

DRAFT -MINUTES
116TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
CHARLOTTETOWN, PEI
JUNE 21, 2003
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Saturday, June 21, 2003 – 8:30AM

1. Call to Order

The President, Brian Bunney, called the meeting to order at 8:45a.m.

2. President's Welcome

The President, Brian Bunney, welcomed the delegates and guests to Charlottetown, SSC's 116th Annual General Meeting (AGM). He spoke briefly about 10 years ago when the last AGM was held in Charlottetown and how the organisation has progressed from there.

Brian Bunney introduced the Board of Directors: Peter Dankers, Director at Large; Lee McGreish, Director at Large; Daniel Gingras, Director at Large; Marie-Claire Rouleau Director at Large and Joyce Jackman Director at Large. Mr. Bunney also acknowledged Nicole Slot the Athlete Director who was unable to attend this year's AGM.

Mr. Bunney introduced the National Office staff: Jean R. Dupré, Director General; Brian Rahill, Executive Director of Operations; Patricia Brennan, Director of Finance and Administration; Emery Holmik, High Performance Director; Neil Sullivan, Sport Development Director; Roch Pilon, Marketing and Communications; Mark Mathies, Athlete and Coach Service Coordinator; Hannah Juneau, Sport Development Coordinator and Mary Graziadei, Administration & Membership Services.

Mr. Bunney introduced the Committee Chairs: Gregg Planert, High Performance Long Track; Tom Overend, High Performance Short Track; Jacques Grégoire, Officials Development Committee; Trudy Steele, Competitions Development Committee; Dave Morisson, Coaching Development Committee; Kathy English, Club & Membership Development Committee and Jeff Polakoff, Risk Management/Safety Committee.

Mr. Bunney introduced the Skaters' Representatives: Jonathan Guilmette, Short Track (Montreal); Philippe Marois, Long Track (Quebec) and Jeremy Wotherspoon, Long Track (Calgary).

Mr. Bunney recognized the guests who were attending parts of the AGM: Micheline and John Sands, special friends and supporters of speed skating; Jock Fleming from Aegon Canada, Alice Humeny, Catherine Humeny and Nanette Coverton from the Olympic Oval Organising Committee; Stacey Crockett, Debby Fisher, Karrie Kreutz and Jacques Thibault from the Olympic Oval.

Mr. Bunney led the delegates in a moment of silence for those friends of Speed Skating that have passed away over the past year, Raymond Laberge, Murray Gardiner, Allen Workman, Ronald E. Graham.

There were a few participants in another room finishing off with the Rules Workshop. Brian Bunney asked for a show of hands to determine whether we had enough voting participants to continue on. We had 24 out of 38 delegates present and were able to continue.

3. Roll Call of the Delegates

The roll call of the delegates will be done later on in the meeting to wait for the other AGM participants to finish up in the Rules Workshop.

4. **Approval of the Agenda**

The following had been added to the Agenda since its distribution.

#14 – Announcement of the Seed Winners

8a – OOOO Presentation

Motion: To approve the AGM agenda as amended.

Moved by: Mike Rivet; Seconded by: Jim Connolly

CARRIED

5. **Approval of 2002 AGM Minutes**

There were no additions or changes to be done to the minutes.

Motion: To approve the minutes as distributed.

Moved by: Joyce Leggatt; Seconded by: Charles McGee

CARRIED

Business Arising From 2002 AGM Minutes
(Branch Recommendations and Actions)

The recommendations that came from the 2002 branch reports were referred to the appropriate committees and they were then asked to address these recommendations at their respective info market booths. If the delegates have any questions please direct them to the appropriate committee to ensure they have been dealt with.

There was one outstanding item that had not been dealt with from the 2002 recommendations and that is the Charity Working Group. A working group was struck in 2002 but have not progressed as of yet. The focus now is to assign a chairman to this committee to spur on the committee. There was a mention as to whether it would be a good idea to have a skater as a member of the working group as it may require some input from the athletes.

The item regarding the new Zylon racing suits was brought up and there was concern expressed regarding the possible enforcement of a rule to wear these suits at the club level. Peter Steele commented on the suits being imposed on SSC members. We don't want to get caught where we have to make club level participants wear one of these suits. If SSC could be proactive to the ISU when you build it into the policy have a plan in mind so that it does not affect the development of the sport.

Jean Dupré responded that it was a similar issue to that with the helmets. The rule for the helmets had been put into place for ISU sanctioned events. We thought that if something happened we could be liable because of the international rule. We would most likely not be asked to follow this rule unless we are skating at international competitions. Jean also mentioned that since there is only one company that currently manufactures these suits he is unsure how other countries will deal with this situation.

Jeff Polakoff, chairman of the Risk Management committee, mentioned that most of what we have to deal with at this point is the process. If we all agree to have international standards that's fine but we also have to determine what our exposure is. The suits differ from the helmets where as the suits seem to be mainly for national team athletes and shouldn't filter down to club level.

Jean mentioned that the topic was discussed at the most recent ISU meeting and it was postponed. It had been established for senior athletes determined by height and weight. It does not apply to all athletes. We want to ensure this does not end up filtering down like the helmet issue.

6. **Reports**

Brian Bunney named off all reports that had been submitted and asked the delegates if there were any questions or concerns.

Mike Rivet wished to recognize the work done by SSC on the Peter Pastorek copyright issue. Brian Bunney briefly explained the issue to the delegates and Jean Dupré updated them on the agreement that had been made; it was determined that there was no copyright infringement and the suit has been dismissed.

The Board of Directors went through the provincial reports at their Board meeting on June 19th and looked over the recommendations. There were 4 received from SSNB that have been referred to the Competitions committee. One was also received from AASSA that has been referred to the Competitions committee as well. The recommendation from NUSSA will be dealt with at this years AGM and one also from SASSA that has been referred to the Competitions committee.

Motion: To accept the reports as distributed.

Moved by: Mike Rivet; Seconded by: Jim Connolly CARRIED

8(a) Olympic Oval Organizing Committee

Alice Humeny of the Olympic Oval Organising Committee made a presentation to the delegates.

3. Brian Bunney performed the roll call of the delegates

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Nunavut	1		0
NWT	2	Charles McGee	2
Yukon	1		0
BC	6	Cindy Miller	3
		Lanyin Osborne	3
Alberta	5	Phyllis Loewen	2
		Wendy Walker	1
		Bill Wotherspoon	2
SK	4	Jim Connolly	2
		Jacalyn Luterbach	2
Manitoba	3	Ryan Gray	1
		Karie Olmstead	1
		Peter Birse	1
Ontario	6	Mike Rivet	3
		Jean Rickaby	1
		Joyce Leggatt	1
		Dennis Duggan	1
Quebec	8	Roger Fradette	3
		Robert Dubreuil	3
		Stephane Bronsard	1
		Christian Gagné	1
NB	4	Kitty Beal	3
		Peter Steele	1
NS	2	Steve Angelidis	1
		Lauchie Mac Lean	1

PEI	2	Glenn Holmes	1
		Alastair Cribb	1
NFLD	1	Carl Sparrow	1
BOD	6	Brian Bunney	1
		Treasurer	0
		Marie Claire Rouleau	1
		Lee McGreish	1
		Peter Dankers	1
		Joyce Jackman	1
		Daniel Gingras	1
		Nicole Slot	0
Skater Reps	4	Jonathan Guilmette	1
		Andrew Lahey	0
		Philippe Marois	1
		Jeremy Wotherspoon	1
Allowable	55	Total Votes	52
2/3 Majority		2/3 Majority	35
Simple Majority		Simple Majority	27

7. **Elections**

Naming of the President of the Elections

Motion: To designate Jean Dupré as president of elections.

Moved by: Joyce Leggatt; Seconded by: Mike Rivet

Carried

The elections have now been turned over to Jean Dupré.

Naming of the Scrutineer,

Motion: To designate Alice Humeny and Catherine Humeny as the two Scrutineers for the elections.

Moved by: Mike Rivet; Seconded by: Cindy Miller

Carried

Mr. Dupré identified Alice Humeny and Catherine Humeny as the two scrutineers.

Positions and Nominations

BOD 2-Year Term (3 Positions) Lee McGreish, Peter Dankers, Joyce Jackman, Dennis Duggan

Treasurer None

HPCLT 2Year Term Dennis Duggan

HPCST 2 Year Term Mike Murray, Bryce Holbech

Jean Dupré asked OSSA to clarify if Dennis Duggan was elected to the board he would not be letting his name stand for the position on the HPLT committee and if he was not elected to the board his intention was to let his name stand for HPLT committee. This was indeed the case.

Directors at Large for 2 years – 3 positions

Mr. Dupré advised the delegation that four nominations were received for the three positions:

Lee McGreish, Peter Dankers, Joyce Jackman and Dennis Duggan

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

The four nominees were present and delivered their nomination speeches.

High Performance Short Track Committee (2 Year term)

Mr. Dupré stated that there was one position (for two years) open for election and that two nominations had been received; Mike Murray and Bryce Holbech.

Mr Dupré requested three times for nominations from the floor, No other nominations were received.

Neither of the two nominees were present.

Mike Rivet spoke on behalf of Mike Murray and Cindy Miller spoke on behalf of Bryce Holbech.

Voting for the Board of Directors positions and the HPST committee position will take place during the break.

BREAK

8. **AEGON Presentation**

Jock Fleming from AEGON Canada made a presentation of SSC financial portfolio to the delegates and answered any questions that arose from the floor.

7cont. **Elections**

The results of the elections for the Board of Directors positions were as follows:

Peter Dankers, Lee McGreish and Joyce Jackman

The results of the election for the position on the HPST committee was as follows:

Bryce Holbech

Motion: To destroy the ballots

Moved by: Joyce Leggatt; Seconded by: Cindy Miller

Carried

High Performance Long Track Committee

Mr. Dupré advised the delegation that there was one position and one nomination, Dennis Duggan.

Mr. Dupré requested three times for nominations from the floor for the HPCLT. There were none.

Dennis Duggan was elected by acclamation to the HPLT committee.

Treasurer

Mr. Dupré advised the delegation that there had not been any nominations for the position of treasurer on the Board of Directors.

Mr. Dupré requested three times for any nominations from the floor for the position of Treasurer. There were none. This position will remain open.

End of elections.

9 **Presentation of Audited Statement**

The audited statement was presented to the delegates by Jean Dupré. He briefly went through the revenues and expenses. Mr. Dupré explained the reasons for operating on a \$300,000 deficit. The Board of Directors plan to spend some time in the near future to look at our current financial goals. Jean Dupré explained that all areas had come in under budget except for the National Office due to the additional staff and the need to purchase additional office equipment.

He then went over the balance sheet. Mike Rivet requested a breakdown of what constitutes the \$200,000 of accounts payable.

Pat Brennan will send him the requested information.

Motion: To accept the statement as presented
Moved by: Mike Rivet; Seconded by: Joyce Leggatt Carried

10. Recommend and Approve Auditors

Motion: That SSC appoints McCay Duff & Company as auditors for the 2003-2004 financial year.
Moved By: Joyce Leggatt; Seconded by: Phyllis Loewen Carried

Ryan Gray, President of Manitoba has made a request to the National Office to ask the Auditors to include Note 9 in the package that they send to SSC.

11. Presentation of the 2003-2004 Budget

Jean Dupré presented and summarised the 2003-2004 budget as approved by the Board of Directors.

Brian Bunney informed the delegates of the intention to move the approval of the budgets ahead in the calendar year so that SSC would have an approved budget prior to the beginning of the fiscal year.

Brian Bunney also wanted to thank all the committees for coming with a reduction of 10% for the budgets for 2003-2004 season.

12. Presentation of Rules

Jacques Grégoire, Chairman of the Officials Development committee gave a brief summary of what transpired during the Rules Workshop. Out of 67 rules that were presented, only one of them was declined. Most of these changes were regarding the marathon which is a new meet that will be included next year. There were also a few changes with regards to the name change for US Speed Skating. Jacques also wished to thank all of the delegates who were involved in the Rules Workshop.

It was suggested that the new helmet rule be explained for all members because it affects everyone at some point.

Jean Dupré gave a quick overview of the new rule and discussed the manufacturer Louis Garneau and the partnership SSC has developed with him to manufacture these helmets at a cost bearable to everybody.

A memo will be drafted and distributed to all Branches with all the pertinent information including price and dates of availability as soon as this information becomes available to the national office.

13. SSC Business Items

SPECIFIC PROCEDURE AND REGULATIONS AMENDMENT

Resolved (ordinary resolution) that the procedures and regulations of Speed Skating Canada be amended by deleting Annex "M" and replacing it with the following:

Annex "M" A.G.M. Hosting Schedule

Year	Location
2004	Calgary
2005	Montreal

2006

T.B.A.

Motion: To approve the change of annex "M" to the above schedule.

Moved by: Lee McGreish; Seconded by: Charles McGee

CARRIED 2/3 Majority

SPECIFIC PROCEDURE AND REGULATIONS AMENDMENT

Resolved (ordinary resolution) that the procedures and regulations of Speed Skating Canada be amended by deleting Article IV-200 and replacing it with the following:

Article IV-200 Authority and Responsibility

The Annual General Meeting provides the ultimate authority of the Association. The AGM is responsible for the policy and direction of the Association.

a. Policy

All matters of a general policy nature at variance with the By-Laws of the Association must be brought before, and voted upon, at the AGM or at a Special Meeting.

b. Fees and Levies

The authority of the AGM is limited to the establishment of such fees or any other type of levy as are stipulated in Articles III-103 and III-203 of these Procedures and Regulations

Motion: To accept the above P&R change

Moved by: Lee McGreish; Seconded by: Dennis Duggan CARRIED Unanimously

SPECIFIC PROCEDURE AND REGULATIONS AMENDMENT

Resolved (ordinary resolution) that the procedures and regulations of Speed Skating Canada be amended Article VII-204 by changing the name of the committee:

Article VII-204 Terms of Reference – Competitions and Rules

Delete:

- Competition and Rules

Replace

- Competitions Development

This change would apply to all circumstance where the name Competitions and Rules is used by Speed Skating Canada.

Motion: To accept amendments to P&R's

Moved by: Lee McGreish; Seconded by: Mike Rivet

CARRIED unanimously

SPECIFIC PROCEDURE AND REGULATIONS AMENDMENT

Resolved (ordinary resolution) that the procedures and regulations of Speed Skating Canada be amended Article VII-204 by adding following:

Article VII-204 Terms of Reference – Competitions and Rules

Responsibilities:

- Provide technical support for the Canada Winter Games on behalf of SSC

Motion: To accept amendments to Article VII-204

Moved by: Lee McGreish; Seconded by: Jacalyn Luterbach

CARRIED unanimously

13(a) Committee to review membership representation at AGM

Robert Dubreuil brought up an issue regarding membership representation at the AGM at the 2002 AGM in Saskatoon. We have decided to strike a committee to take a look at the current methods and determine if there is a need for change.

As Lee McGreish is very diligent at looking after the P&R's, he has agreed to be the Board of Directors representative on this committee. The other members that will sit on this committee will be Mike Rivet , Robert Dubreuil and Glenn Holmes.

Brian Bunney went to floor to see if there were any other issues that needed to be discussed under SSC business items.

Phyllis Loewen questioned Club and Membership regarding the Personal Best Program and whether or not this was going to continue. Kathy English responded to her that currently this program was under review and it may be revised.

Jeremy Wotherspoon added a comment about the Peter Williamson Bursary. The only province to have nominated anyone for this bursary this year was Quebec and perhaps some provinces were not aware that this program was available.

Jean Dupré responded that it seems to be difficult to receive any nominations. These awards are for the branches to use and told them they should take more advantage of what's available. He also mentioned that the Awards committee will be revamped for the coming season.

Jim Connolly asked for an update on Meet Maker and the new membership database.

Brian Rahill and Kathy English gave a brief update of where we were at with the new membership database and explained to the delegation the reason behind not having a presentation of the new database at the AGM. The new system is planning to be up and ready for trial mid-August so that everyone can be up and running by registration time for the 2003-2004 season. Brian Rahill spoke about Meet Maker. At this current stage the person responsible for Meet Maker is no longer interested in transferring it to a windows based program. We are currently looking into another meet managing software, we know there are other programs out there now and we have options, we can look at cost and choose the best program for our needs.

14. Announcement of the 2003 Seed Winners

Kathy English, Chairperson of the Club and Membership committee gave an update on the seed program. This year the committee decided to revamp the program and eliminated the region component and now all applications received are eligible. After quickly going through the criteria for the Seed Grant she announced the 4 seed winners for this year.

Barrie Speed Skating Club
 Les Cyclones de Rimouski
 Banff Canmore Speed Skating Club
 Club de Patinage de Vitesse Ste-Hyathinth

Kathy English mentioned that there were 5 application received this year.

Robert Dubreuil from FPVQ wanted to speak for the program and mentioned how Quebec has benefited for 3 grants and wanted to thank SSC for continuing on with this program.

15. Announce Site of 2004 AGM

Phyllis Loewen from AASSA informed the delegation that the 2004 AGM will be held in Alberta in conjunction with the Olympic Oval, the hosting committee and a host club to be determined.

16. Motion of Thanks

To the organising committee of the Charlottetown Speed Skating Club and the PEI Provincial Association for their excellent plans for the weekend and their contribution.

To all the local sponsors, John Sands and Associates Printing,

To all of our sponsors, Sports Canada, Canada Post, Roots, AEGON Canada, General Mills, Timex;

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

To the National Office staff for their assistance throughout the year and at this AGM, Jean Dupré, Brian Rahill, Patricia Brennan, Emery Holmik, Neil Sullivan, Roch Pilon, Mark Mathies, Hannah Juneau, Mary Graziadei and Mariamanda Espinoza;

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;

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

Motion: To express gratitude to all mentioned above

Moved by: Brian Bunney; Seconded by: Phyllis Loewen

CARRIED

Motion: To adjourn the 116th AGM.

Moved by: Joyce Leggatt; Seconded by: Stephane Bronsard

CARRIED

21. Adjournment

Mr. Bunney adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Date _____ President _____

Director General _____