

SPEED SKATING CANADA
118th Annual General Meeting
June 18th, 2005
Montreal, QC

1. Call to Order

Brian Bunney called the meeting to order at 8:40am.

2. President's Welcome

Brian Bunney welcomed the delegates and guests to Montreal and Speed Skating Canada's 118th AGM.

Brian Bunney introduced the Board of Directors: Jim Connolly, Marie-Claire Rouleau, Lee McGreish, Peter Dankers, Joyce Jackman, and himself. He explained that Nicole Slot was absent for medical reasons.

Brian Bunney introduced the national office staff: Jean Dupré, Director General; Patricia Brennan, Director of Finance and Administration; Dawn Currie, Sport Development Director; Emery Holmik, High Performance Director; Mark Mathies, High Performance Coordinator; Roch Pilon, Marketing and Communications Services; Hannah Juneau, Sport Development Coordinator; and Susannah Heath-Eves, Administrative and Membership Services Assistant.

Brian Bunney introduced the Committee Chairs: Gregg Planert, High Performance Long Track; Tom Overend, High Performance Short Track; Nancy Goplen, Competition Development; Peter Steele, Coaching Development; Sean Maw, Club and Membership Development; Jeff Polakoff, Risk Management; John Cavar, Awards; and Jacques Grégoire, Officials Development.

Brian Bunney introduced the Skaters Representatives: Andrew Lahey, Jean Francois Monette and Jeremy Wotherspoon.

Brian Bunney introduced the past SSC presidents, Ted Houghton and John Cavar.

Brian Bunney introduced the guests: Bill Anderson, from US Speedskating, Kathy Volkering Carlile and Kate Sparrow, from the City of Richmond, and Marie Gendron, from Sport Canada.

Brian Bunney introduced the observers: Alice Huminy, Catherine Humeny and Lynda Murch, from the Olympic Oval Organizing Committee; and Stacey Crockett, Karrie Kreutz, Mark Greenwald, Kurt Innes and Debbie Fisher, from the Olympic Oval.

3. Roll Call of Delegates

Brian Bunney held a role call for all delegates and asked them to declare any proxies being held. A total of 35 voting delegates were in attendance and 18 proxies were held, for a total of 53 votes.

Roll Call:

PROVINCE/ TERRITORIES	ALLOWABLE VOTES	DELEGATE	VOTES	PROXIES	TOTAL VOTES
Nunavut	2	John Maurice	1	1	2
Northwest Territories	2	Barbara Hall	1	1	2
Yukon	1	Cynthia Onions	1		1
British Columbia	6	Lanyin Osborne	1	2	3
		Ted Houghton	1	2	3
Alberta	5	Phyllis Loewen	1	1	2
		Shirley Hons	1		1
		Bill Wotherspoon	1		1
		Wendy Walker	1		1
Saskatchewan	4	Cindy Jackson	1	1	2
		Sandi Connolly	1		1
		Jacalyn Luterbach	1		1
Manitoba	3	Peggy Poole	1		1
		Brian McConnell	1	1	2
Ontario	6	Bob Miller	1	1	2
		Stephen Arnold	1		1
		Jim Elliott	1		1
		Dennis Duggan	1	1	2
Quebec	8	Roger Fredette	1	2	3
		Robert Dubreuil	1	1	2
		Dany Lemay	1	1	2
		Stéphane Bronsard	1		1
New Brunswick	4	Chantal Brideau	1	1	2
		Mary Beth Widdershoven	1	1	2
Nova Scotia	1	Bernie Crane	1		1
Prince Edward Island	1	No delegates	0		0
Newfoundland	1	Carl Sparrow	1		1
Board Of Directors	6	Brian Bunney	1		1
		Jim Connolly	1		1
		Peter Dankers	1		1
		Joyce Jackman	1		1
		Lee McGreish	1		1
		Marie-Claire Rouleau	1		1
Skaters Representatives	4	Andrew Lahey	1	1	2
		Jean-Francois Monette	1		1
		Jeremy Wotherspoon	1		1
Total of allowable votes	54	Total Votes	35	18	53
2/3 Majority					36
Simple Majority					27

Brian Bunney invited anyone to take a moment to recognize any SSC members who passed away over the course of the year. Guy Daignault, who passed away in 2004, was recognized as a Short Track athlete, a world champion, a coach, a major contributor to speed skating across Canada, and as someone who was looked up to by younger athletes. There was a moment of silence in his honour.

4. Approval of AGM Agenda

Brian Bunney identified the sections under Item 13:

- a) Motions regarding proposed changes to Procedures and Regulations
- b) Update on strategic plan
- c) Fundraising report

Motion: To approve the agenda as distributed.

Moved by: Lanyin Osborne; Seconded by Jacques Grégoire.

Carried

Bill Anderson thanked Brian Bunney for inviting him to SSC's AGM and wished SSC a successful convention and season on behalf of US Speedskating.

5. Approval of Minutes of 2004 AGM

Motion: to approve the 2004 AGM minutes as distributed.

Moved by: Ted Houghton; Seconded by Andrew Lahey.

A correction was made on Page 3, in Item #9, by Tom Overend. The High Performance Long Track and Short Track Committee Chair positions are 3-year terms, and not 2-year terms.

A note was added on Page 6, in Item #15.ii, regarding the failed link between Articles III-200 and III-201. There were no objections to the note being added after the 2004 AGM.

A correction was made on Page 8, in Item #15.vi, by Peter Dankers, regarding the motion "to accept new fees." The motion should read "carried as amended."

A correction was made on Page 8, in Item #15.vii, by Stephen Arnold. The motion was seconded by Dennis Duggan, not by Dennis Duncan.

Motion: to approve the 2004 AGM minutes as amended.

Carried

6. Reports

Brian Bunney read through the headings of the reports in the AGM binder and allowed for anyone to discuss any issues relating to them:

President's report: no discussion

Director General's report: no discussion

High Performance Director's report: no discussion

Sport Development Director's Report: no discussion

Risk Management Committee Report: no discussion

Club and Membership Development Committee Report: no discussion

Officials Development Committee Report: no discussion

High Performance Committee Short Track Report: no discussion

High Performance Committee Long Track Report: Gregg Planert noted that Kristina Groves won a bronze in the individual distances at the World Single Distances.

Coaching Development Committee Reports: no discussion

Competitions Development Committee Report: no discussion

Short Track National Training Centre Calgary Report: no discussion

Short Track National Training Centre Montreal Report: no discussion

Short Track National Team Coach Report: no discussion

Long Track National Team Sprint Calgary Report: no discussion

Long Track National Report Middle Distance Calgary Report: no discussion
Long Track National Team All-Round Calgary Report: no discussion
Long Track National Training Centre Ste-Foy Report: no discussion
Long Track National Team Ste-Foy Report: no discussion
Long Track National Junior Program Report: no discussion
Sport Canada Report: Marie Gendron thanked SSC for inviting her to the AGM and Sport Canada is very happy to be a financial partner of SSC. She wished the athletes the best of luck in the next Olympic Games... good luck to athletes at next Olympics, and gave thanks.
Provincial/Territorial Reports: no discussion
Olympic Oval Organizing Committee Report: no discussion

Motion: to receive the reports as distributed.

Moved by Robert Dubreuil; Seconded by John Maurice

Carried

7. Elections

Motion: To designate Jean Dupré as the president of elections.

Moved by Phyllis Loewen; Seconded by Stéphane Bronsard

Carried

The nomination for Lee McGreish for director at large on the Board of Directors was distributed to the delegates just prior to the AGM.

Director at Large for 2 years: 3 positions

Jean Dupré noted that there were three Director at Large positions open on the Board of Directors. Peter Dankers, Joyce Jackman and Lee McGreish stood for re-election. Jean requested three times that all nominations to be brought forth from the floor. No further nominations were made.

Jean Dupré declared Peter Dankers, Joyce Jackman and Lee McGreish re-elected by acclamation.

Peter Dankers declared a conflict of interest with the national team.

Joyce Jackman and Lee McGreish each declared no conflicts of interest.

Treasurer for 2 years – 1 position

Jean Dupré advised that Michel Daignault was the only candidate for the treasurer position. Jean requested three times for all nominations to be brought forth from the floor. No further nominations were made.

Jean Dupré declared Michel Daignault elected by acclamation as treasurer.

Michel Daignault declared a conflict of interest with the training centre in Montreal. He is the treasurer of the training centre and his brother is the director of equipment.

Jean welcomed Michel Daignault onto the Board of Directors.

High Performance Long Track and Short Track Committee Chairs – 1 position each

Jean Dupré advised that the only candidates were Gregg Planert for the High Performance Long Track Committee and Tom Overend for the High Performance Short Track Committee. Jean Dupré asked three times for any nominations for these two positions to be brought forth. No further nominations were made.

Jean Dupré declared Gregg Planert elected by acclamation as the Chair of the High Performance Long Track Committee and Tom Overend elected by acclamation as the Chair of the High Performance Short Track Committee.

Gregg Planert and Tom Overend declared no conflicts of interest.

Jean Dupré and Brian Bunney congratulated the newly elected and re-elected members.

8. AEGON Presentation

Brian Bunney introduced Jock Fleming, Aegon Canada's representative, who manages the General Fund investments. He gave a brief presentation on how the fund is run and where he sees it going. He described the nature of the current market and how it affects SSC's funds.

9. Present Audited 2004 – 2005 Financial Statement

Jean Dupré presented the audited financial statement.

**Motion: To received the 2004 - 2005 financial statement.
Moved by Ted Houghton; Seconded by Dennis Duggan**

Carried

10. Recommend and Approve Auditors

Motion: To appoint McKay Duff & Company as auditors for the 2005 – 2006 financial year.

Moved by Sandi Connolly; Seconded by Lanyin Osborne

Carried

11. Present 2005 – 2006 Budget

Jean Dupré presented the 2005 – 2006 budget, covering the highlights, revenues and expenses, income statement and balance sheet, to illustrate SSC's financial standing.

Motion: To receive the 2005- 2006 budget.

Moved by Lanyin Osborne; Seconded by: John Maurice

Carried

12. Presentation of Rules

Jacques Grégoire thanked the delegates who were at the rule change workshop. There were 27 requests for rule changes. 9 of the requests were withdrawn, 2 were defeated and 16 were carried. Jacques highlighted the biggest changes that were made.

13. SSC Business Items

a) Motions regarding proposed changes to Procedures and Regulations

Articles III-200

The resolution relating to Article III-200 was then taken up. After amendment and further debate, the resolution was adopted as follows:

Resolved (ordinary resolution) that the procedures and regulations of Speed Skating Canada be amended by amending Article III-200:

Articles III-200 – Delete clauses (a) and (b)

III-200 Forms of Ordinary Membership

- a. Competitive 1 skater: Competitive 1 skater: A member who competes 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: A member who 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 Championships and Canada Winter Games. This

category of skater is NOT eligible to hold a Canadian or North American record.

Articles III-200 – Replace with

III-200 Forms of Ordinary Membership

- a. Competitive Skater - A member who competes in sanctioned meets in Canada. This type of skater is eligible to hold Canadian and North American records. Foreign skaters that are members of other ISU members can compete in any open meet in Canada, but they cannot hold Canadian or North American records. A Competitive Skater may only register as such, with one Branch at a time. A Competitive Skater who wishes to change the Branch with which they are registered must first notify the Branch from which they are departing.

Moved by: Lee McGreish; Seconded by: Joyce Jackman Carried as Amended

Article III-201

The resolution relating to Article III-201 was then taken up. After amendment and further debate, the resolution was adopted as follows:

Resolved (ordinary resolution) that the procedures and regulations of Speed Skating Canada be amended by deleting Articles III-201 and replacing it with the following

Articles III-201 – Delete

III-201 Citizenship

Individuals must be Canadian citizens or have resided in Canada for six (6) consecutive months prior to applying for SSC membership.

Articles III-201 – Replace

III-201 Eligibility

To be a competitive skating member of Speed Skating Canada individuals must be Canadian citizens or Landed Immigrants.

Moved by: Lee McGreish; Seconded by: Wendy Walker Carried as Amended

Article VII-201

The resolution relating to Article VII-201 was then taken up and after consideration the resolution was adopted as follows:

Resolved (ordinary resolution) that the procedures and regulations of Speed Skating Canada be amended by removing the following from Article VII-201:

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 by Central (Ontario & Nunavut)
- 1 member named by the Atlantic (NB, PEI, NS, NFL)

One Year Term:

- 1 member named by the West (NWT, AB, SK, MB)
- 1 member named by Quebec

Moved by: Lee McGreish; Seconded by: Nancy Goplen Carried

Annex G:

Resolved (ordinary resolution) that the procedures and regulations of Speed Skating Canada be amended by moving the Annex G (Speed Skating Canada Awards System) to the Committee Operating and Procedures Guidelines section.

Moved by: Lee McGreish; Seconded by: Wendy Walker

Carried

Annex H:

Resolved (ordinary resolution) that the procedures and regulations of Speed Skating Canada be amended to include new marketing operational guidelines (attached) to be added to current Annex "H" and that Annex "H" be renamed "SSC Marketing Operational Guidelines".

Moved by: Jean Dupré

Withdrawn

b) Update on Strategic Plan

Jean updated the delegates on the Strategic Plan and reviewed the Critical Areas of Improvement.

Jean thanked City of Richmond.

Robert Dubreuil suggested that SSC creates product to sell. Jean announced that Roch Pilon is developing a 16-month calendar that will be distributed in September. It will be available to all branches, making one available to each member. There will also be 4000 additional calendars to sell for profit.

Robert Dubreuil congratulated Jean on his new position on the Canadian Olympic Committee.

c) Fundraising report

Jean Dupré presented the University of Ottawa's students' Masters Thesis Project. The Board of Directors will consider the recommendations from the report, with the 2010 Games in mind, and present their strategies for implementation at the 2006 AGM.

14. Announce site of 2006 AGM

Brian Bunney explained that one bid was received for the 2006 AGM and the Board of Directors declined it after much review and investigation. According to the Procedures and Regulations the AGM will default to Ottawa. It will take place from June 16th – 18th, 2006.

Brian Bunney announced that an error was made at the gala award presentations. The Doreen Ryan Shield should have been presented to Alberta instead of Manitoba.

Karrie Kreutz thanked SSC and FPVQ for inviting the Calgary Oval to the AGM.

15. Motion of Thanks

Brian Bunney proposed a motion of thanks to the following individuals and organizations:

To the AGM organizing committee and the FPVQ, for their excellent plans for the weekend and their contribution to this AGM;

to all the local sponsors and to Johnny Sands and Associate Printing, who provided most of the printing for the AGM;

to all of SSC's sponsors: Sport Canada, Canada Post, Roots, Bell Canada and General Mills;

to all of SSC's suppliers: Descente, Paris Gloves, CBC, SRC, Adidas Eyewear, Usana and Timex;

to the national office staff for their assistance throughout the year, and especially at this AGM: Jean Dupré, Patricia Brennan, Emery Holmik, Dawn Currie, Roch Pilon, Mark Mathies, Hannah Juneau and Susannah Heath-Eves;

to the skaters' representatives, for their assistance during the year and at this AGM;

to the staff and committees at the national training centres, for their care and assistance to our skaters;

to the Olympic Oval Organizing Committee, for their expertise in organizing international competitions;

to the Short Track World Cup Organizing Committee of the FPVQ, for hosting the most successful World Cup last year;

to the Board of Directors, for their contributions to this AGM and the many hours they contribute throughout the year;

to the committee chairs, for their contribution throughout the year;

to the Calgary Olympic Development Association and the Canadian Olympic Committee;

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

most importantly, to the skaters and coaches, SSC's reason for being, for an excellent performance throughout the season;

and lastly, to the delegates, for their contributions at this AGM.

**Motion: To express gratitude to the above mentioned individuals and organizations.
Moved by: Lanyin Osborne; Seconded by: Jean François Monette Carried**

Brian wished the skaters the best of luck, and to all SSC athletes and AGM attendees, the best of luck in their pursuit of excellence.

Jean Dupre thanked the FPVQ for hosting the 118th AGM and presented them with a gift.

16. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the 118th AGM. Carried
The AGM was adjourned at 12:25pm.

Approved: June 17th, 2006



Brian D. Bunney
President



Jean R. Dupré
Director General