

**Speed Skating Canada
128th Annual General Meeting
Hilton Airport Hotel, Winnipeg, Manitoba
Saturday June 20th, 2015
Draft Minutes**

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In Attendance:

SSC Board of Directors:

Jim Allison (President), Tony Main (Treasurer), Susan Auch (Director), Jim Elliott (Director), Denis Leclerc (Director), David Gilday (Director), Antonio Faiola (Director), Liam MacFarlane (Athlete Director)

SSC Branches:

Nicole Cooney (ASSA), Stephanie Dodyk (ASSA), David McQuaid (BCSSA), Christina Acton (BCSSA), Caroline Slegers-Boyd (MSSA), Malcolm Scott (MSSA), Nicole Moskven (MSSA), Ray Harris (SSNB), Sharon Karn (NLSSA), Stacey Christie (NTASSA), John Maurice (NSSA), Rhoda Ungalaq (NSSA), Patti Pokol (OSSA), Rob Binns (SSPEI), Andre Beaulieu (FPVQ), Robert Dubreuil (FPVQ), Maryse Poudrier (FPVQ), Ron Weiser (FPVQ), Stephane Bronsard (FPVQ), Steven Krueger (SASSA), Sheila McGinn (SSNS), Malcolm Taggart (YSSA).

SSC Committee Chairs:

Ted Houghton (Nominating Committee), Steven Harris (CDC), Derrick MacLeod (CMD), Roger Cole (ODC)

SSC Staff:

Ian Moss (Ottawa), John Wightman (Ottawa), Brian Rahill (Ottawa), Peter Metuzals (Ottawa), Elly Woods (Ottawa), Martin Sanio (Ottawa), Mariamanda Espinoza (Ottawa), Kylie Graham (Ottawa), Hannah Juneau (Ottawa), Mike Marshall (Calgary), Cara Thibault (Calgary), Janice Dawson (Ottawa), Patrick Godbout (Montreal), Todd Landon (Halifax), Dave Morrison (Vancouver).

Guests:

Dawn Currie, Nathalie Smith-MacInnis (OCC) Catherine Humeny (OCC), Maggie Dekking (Olympic Oval – Calgary).

1. Call to order

The President, Jim Allison, called the meeting to order at 11:00hrs.

2. Presidents Welcome

Jim Allison welcomed the delegates and guests to the Speed Skating Canada 128th AGM in Winnipeg, and extended thanks to the Manitoba Speed Skating Association (in particular, President Caroline Slegers-Boyd and Executive Director, Nicole Moskven) for their support in hosting this meeting in Manitoba.

Jim introduced himself as the Chair of the Board, and then introduced the SSC Board of Directors: Tony Main, David Gilday, Susan Auch, Denis Leclerc, Jim Elliott, Antonio Faiola, Liam MacFarlane (Athlete Director).

Jim introduced the Committee Chairs: Ted Houghton (Nominating Committee), Steven Harris (Competitions Development Committee), Derrick MacLeod (Club and Membership Development Committee), and Roger Cole (Officials Development Committee).

Ian Moss introduced the National Office Staff: Ian Moss – Chief Executive Officer, John Wightman – Director, Finance and Administration, Mariamanda Espinoza – Finance and Administration Assistant, Kylie Graham – Administrative Assistant, Hannah Juneau – Manager, Special Projects, Brian Rahill – High Performance Director, Janice Dawson – Sport Development Director, Martin Sanio – National Competition Coordinator, Peter Metuzals – Marketing Director, Elly Woods – Marketing Coordinator.

CALGARY OFFICE: Mike Marshall – Regional Development Mentor, Cara Thibault – Manager – Long Track National Team.

MONTREAL OFFICE: Patrick Godbout – Manager, Communications

HALIFAX: Todd Landon – Canadian Sport Centre Atlantic Coach / Regional Development Mentor

RICHMOND: David Morrison – Coach / Regional Development Mentor

Jim Allison introduced special guests: Nathalie Smith-MacInnis – Organizing Committee Calgary, Catherine Humeny – Organizing Committee Calgary, Maggie Dekking – Olympic Oval, Dawn Currie, John Sands (Gagne Award)

Jim Allison requested an adjournment of the AGM, until 12pm, in order for all to attend the press conference regarding the retirement of Cindy Klassen.

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 11:20

MEETING RECONVENED @ 12:00hrs

3. In Memoriam

Antonio Faiola informed the members of the individuals who passed away this year, and requested a moment of silence:

David Macleod (New Brunswick)

Laura Bulmer (New Brunswick)

Mary Anne Doyle (Nova Scotia)

Jari Sokannen (Alberta)

4. Roll call of Delegates

Ian Moss presented the delegates and asked for a show of hands. A total of 21 voting delegates and 32 proxies were held for a total of 53 votes. Voting cards were handed out accordingly. It is confirmed that a quorum is present as 50% of total votes is 27 votes, and 66% of total votes is 35 votes.

Branch	Allowable Votes	Name	Votes	Proxies
Alberta Amateur Speed Skating Association	5	Nicole Cooney (President)	1	2
		Stephanie Dodyk	1	1
British Columbia Speed Skating Association	6	David McQuaid (President)	1	2
		Christina Acton	1	2
Manitoba Speed Skating Association	3	Caroline Slegers-Boyd (President)	1	
		Malcolm Scott	1	
		Nicole Moskven	1	
Speed Skate New Brunswick	4	Ray Harris (President)	1	3
Newfoundland and Labrador Speed Skating Association	2	Sharon Karn (President)	1	1
Northwest Territories Amateur Speed Skating Association	3	Stacey Christie (President)	1	2
Nunavut Speed Skating Association	2	John Maurice (President)	1	
		Rhoda Ungalaq	1	
Ontario Speed Skating Association	7	Patti Pokol (President)	1	6
Speed Skating Prince Edward Island	2	Rob Binns (President)	1	1
Fédération Patinage de Vitesse de Quebec	14	André Beaulieu (President)	1	2
		Robert Dubreuil	1	2
		Maryse Poudrier	1	2
		Ron Weiser	1	1

		Stephane Bronsard	1	2
Saskatchewan Amateur Speed Skating Association	3	Steven Krueger (President)	1	2
Yukon Speed Skating Association	2	Malcolm Taggart	1	1
TOTAL VOTES	53		21	32

5. Approval of the SSC 128th AGM Agenda:

Jim Allison presented the Agenda to the delegates, and asked for any additions. Hearing none, Jim called for a motion to approve the SSC 128th AGM Agenda as presented:

Motion: Rob Binns (SSPEI), and seconded by Patti Pokol (OSSA) CARRIED

6. Approval of the SSC 127th AGM Draft Minutes:

Jim Allison noted the draft minutes of the SSC 127th Annual General Meeting in the materials dropbox. Jim asked for any additions or corrections. Hearing none, Jim called for a motion to accept the SSC 127th AGM draft minutes as presented:

Motion: Steven Kreuger (SASSA), and seconded by Ray Harris (NBSSA) CARRIED

7. Reports

Jim Allison noted that all reports were placed in the dropbox, but he apologized that the report for the Alberta Branch was somehow misplaced – it has since been placed in the dropbox. Jim addressed each of the reports and asked for any questions or comments.

President Report

National Office Report

SSC Committee Reports

HPCST

HPCLT

Competition Development Committee

Officials Development Committee

Coaching Development Committee

Club and Membership Development Committee

Branch Reports

AASSA

BCSSA

MSSA

SSNB

NL and LB

NWTSSA

SSNS
 NSSA
 OSSA
 PEISSA
 FPVQ
 SK
 YK

Organizing Committee Calgary Report

Motion: To accept the reports as distributed.

Moved: Andre Beaulieu (FPVQ) and seconded by Sharon Karn (NLSSA) CARRIED

8. Presentation of Rule Changes

Jim Allison calls upon Steven Harris, Chair of the Competition Development Committee, to inform the members of any rule changes for the 15/16 season. Steven indicates that the only change is to add a Level 3 Competitive Steward to the SSC list of Officials for National Championships. Jim reminded the membership that, under the new bylaws, rule changes can be enacted by the SSC Board, but with the expectation of appropriate communication to the membership – as such, there is not a requirement for a member motion for any rule changes this year.

9. Presentation of the 2014-2015 Audited Financial Statements

The SSC audited financial statement and supporting information was presented to the delegates by Tony Main (Treasurer).

Tony indicated that there have been improvements in SSC's financial outlook this year, but there remains continual challenges to bring in a balanced budget at year end – for 14/15, the deficit is approximately \$35,000 on a budget of \$5.3million. Tony provided the members with a PowerPoint presentation that showed the loss of approximately \$1million in funding for SSC in the 14/15 fiscal year, mainly in the area of high performance programming, and the continual efforts from the staff to bring the association's activities in line with the new fiscal reality. Tony did note that this result was the best financial result for SSC in eight years, but it is not yet where we need it to be.

Motion to receive the 2014-2015 Audited Financial Statement as presented

Moved by Patti Pokol (OSSA) and seconded by John Maurice (NSSA)

CARRIED

10. Recommendation and Approval of Auditors for 2015-2016

Tony requested a motion from the members to approve Collins Barrow as the auditors for Speed Skating Canada for the 2015-16 fiscal year. Tony noted that Collins Barrow has done a good job with the 14/15 audit and the audit fee is substantially less than it was with our previous audit firm.

Motion to appoint Collins Barrow as the auditors for Speed Skating Canada for the 2015-2016 financial year.

Moved by Dave McQuaid (BCSSA), and seconded by Patti Pokol (OSSA)

CARRIED

11. Presentation of the 2015-2016 SSC Budget

Tony Main presented the Board approved 2015/16 SSC Budget to the membership for information. The forecast presents a balanced budget target, but there are a number of challenges within the budget that will need to be resolved; in particular, the need to host an additional ISU Short Track World Cup (with the US reneging on their hosting commitment) and the subsequent television production costs (in the range of \$150,000) will put a strain on the budget. As well, the launch of the new SSC membership database will see some one-time implementation costs that are above and beyond normal operating activities.

Tony informed the membership that the Treasurer reviews the financial statements and budget forecasts with staff monthly, and the Board is provided with a detailed review on a quarterly basis.

12. New Business

a) Jim Allison suggested that it would be desirable to have a face-to-face meeting with the Branch Presidents and the SSC Board in the coming year – subject to funding being available.

b) Speed Skating Canada Foundation development:

Jim Allison noted that the SSC Board has had discussions regarding the development of a Foundation to create a perpetual fund for speed skating development. Jim introduced David Gilday as the Chair of the Foundation and thanked David for taking on this very important task.

David provided a PowerPoint overview of the intent and objectives for the Foundation, noting that the goal is to raise \$1million within a five year period. David provided some insight into the types of initiatives that the Foundation will engage with in order to help raise these funds, and was clear that these funds will be focused on speed skating development at the Branch and club level in particular.

David asked for the members' support with this initiative and informed everyone that further information will be forthcoming once the formality of the Foundation is created and a program strategy developed.

13. Elections

Jim Allison asks for a motion to accept Ted Houghton as the Monitor of the election process, and a motion to nominate election scrutineers.

Motion to accept Ted Houghton as Monitor for the election process
Moved by Dave McQuaid (BCSSA) and seconded by Nicole Cooney (ASSA) CARRIED

Motion to designate Catherine Humeny and Nathalie Smith-MacInnis as Scrutineers for the Election
Moved by John Maurice (NSSA) and seconded by Patti Pokol (OSSA) CARRIED

Ted noted that there needs to be two separate elections this year; one for the Director at Large positions (2) and one for the Treasurer position (1). Ted also informed the membership that there have been three nominations submitted for the three available Board positions, but that nominations from the floor are acceptable under the new Bylaws.

Ted indicated that, if an election is required, that the process and result will be based upon a simple majority of votes (50% +1) – a total of 27 votes is required. If there are three or more candidates running for a position and a candidate wins a simple majority in the first round of voting, then there will not be any further rounds of voting.

Ted then presented the election process for available positions on the SSC Board of Directors:

ELECTION RESULTS:

SSC Board of Directors

Director at Large (2): Two Candidates have submitted their names for consideration:
 Denis Leclerc, Blair Carbert

Ted indicated the opportunity for the two candidates to speak to the membership if they wished. Following their speeches, Ted Houghton twice asked the members for further nominations from the floor, and then made a final request for nominations from the floor. There were no further nominations for the positions of Director at Large.

As a result, **Denis Leclerc** and **Blair Carbert** were acclaimed to the SSC Board of Directors

Treasurer (1): One Candidate has submitted their name for consideration: Tony Main

Tony was provided with an opportunity to speak to the membership. Upon completion, Ted Houghton asked twice for further nominations from the floor, and then made a final request for nominations from the floor. There were no further nominations for the position of Treasurer.

As a result, **Tony Main** was declared to be the SSC Treasurer by acclamation

Ted Houghton declared the elections closed. Ted then asked the acclaimed Directors to declare any conflict of interest;

Denis Leclerc – None

Tony Main – None

Blair Carbert – works with a small speed skating club in Calgary, and sits on a Provincial sport task force

Motion to destroy the election ballots

Motion by Nicole Cooney (ASSA) and seconded by Stacey Christie (NWTSSA) CARRIED

At this time, Jim Allison expressed his gratitude to David Gilday for his leadership, dedication and passion as a Board member for SSC, and looked forward to David's leadership with the SSC Foundation.

14. Recognition

Acknowledgement of Branch Presidents retiring from their posts:

- John Maurice - Nunavut

15. 2016 SSC Annual General Meeting Location

Jim Allison asked for any show of interest from the Branches to host the 2016 SSC Annual General Meeting. Given that there was none, Jim announced that the 2016 SSC Annual General Meeting will be hosted in Ottawa. Further information will be forwarded in due course.

Motion of thanks for the following individuals and organizations:

- Manitoba Speed Skating Association (Caroline Slegers-Boyd and Nicole Moskven)
- Local sponsors, John Sands, John Sands and Associates Inc
- Major Sponsors, INTACT, Usana, Apogee, Samsung, KIA
- Skater representatives
- National Office staff
- Olympic Oval,
- OIOC
- Sport Canada,
- COC
- AGM delegates, skaters, coaches, etc.
- John Maurice, President, Nunavut Speed Skating Association

Motion of thanks to individuals and organizations.

Moved by Stephanie Dodyk (ASSA), and seconded by John Maurice (NSSA)

CARRIED

16. Adjournment

The President adjourned the meeting at 12:10PM