

**SPEED SKATING CANADA
117TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
CANMORE, ALBERTA
JUNE 19, 2004
RADISSON HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER**

Saturday, June 19, 2004 – 8:30AM

1. **Call to Order**

The President, Brian Bunney, call the meeting to order at 8:40 am.

2. **President's Welcome**

The President, Brian Bunney, welcomed the delegates and guest to Canmore, Alberta, SSC's 117th Annual General Meeting (AGM). He spoke briefly about the involvement of the athletes with being so close to Calgary.

Brian Bunney introduced the Board of Directors; Nicole Slot, Athlete Director; Joyce Jackman, Director at Large; Daniel Gingras, Director at Large; Peter Dankers, Director at Large; Lee McGreish, Director at Large; Marie-Claire Rouleau, Director at Large.

Brian Bunney introduced the National Office staff; Jean Dupré, Director General; Patricia Brennan, Director of Finance and Administration; Emery Holmik, High Performance Director; Dawn Currie, Sport Development Director; Roch Pilon, Marketing and Communications; Mark Mathies, Athlete and Coach Services Coordinator; Hannah Juneau, Sport Development Coordinator and Diahanne Thomson; AGM Coordinator.

Brian 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 Morrison, Coaching Development Committee; Kathy English, Club & Membership Development Committee and Jeff Polakoff, Risk Management/Safety Committee.

Brian Bunney introduced the Skater's Representatives; Jonathan Guilmette, Short Track (Montreal); Philippe Marois, Long Track (Quebec) and Jeremy Wotherspoon, Long Track (Calgary); Andrew Lahey, Short Track (Calgary).

Brian 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; coaches, Douglas Duncan, Guy Thibault and Robert Tremblay; Alice Humeny, Nannette Coverton, Jim Kelly, Catherine Humeny and Lynda Murch from the Olympic Oval Organizing Committee; Stacey Crockett, Debby Fisher and Karrie Kreutz from the Olympic Oval; Bill Anderson from US Speed Skating; Albert Holthius, Past-President.

3. **Roll Call of the Delegates**

Brian Bunney read through the delegates and asked for a show of hands. A total of 53 delegates were in attendance. Voting/Proxy cards were handed out.

PROV / TERR	ACT ALL'D	DELEGATE	TOTAL
Nunavut	1	Richard Gagnon	1
NWT	2	David Gilday	2
Yukon	1		0
BC	7	Lanyin Osborne	1
		Ted Houghton	1
		Barb Beck	1
		Diana Coder	1
		Jim Allison	1
		Dan Wiebe	1
		Marg Kriek	1
Alberta	5	Shirley Hons	1
		Catherine Roberts	1
		Joni Greenhough	1
		Greg Taylor	1
		Bill Wotherspoon	1
SK	4	Denise Eberle	1
		Cindy Jackson	1
		Jim Connolly	1
		Margaret L'Arrivee	1
Manitoba	3	Ryan Gray	1
		Lori Johnson	1
		Peggy Poole	1
Ontario	6	Mike Rivet	2
		Dennis Duggan	1
		Jean Rickaby	1
		Joyce Leggatt	1
		Ian Hennigar	1
Quebec	8	Roger Fradette	2
		Robert Dubreuil	2
		Danny Lemay	1
		Annie Dubé	1
		Stéphane Bronsard	1
		Christian Gagné	1
NB	4	Lloyd English	3
		Peter Steele	1
NS	2	Steve Angelidis	2
PEI	2		0
NFLD	1		0
BOARD	6	Brian Bunney	1
		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	1
		Philippe Marois	1
		Jeremy Wotherspoon	1
Allowable	55	Total Votes	52
2/3 Majority		2/3 Majority	35
Simple Majority		Simple Majority	27

4. **Approval of the Agenda**
 Motion to approve the AGM Agenda
 Moved by: Lanyin Osborne; Seconded by Joyce Leggatt CARRIED
5. **In Memory**
 Brian Bunney led the delegates in a moment of silence for those friends of speed skating that have passed away over the past year, Percy Alan Siddall (BC), Bill Dyer (BC), Anne-Marie Ethier Vicent (Québec) and Gilbert Tremblay (Quebec).
6. **Greetings from US Speed Skating – Bill Anderson**
 Mr. Anderson extended his greetings for USSS. He thanked Joyce Leggatt for her work with the US over the past year.
7. **Approval of 2003 AGM Minutes**
 There were no additions of changes to be done to the minutes.

 Motion: To approve the minutes as distributed.
 Moved by Jim Connolly; Seconded by Mike Rivet CARRIED
8. **Reports**
 Brian Bunney named off all reports that had been submitted and asked the delegates if there were any questions or concerns. There were none.

 Motion: to accept the reports as distributed.
 Moved by: Jim Connolly, Seconded by Mike Rivet CARRIED
9. **Elections**
 Naming of the President of the Elections

 Motion: To designate Jean Dupré as president of elections.
 Moved by: Robert Dubreuil; Seconded by: Lanyin Osborne CARRIED

 Naming of the Scrutineers.

 Motion: To designate Alice Humeny and Catherine Humeny as the two Scrutineers for the elections.
 Moved by: Jeremy Wotherspoon; Seconded by Ryan Gray CARRIED
- Positions and Nominations**
- | <u>Position</u> | <u>Incumbent</u> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Board – President – 2 year term | Brian Bunney |
| BOD – 2 year term (2 positions) | Marie-Claire Rouleau, Daniel Gingras |
| HPCLT – 3 year term | Rod Johnston |
| HPCST – 3 year term | Isabelle Charest |
- President for 2 years**
 Jean Dupré advised the delegation that Brian Bunney is the only one nominated for this position. He requested three times for further nominations from the floor for the position of President, there were none.
 Brian Bunney was re-elected by acclimation.
- Director at Large for 2 years – 2 positions**
 Jean Dupré advised that Marie-Claire Rouleau would be standing for re-election but Daniel Gingras would not be seeking re-election. Jean Dupré stated that one additional nomination had been received; Jim Connolly.

He requested three times for further nominations from the floor for the position of Director.
Marie-Claire Rouleau was re-elected by acclamation.
Jim Connolly was elected by acclamation as Director at Large.

High Performance Long Track Committee – 1 position

Jean Dupré requested nominations from the floor for the position of High Performance Long Track Committee. Two nominations were brought forward; Rod Johnston and Susan Auch. Jean Dupré requested three times for any other nominations from the floor for the position of High Performance Long Track Committee. No other nominations were received

Rod Johnston spoke on his own behalf and Jeff Polakoff spoke on behalf of Susan Auch.

While votes were being tallied, Brian Bunney asked that all observers in the room introduce themselves.

Voting Results

The results of the election for the position on the HPLT committee is as follows:
Susan Auch

Motion: To destroy the ballots.

Moved by: Mike Rivet; Seconded by: Philippe Marois

High Performance Short Track Committee – 1 position

Jean Dupré advised the delegation that there was one position and one nomination; Isabelle Charest.

Jean Dupré requested three times for nominations from the floor for the position of High Performance Short Track Committee. No other nominations were received.

Isabelle Charest was re-elected by acclamation.

Athlete Director

Jean Dupré advised the delegation that Nicole Slot had been re-elected for a 2 year term to the position of Athlete Director in an election held amongst the National Team athletes.

End of elections.

10. **Presentation of Audited 2003-2004 Financial Statement**

The audited statement was presented to the delegates by Jean Dupré. He reviewed the revenues and expenses.

Motion: To accept the statement as presented.

Moved by: Andrew Lahey; Seconded by: Ted Houghton CARRIED

11. **Recommend and Approve Auditors**

Motion: That SSC appoints McCay Duff & Company as auditors for the 2004-2005 financial year.

Moved by: Joyce Leggatt, Seconded by: Diana Coder CARRIED

12. **Presentation of 2004-2005 Budget**

Jean Dupré reviewed highlights and summarized the 2004-2005 budget as approved by the Board of Directors.

He indicated that there is an increase of expenses due to the emphasis being placed on preparation leading to the 2010 Olympics. He also mentioned that the revenue from the Roots contract over the next 7 years is included in the projections.

13. **Presentation of Rules**
 Jacques Grégoire, chairman of the Officials Development Committee gave a brief summary of what transpired during the Rules Workshop. There were 14 rules this year, 12 Canadian and 2 US, none were declined. Jacques also wished to thank all of the delegates who were involved in the Rules Workshop.
14. **AEGON Presentation**
 Jock Fleming of AEGON gave a presentation including a brief outline of AEGON and their capabilities.
15. **SSC Business Items**

a) **P & R Changes**

i) SPECIFIC BY-LAW AMENDMENT

Resolved (Ordinary resolution) that the by-laws of the Speed Skating Canada be amended by deleting Article IV Section 23 and replacing it with the following:

Section 23 VOTING DELEGATES

- a) Each Branch Member shall be entitled to appoint voting delegates to all Annual or Special Meetings of the Corporation on the following basis:

Members	Delegates
1 – 100	one (1)
101 – 200	two (2)
201 – 500	three (3)
501 – 1000	four (4)
1001 – 1500	five (5)
1501 – 2000	six (6)
2001 – 3000	seven (7)
3001 – 4000 +	eight (8)

Motion: To approve the changes to Article IV Section 23.

Moved by: Ted Houghton, Seconded by: Ryan Gray

DEFEATED

Robert Dubreuil expressed concern about these changes.

ii) SPECIFIC PROCEDURE AND REGULATIONS AMENDMENT

Resolve (ordinary resolution) that the procedures and regulations at Speed Skating Canada be amended by amending Article III-200 and replacing Article III-201 with the following:

Article III-200 – Delete Clause (a) and (b) replacing with:

III-200 Forms of Ordinary Membership

- a) Competitive 1 skater: An individual who complies with Article III-201(a) and completes in meets sanctioned by SSC. This category of skater is eligible to hold a Canadian or North American record. A skater may only register as a Competitive 1 skater in one province per season. A skater wishing to change his/her province of registration to another province must first obtain written permission from his/her branch association.
- b) Competitive 2 skater: An individual who complies with Article III-201 (b) and competes in Branch Sanctioned meets and in meets sanctioned by SSC except for all national ranking competitions (including Senior and Junior Team Trials Long Track and Short Track), National Age Class Championships, North American Championship and Canada Winter Games. This category of skater is NOT eligible to hold a Canadian or North American record.

Motion: To accept the changes to Article III-200 as presented.

Moved by: Kathy English and dully seconded. CARRIED AS AMENDED

Motion: To amend the motion changing the last sentence of Article III-200, clause a) to read “A skater wishing to change his/her province of registration to another province in the same season, must first obtain written permission from his/her Branch Association.

Moved by: David Gilday; Seconded by Catherine Roberts CARRIED

Article III-201 – Delete clause replace with:

III-201 Eligibility

- a) Competitive 1 skater; must be a member in good standing and either a Canadian citizen or landed Immigrant
- b) Competitive 2 skater; must be a member in good standing and either Canadian citizen, landed immigrant or non-Canadian resident.

Motion: To accept the changes to Article III-201 as presented.

Moved by: Ted Houghton, Seconded by Ryan Gray DEFEATED

NOTE: At this point the President erred by not stating that because the motions are linked, i.e. Article III-200 refers to Article III-201 and are being presented as a package or “paper”, by not accepting one motion (one paragraph) the membership by extension has rejected the entire package or “paper”. This is as per Robert’s Rules of Order §28. Consideration by Paragraph or Seriatim. Therefore, Articles III-200 and III-201 remain unchanged from the 2003-2004 version.

iii) PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION III – Membership Lists, RULE 204

Change the words “skating session” to “skating season” to keep the wording consistent with other sections of the Procedures and Regulations.

Motion: To pass word change.

Moved by: Lanyin Osborne; Seconded by: Shirley Hons CARRIED

iv) PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION III – Registration deadline, RULE 205

All skaters and associate members must be registered with SSC by March 15th of each skating season. The registration expires on June 20th of each year.

This motion was withdrawn.

v) SPECIFIC PROCEDURE AND REGULATIONS AMENDMENT

Resolve (ordinary resolution) that the procedures and regulations of Speed Skating Canada be amended by replacing Articles VII-100 and VII-101 with the following:

VII-100 Committee Composition – Long Track

The Long Track High Performance Committee be composed of four coach representatives (one for National Training Centre – Ste Foy; one for National Training Centre – Calgary, Sprint; one for National Training Centre – Calgary, All Round; National Junior Coordinator); one current National or Development Team skater from each National Training Centre; and 3 members at large elected by the delegates at the Annual General Meeting. In the event that a coach or athlete representative is not available to attend a scheduled meeting they may nominate a substitute from their respective National Training Centre. The HOPC can invite other coaches or athletes to attend a scheduled meeting however these persons have not voting rights on the committee.

Motion: To accept changes to committee composition in Long Track.

Moved by: Nicole Slot; Seconded by Mike Rivet CARRIED

VII-101 Committee Composition – Short Track

The Short Track High Performance Committee be composed of three coach representatives (one for National Training Centre – Montreal; one for National Training Centre – Calgary; National Junior Coordinator); one current National or Development Team skater from each National Training Centre; and 3 members at large elected by the delegates at the Annual General Meeting. In the event that a coach or athlete representative is not available to attend a scheduled meeting they may nominate a substitute from their respective National Training Centre. The HPC can invite other coaches or athletes to attend a scheduled meeting however these persons have not voting rights on the committee.

Motion: To accept changes to committee composition in Short Track

Moved by Dennis Duggan; Seconded by Mike Rivet CARRIED

vi) SPECIFIC PROCEDURE AND REGULATIONS AMENDMENT

Resolve (ordinary resolution) that the procedures and regulations of Speed Skating Canada be amended Annex "I" deleting and replacing the following:

Annex I – Schedule of SSC Fees

	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>
Membership Registration Fees		
Competition 1	\$12	\$20
Competition 2	\$12	\$20
Recreational	\$ 3	\$ 5
Associate	\$ 5	\$10
Special Event	\$ 0	\$ 3
Lifetime	\$150	\$200
Sanction Fees		
World Cup	\$125	\$250
World Championship	\$125	\$500

Motion: To accept new fees.

Moved by: Joyce Leggatt; Seconded by: Lori Johnson CARRIED AS AMENDED

Motion: Moved to implement new fees in the 2005-2006 season.

Moved by: Bill Wotherspoon; Seconded by: Marg Kriek CARRIED

vii) PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SPEED SKATING CANADA AWARDS SYSTEM – Annex "G"

High Performance

The SSC High Performance Committees (Short and Long Track) will each select a Rising Star athlete in their discipline. This award will recognize the performance of a developing male and female athlete over the past year.

If a skater has had an outstanding performance, the HPCs may recommend that the skater receive the award.

If, in the opinion of the HPCs, there has not been an outstanding performance in the previous year, they may recommend that no award be given in that year.

The award is to be added for presentation at the 2005 AGM.

Motion: To accept recognition of a new award "Rising Star"

Moved by: Mike Rivet; Seconded by: Dennis Duggan CARRIED

viii) PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SPEED SKATING CANADA AWARDS SYSTEM – Annex “G”

Coaching Excellence

The SSC Coaching Development Committee will select “Coaching Excellence” recipients who exemplify commitment to the growth and success of speed skating. The awards will recognize the success of coaches in a number of capacities, ie: long term participation, coaching education, performance.

If, in the opinion of the CDC, there has not been a nominee who meets the criteria, no award will be given that year.

The award is to be added for presentation at the 2005 AGM.

Motion: To accept recognition through “Coaching Excellence” award.

Moved by: Lanyin Osborne; Seconded by: Lori Greenhough

CARRIED

b) Bid Process

Peter Dankers presented the bid process to the delegates as the way to determine the location for the AGM each 3rd year. Mr. Dankers reviewed all rules of the process.

c) New Glove

Robert Dubreuil presented a new kevlar glove that will protect the wrists. He explained the benefits of this new product. More information can be found on the FPVQ website.

d) Helmets

The board will look at the new recommendations from the delegates.

16. Announce site of 2005 AGM

Brian Bunney announced that the 118th SSC AGM will be held in Montreal. Peter Fradette, President of Quebec Branch, spoke about the plans and benefits of having next years AGM in Montreal.

17. Motion of Thanks

To the organizing committee of the Canmore Speed Skating Club and the Alberta Amateur Speed Skating Association for their excellent plans for the weekend and their contribution.

To all the local sponsors and to John Sands and Associated for Printing.

To all of our major sponsors: Sports Canada, Canada Post, Roots, AEGON Canada, General Mills, Timex, Descent.

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

To the National Office staff for their assistance throughout the year and at this AGM; Jean Dupré, Patricia Brennan, Emery Holmik, Dawn Currie, Roch Pilon, Mark Mathies, Hannah Juneau and Diahanne Thomson.

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 Organizing Committee for their expertise in organizing international competitions and to Doug Smith and his committee including the Calgary Oval for the excellent World Cup Short Track.

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: Margaret L'Arrivee

CARRIED

18. **Adjournment**

Motion: To adjourn the 117th AGM.
Moved by: Joyce Leggatt; Seconded by: Jeremy Wotherspoon

CARRIED

Brian Bunney adjourned the meeting at 12:15pm.

Approved: June 18th, 2005



Brian D. Bunney
President



Jean R. Dupré
Director General