is also available for ability meets provided the rules of the Association, other than sections K21-100 and K22-100, are followed. An ability meet is defined as a competition in which seeding is done primarily on ability. That is to say that seed times prevail, for seeding purposes, over sex and age. In ability competitions skaters of different age classes and sex may be grouped together.**

Amend rule K20-101 to read:

Provincial and International meets held by branches are eligible for Canadian sanction record purposes, **except for ability meets as defined in section K20-100 B) and as per rule U2-103.**

Rule K20-100 and amended K20-101 submitted by Competition Committee CARRIED

Proposed amendment N1-106

In the course of a sanctioned competition, a competitor who does not participate in a race for which he or she is qualified shall be excluded by the referee from participating **in the following races through disqualification**, unless the said competitor can justify not participating in the event for valid reasons.

Rule N1-106 submitted by FPVQ..... WITHDRAWN

Proposed amendment N1-107e

A final decision with respect to the application for an appeal or protest should be reached as soon as possible but no later than on the last day of the competition. The referee **must** consult with **one or several of the following people** namely, skaters, coaches, officials from the competition or from SSC.

Rule N1-107e submitted by FPVQ..... CARRIED

Proposed amendment to N3-104

Delete: “In a Long Track Mass Start race,”

Rule N3-104 submitted by ODC..... CARRIED

Proposed amendment N3-105

Delete: “In a Long Track Mass Start competition,”

Rule N3-105 submitted by ODC..... CARRIED

Proposed amendment N3-107

Delete rule

Rule N3-107 submitted by ODC..... CARRIED

Proposed amendment N3-108

Delete entire rule

Rule N3-108 submitted by ODC..... CARRIED

Proposed amendment N4-101

Modify to read: “Tracks used at Canadian Championships shall conform to ISU approved measurements and markings, and *as a minimum* padding will conform to *Rule N4-102*, with the following exceptions...”

Rule N4-101 submitted by ODC..... CARRIED

Proposed amendment N4-106

SSC rule N 4 – 106 which states; “*No more than four (4) skaters for the semi finals and finals*”

*and no more than five (5) for the earlier qualifying round will be allowed at the first starting line for the shortest distance. No more than 5 skaters for the second shortest distance and a maximum of six (6) skaters for the other distances will be allowed at the first starting line, except for the 3000 meter where ISU rules applies.” to read; “No more than four (4) skaters for earlier qualifying rounds, semi finals and finals will be allowed at the starting line for the shortest distance...”*

Rule N4-106 submitted by Alberta..... CARRIED

Proposed amendment U2-103 - Conditions for Recognition of Records Skated in Canada

- (a) “No Mass start record will be recognised by SSC unless all skaters in the event are of the same age class and sex.
- (b) The restriction noted in (a) shall not apply for the purpose of recognising masters records provided that masters skaters are skating in a grouping consisting solely of other masters age groups.”

Rule U2-103 submitted by Ontario..... DEFEATED

## SPECIFIC PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS AMENDMENT

Resolved (ordinary resolution) that the procedures and regulations of the Speed Skating Canada be amended by inserting new Articles VII-300, VII-301 and VII-302 as follows:

### **Risk Management Committee**

#### **VII-300** Composition

The composition of the Risk Management Committee shall be the following:

- 1 Operational Member named by each of the SSC operational committees (HP Long Track; HP Short Track; Competition & Rules; Coaching Development; Officials Development; Club Membership Development)
- 1 Medical Advisor
- 1 Safety Advisor
- 2 Skaters’ Representatives (1 each from Long Track and Short Track)

#### **VII-301** Term of Office

Risk Management Committee Operational Members are named on a biennial basis by each of the SSC operational committees. The Risk Management Committee Operational Members will appoint the medical advisor and the safety advisor on a biennial basis. Skaters’ representatives will be named on a biennial basis. There is no limit on the number of successive terms to which a member can be named.

Speciality consultants will be appointed by the Risk Management Committee as required to meet operational needs but will be non-voting members of the committee.

For 2001, positions shall be selected in the following sequence:

Two-year Terms: Committee Operational Members named by the High Performance Long Track, Competition & Rules and Officials. Medical Advisor as appointed by the Risk Management Committee Operational Members and skaters’ representative as identified by the High Performance Committee Short Track.

One Year Term: Committee Operational Members named by High Performance Short Track,

Coaching and Club & Membership. Safety Advisor as appointed by the Risk Management Committee and skaters' representative as identified by the High Performance Committee Long Track.

The selection of members to the Risk Management Committee in subsequent years, starting in 2003, be as follows: In odd years High Performance - Long Track, Competition & Rules, Officials, Medical Advisor and skaters' representative Short Track; in even years, High Performance - Short Track, Coaching, Club and Membership, Safety Advisor and skaters' representative Long Track.

### **VII-302** Terms of Reference

The terms of reference for the Risk Management Committee shall be the following without excluding other responsibilities consistent with the mandate and role of the committee:

#### Mandate

The goal of the Risk Management Committee is to promote and facilitate safety in the sport of speed skating through the implementation of a Risk Management Program, including the assessment, education, prevention and management of risk.

#### Membership

The Risk Management Committee is an operations committee. Its membership is comprised of one Operational Member appointed by each of the other SSC operational committees. The medical advisor and the safety advisor are appointed by the Operational Members. Skaters' representatives as identified by the respective High Performance Committees (with an order of preference given to current National Team members, skaters training at the National Training Centre or recently retired skaters). Speciality consultants in areas such as insurance, harassment, and screening are appointed on an ad hoc basis.

Operational Members should have experience at the following minimum levels when appointed by each of the operational committees:

High Performance Long Track – exposure to national level events in a technical capacity;  
High Performance Short Track – exposure to national level events in a technical capacity;  
Coaching Development – as a member of a provincial-level coaching development committee;  
Officials Development – as a member of a provincial-level officials' development committee;  
Competition & Rules – as a member of a provincial-level competition's committee; and  
Club & Membership Development – program and membership development at provincial-level committees

#### Chair

One of the six Operational Members serves as chair. The Chair is elected annually by the members of the committee. There is no limit on the number of consecutive terms, which a chair can serve. The duties of the chair will include:

- establishing the agenda for committee meetings in consultation with national office staff supporting the committee
- chairing committee meetings
- ensure the communications of the committee's decisions and actions to the Director General, Board of Directors, Operational Committees and Provincial Branches.
- soliciting feedback and input from the committee's appointed representatives

- representing the committee to the membership
- representing the committee in operations planning and budgeting
- preparing reports of decisions and progress on annual plan for submission to Board of Directors and Annual General meetings, informing him/herself of the relevant organisation policies
- recommending budget based on annual plan
- ensuring that minutes are recorded and distributed

#### Staff Support

The committee will have the support of the Technical Program Director and/or Club and Membership Coordinator, who will attend their meetings.

#### Authority

The committee will develop programs, guidelines, make recommendations and establish rules in the areas of risk assessment, education, prevention and management associated with the sport from a participant and administration level.

#### Accountability

The committee is responsible to the Board of Directors for observing the priorities established in the strategic plan, the values guiding SSC operations, and the organisation's policies. In addition, it is responsible to the Board to meet its approved budget.

The committee is responsible to observe any operational policies established by the Board of Directors and to accomplish its annual plan within the approved budget. It is responsible to negotiate any material budget changes with the Director General.

The committee is responsible to the Board for promoting an attitude of Risk Management in accordance with the strategic and long - term plans and for consulting with the general membership on whom its actions may impact.

#### Reporting

The committee will report its progress in written reports to the Board of Directors and the Annual General meetings and at the request of the Director General.

#### Responsibilities

- plan program delivery strategies for all Risk Management Programs
- develop an annual work plan and set priorities
- monitor annual work plans to ensure agreed tasks are completed
- prepare annual budgeting requirements
- produce an annual report of injury statistics
- identify need for organisational policies directly related to Risk Management and recommend updates to existing policies
- monitor and improve safety procedures of the Association
- make recommendations with regard to risk management practices and propose rule changes as appropriate
- communicate an awareness of proper procedures, current practises, improvements and safety regulations to relevant SSC organisational committees
- develop educational resource material in the area of risk management

- maintain an awareness of resources that can assist in understanding potential areas of risk
- liaise with the ISU medical commission

Moved by: Lee McGreish; Seconded by: Brian Bunney

CARRIED

#### SPECIFIC BY-LAW AMENDMENT

1. Resolved (ordinary resolution) that the by-laws of the Speed Skating Canada be amended by deleting Article III Section 17 and replacing it with the following:

#### **Section 17 CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP**

There shall be three categories of membership in the Corporation:

- a) Ordinary Membership shall be open to persons who subscribe to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Corporation. Ordinary members shall be entitled to notice of meeting of members and to vote subject to the provisions of the By-Laws or other Regulations of the Corporation.
- b) Honorary Membership shall be given only to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the welfare of the Corporation and such membership shall be by election by a simple majority at the Annual General Meeting upon recommendation of the Board, with the following provisions:
  - i) the rights, duties and privileges of Honorary Members may be fixed by the resolution naming them to such membership.
- c) Partner Membership shall be given to any person, group, association, or corporation wishing to contribute to the development of Speed Skating and who make application to the Corporation and whose application is accepted by the Board. A Partner Member of the Corporation does not have the right to vote at the Meetings of the Corporation but:
  - i) may be represented at the Meetings of the Corporation by one or more representatives;
  - ii) shall pay an annual fee as prescribed by the Board;
  - iii) shall be entitled to receive all notices and publications of the Corporation.

Moved by: Lee McGreish; Seconded by: Brian Bunney

CARRIED

#### SPECIFIC PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS AMENDMENT

1. Resolved (ordinary resolution) that the procedures and regulations of the Speed Skating Canada be amended by repealing Annex G Item 10 and substituting the following:

#### **Peter Williamson Memorial Trust Fund Bursaries**

The Board of Directors of Speed Skating Canada unanimously endorsed the establishment of a Trust Fund in memory of Peter Williamson.

Peter was very much aware of the importance of a good education. He was of the opinion that sport and education in different forms can be combined; that the two can truly stimulate each other.

The Peter Williamson Memorial Trust Fund Bursaries, established in memory of the late Technical Director of Speed Skating Canada, offers four annual bursaries to deserving skaters. Two bursaries are available for a members of the National Team or Espoir Team in Short Track Speed Skating (given to one male and one female athlete) and two for a member of the National Team or Espoir Team in Long Track Speed Skating (given to one male and one female athlete).

### Selection Criteria

The awards shall be made to an athlete who;

1. Best combines athletic and scholastic achievement
2. Has the ability to communicate well with the coaches and fellow skaters
3. Shows leadership ability and is a positive role model for other athletes.

The selected nominees for the awards will be ranked and the names of the candidates plus an alternative will be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

The amount of the bursaries shall be determined by the Selection Committee based on a set interest rate of 10% earned on the principal amount in the trust fund.

If in the discretion of the Selection Committee, it seems desirable in any year to make more than four awards, the amount of money available may be divided, not necessarily equally between or among qualified candidates.

If in any year, in the judgement of the Selection Committee, there is no candidate of sufficient merit to warrant receipt of the awards, no award need be given in said year and the monies available for bursary will be carried over to the following year and allocated at the discretion of the committee.

Prior to distribution of the bursary monies winners must register as members of Speed Skating Canada and provide proof of enrolment in an educational institute, or the bursary money involved shall be rewarded to the next qualified candidate or candidates.

The Board of Directors of Speed Skating Canada has the right to modify the terms of the award of bursaries if because of changed conditions it becomes necessary to do so. Such modifications shall conform as closely as possible the expressed intention of the donors in establishing the award, namely to honour Peter Williamson and to recognize his contribution to Canadian speed skating by making awards in his name to deserving and promising athletes.

Speed Skating Canada will make a yearly contribution to the Trust Fund of \$2000.00 per year, or portion thereof, until the fund reaches a maximum of \$30,000.00.

### Selection Committee

The Selection Committee will be named by the Board of Directors and will include:  
Mrs. Lori Derraugh, representing the donors

a member of the National or Espoir Coaching Staff in Long Track and Short Track  
a skater representative of the Long Track Team (National or Espoir) or Short Track Team (National or Espoir)  
a representative of the Branches of Speed Skating Canada  
the President of Speed Skating Canada or his/her delegate

The names of the successful candidates will be announced at Speed Skating Canada Annual General Meeting.

## SPECIFIC PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS AMENDMENT

### **Rationale - Annex G Section 10**

Based on the yearly audit statement of the Association the following change were identified:

1. The Procedures and Regulations indicated the establishment of a trust fund for the education of Peter Williamson's children. However, in the history of this award this was never done. Last year, in review with Peter Williamson's children, SSC returned the monies back to Peter Williamson's children at their request. Therefore, on the recommendation of the Auditors this reference to the children's trust fund should be deleted.
2. The number of bursaries awarded was amended to reflect the current reality. Not only are the monies available in a given year split between the two disciplines but also it is further split between a male and female athlete within the disciplines. This method of award was recognised in the January 19-21, 2001 Board or Directors Meeting.
3. Based on the recommendation of the Board, the amount of the bursaries will be based on a fixed interest rate of 10% per year. The current payout based on yearly earned interest income presents a problem, nominations are done in April with the recipients notified shortly after, however, SSC does not know what the fund will yield until the final year end accounting in May.
4. In the event no suitable candidate(s) is selected the P&Rs are not clear what should be done with the interest income available should the Selection Committee chose not to distribute the monies in a given year. The addition of this phrase will allow the Selection Committee to carry over the interest earned until the following year.
5. This revision is to ensure that the distributed monies are used for their intended purpose, the funding of a skater's education.
6. Presently the P&Rs indicate that SSC will make a yearly contribution to the Trust Fund, the amount of this contribution is undefined as originally drafted. It is recommended that the wording be changed such that SSC make a yearly contribution of \$2000/yr, or portion thereof, until the fund reaches a maximum of \$30,000.00.

Motion: To amend espoir to development athletes.

Moved by: Fred Fedemma; Seconded by: Phyllis Loewen

WITHDRAWN

Mr. Cavar mentioned that the biggest change that has to be made in this program is the participation of the branches and the athletes. Problem is not having suitable athletes; the problem is having athletes identify and present themselves to benefit from this bursary and being told by coaches that they have options available to them. Branch participation in this matter is a must.

Motion: To change espoir team to espoir athlete.  
Moved by: Lee McGreish; Seconded by: Daniel Gingras CARRIED

Motion: Amend original motion.  
Moved by: Lee McGreish; Seconded by: Daniel Gingras CARRIED

## SPECIFIC PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS AMENDMENT

1. Resolved (ordinary resolution) that the procedures and regulations of the Speed Skating Canada be amended by repealing Article VII-201 and substituting the following:

### VII-201 Term of Office

Committee members for the Coaching Development Committee, the Competitions Committee, the Club and Membership Development Committee and the Officials Development Committee are named on a biennial basis and those members are confirmed by the appointing regions at the Annual General Meeting.

For 2002, positions shall be named in the following sequence:

#### Two-Year Term:

- 1 member named by the Far West (Yukon, British Columbia)
- 1 member named Ontario
- 1 member named by the Atlantic (New Brunswick, PEI, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland)

#### One-Year Term:

- 1 member named by the West (Northwest Territories, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba)
- 1 member named by Quebec

The selection of members for the Coaching Development Committee, the Competitions Committee, the Club and Membership Development Committee and the Officials Development Committee in subsequent years, starting in 2004, be as follows: In even years Far West, Ontario and Atlantic; in odd years, West and Quebec.

### **Rationale:**

#### Article VII - 201

Presently, the Other Committee members are appointed on a 2-year cycle. It has happened that at the end of their terms none of the members has chosen to return as a committee member. This results in a situation where it requires all 5 incoming members to “get up to speed” with the work of the previous committee. In order to avoid this problem and bring some continuity to the Other Committees it is proposed that a staggered election format be instituted for future years.

Moved by: Lee McGreish; Seconded by: Daniel Gingras CARRIED

**16. SSC Business Items**

Risk Management

Hilary Findlay, Centre for Sport and Law – Managing Director, gave a presentation on risk management. She discussed the issues of managing risks, understanding risks and understanding negligence and liability.

She stressed the importance of having policies and standards to deal with possible risks, and by not having such policies and standards in place an association is condoning the behaviour. She said that sport needs to re-evaluate its attitude towards harassment; that bullying is one of the biggest sources of harassment, and is part of condoning negative behaviour. She emphasised creating realistic standards and not making standards so strict that they cannot be enforced or so slack that the courts may impose a standard upon the association. She stated that the association should have the ability to enforce the standards set.

Ms. Findlay closed saying that negligence relates to your conduct and that liability relates to the consequences of that conduct.

Jeff Polakoff, Risk Management Committee Chair and Andrew Quinn, National Team Short Track athlete also reported on risk management and made PowerPoint presentations. Mr. Polakoff acknowledged the Risk Management Committee and expressed his appreciation for putting the committee together, their efforts and establishing the terms of criteria for the committee. Andrew Quinn felt that it is necessary to look at injuries prospectively and not in a reflecting manner. He will be making a study on long track injuries this year.

**17. Presentation of Annual Work Plans**

Mr. Cavar asked the delegates to review the work plans and report directly to the committees with what they feel is missing from the plans and their comments.

**18. Elections**

Naming of the President of the Elections

Mr. Cavar announced that Jean R. Dupré accepted to act as the President of the Elections and turned the elections over to him.

Naming of the Scrutineer

Mr. Dupré identified Mark Messer and Bill Anderson, as the two scrutineers. Mr. Dupré presented the names of the committee nominations

Nominations and Speeches

Presentation of Nominees

Treasurer

Mr. Dupré informed the delegation that one nomination was received for this position: Jack Nicholson. He requested three times for further nominations from the floor for the position of Treasurer. There were none.

Jack Nicholson was officially declared elected. Mr. Dupré asked whether Mr. Nicholson had any conflicts; he stated that he has no conflicts that he is aware of.

#### Directors at Large for 2 years

Mr. Dupré advised the delegation that three nominations were received for the positions: Linda Lee, Peter Dankers and Lee McGreish

He requested three times for further nominations from the floor for the position of Director. There were none.

Linda Lee, Peter Dankers and Lee McGreish were declared officially elected. Mr. Dupré asked whether any of the re-elected Board members had any conflict of interest – Mr. McGreish stated that he has none, Linda Lee stated that she has none and Phyllis Loewen stated that Peter Dankers has none that she knows of. Mr. Dupré recalled that Mr. Dankers stated two years ago when he was first elected that he had a son that skated.

#### High Performance Long Track Committee

Mr. Dupré reported that Alan Marshall has stepped down because of conflict of interest. The election for this position is open, however, there will also be the election for the position that is coming to term which must be decided first.

Mr. Dupré advised that there were three nominations nomination received for the two positions: Jerry Vopicka (BC), Rod Johnston (SK) and Dennis Duggan

He requested three times for nominations from the floor. There were none. Mr. Dupré requested whether they had any conflict of interest. It was stated that they had none.

#### High Performance Short Track Committee

Mr. Dupré stated that there was one position (for three years) open for election.

Mr. Dupré advised that there was one nominations received for the position: Mike Murray (ON); he requested nominations from the floor: Robert Dubreuil nominated Brian Rahill

Motion: To nominate Brian Rahill for HPSTC.

Moved by: Robert Dubreuil; Seconded by: Marie Claire Rouleau CARRIED

Mr. Dupré requested whether they had any conflict of interest. Mr. Rivet spoke on Mr. Murray's behalf and stated no conflict that he was aware of; Mr. Rahill stated that he had no conflict of interest.

He requested that the provincial/territorial associations send a complete committee list to the National Office by July 1, 2001; the N.O. will then forward the list to all branch associations.

Ballots were distributed to the delegates – the first elections were for the three year term for the High Performance Long Track Committee.

After the ballots were collected, then the ballots were distributed to the delegates for the High Performance Short Track Committee.

The ballots were collected for the HPCST and the ballots were distributed to the delegates for the High Performance Long Track Committee – 2 year position.

Mr. Cavar reconfirmed the roll call of the delegates and this yielded a total of 52 delegate votes. A simple majority was 27 votes and a 2/3 majority was 35 votes.

Election of the Treasurer

Jack Nicholson was declared the Treasurer for a period of two years.

Election of the Board of Directors

Linda Lee, Lee McGreish and Peter Dankers were declared Directors at Large for a term of 2 years.

Election for the High Performance Committees

High Performance Long Track Committee

Mr. Dupré declared Rod Johnston elected as a member of the High Performance Long Track Committee for a period of 3 years.

Mr. Dupré declared Dennis Duggan elected as a member of the High Performance Long Track Committee for a period of 2 years.

High Performance Short Track Committee

Mr. Dupré declared Brian Rahill as a member of the High Performance Short Track Committee for a period of 3 years.

Motion: That the ballots from the election be destroyed.

Moved by: Jean R. Dupré; Seconded by: Mike Rivet CARRIED

Jean Dupré congratulated all the candidates elected and thanked the scrutineers. He then returned control of the meeting to John Cavar.

The Annual General Meeting adjourned for the Gender Equity Luncheon. Phyllis Berck of Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women in Sport and Physical Activity was the moderator for the luncheon.

**19. Starlight Children's Foundation Canada**

Motion: To continue support of Starlight with a \$1.00 per membership donation.

Moved by: Cindy Miller; Seconded by: Brian Bunney WITHDRAWN

Motion: That SSC suspends its support of the Starlight Children's Foundation for a period of one year while SSC investigates Starlight and other organisations - to collect information and present the findings to the membership for its review. A collective agreement by the membership is needed.

Moved by: Cindy Miller; Seconded by: Linda Lee CARRIED

Shirley Lamoureux requested that an individual be assigned to the task of finding a charity. Mike Rivet (ON) volunteered for the position.

**20. AGM Location Options**

Mr. Dupré presented Peter Danker's AGM Location Cost Comparison document was distributed and discussed.

Motion: To strike a committee to evaluate the AGM location.

Moved by: Marie Claire Rouleau; Seconded by: Dennis Duggan CARRIED

It was decided that the committee be established at the President's Breakfast meeting.

**21. World Youth Games of Ice-skating**

There was a brief mention of the World Youth Games of Ice-skating, which is being presented by Skate Canada. Speed Skating Canada has been asked to contribute to the World Youth Games of Ice-skating and will contribute officials to the event in place of dollars.

**22. Announce Site of 2002 AGM**

Norman Waters (SK) announced that Saskatoon would be the site of the 2002 AGM. He presented pamphlets and chocolates to the delegates.

**23. Motion of Thanks**

To the organising committee of Ontario Speed Skating Association, Ian Hennigar and Mike Rivet. Ontario Speed Skating Clubs for their excellent plans for the weekend and their contribution.

To all the local sponsors of Ontario, Toronto Police Association, Pennington Speed Equipment, Bont Skates, Sprintz, John Sands and Associates Printing, KidSports Ontario, Magna, Investment Planning Counsel of Canada, Toronto 2008, Tim Hortons, Olympic Oval and Wyndham Hotels & Resorts.

To all of our sponsors, Sports Canada, United Parcel Services, RW & CO, Usana Labatts, Air Canada, General Mills;

To all of our suppliers, Descente, Bauer, Paris Gloves, CBC/SRC, Adidas Eyewear, Canada Wordmark, Oakly;

To the National Office Staff for their assistance throughout the year and at this AGM, Patricia Brennan, Robert Bolduc, Brian Rahill, Natasha Larabie, Shelley Murdock and Vivianne Slade;

To the Skaters' Representatives for their assistance during the year and at this AGM;

To the staff and committees of the National Training Centres, including the Calgary Olympic Oval for their care and assistance to our skaters;

To the Olympic Oval Organising Committee for their expertise in organising International Competitions;

To the Calgary Olympic Development Association;

To Heritage Canada and Marie Gendron for its continued financial support and advice;

And most importantly, to the skaters and coaches, reason for being, for an above and beyond excellent performance throughout the season;

Thank you to all the delegates for contributing to a great AGM.

Mr. Cavar expressed appreciation to Mr. Dupré, and the National Office staff.

Motion: To adjourn the 114<sup>th</sup> AGM.

Moved by: Margaret Campbell; Seconded by: Marie Claire Rouleau CARRIED

**24. Equipment Draw**

Mike Rivet encouraged the delegates to attend the silent auction, which is being held during the evening reception, the money goes to support Ontario development skaters. He expressed his appreciation for the hard work done on the new SSC website.

**25. Adjournment**

Mr. Cavar adjourned the meeting at 14:35.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ President \_\_\_\_\_

Director General \_\_\_\_\_