

**Speed Skating Canada
124th Annual General Meeting
Calgary, Alberta
Saturday June 18th, 2011
Westin Calgary**

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1. Call to order

The president, Marie-Claire Rouleau, called the meeting to order at 9h01am.

2. Presidents Welcome

Marie-Claire welcomed the delegates and guests to the Speed Skating Canada 124th AGM in Calgary.

Marie-Claire introduced the Board of Directors: Glenn Holmes, Tony Main, Sean Maw, Susan Auch, Jim Elliott and herself.

Marie-Claire mentions that Michel Daignault is not present at the AGM and chosen to have to leave the BOD.

Marie-Claire introduces the Committee Chairs : Gregg Planert(High Performance Long Track), Tom Overend(High Performance Short Track), Ted Houghton(Officials Development Committee), Nancy Goplen (Competition Development Committee), Peter Steele(Coaching Committee) Kathy Elliott(Club and Membership) Anne Pousette(Safety Committee) and Dennis Duggan(LTPAD Working group)

Marie-Claire introduced the National Office Staff: John-Paul Cody Cox (CEO), Patricia Brennan (Director of Finance)Mark Mathies(Executive Director, Sport), Douglas Duncan(Director, Leadership Education), Mariamanda Espinoza(Financial and Administration assistant), Andréanne Lefebvre(Operations and Officials Coordinator), Kanika Thakar(Manager, Events and Memberships), Emilie Archambault(Manager, Marketing Programs), Hannah Juneau(Manager, Special Projects), Graeme Carbert(Coordinator, Special Projects), Amanda Froese(Long Track Program Coordinator), Sean Ireland(High Performance Program Director), Yves Hamelin(Short Track Program Director, absent) and Jennifer Cottin(Short Track Program Director)

Marie-Claire introduced specials guests: Debbie Fisher (Global Innovations In Sport Ltd), Cecelia Pacanins (AASSA), Stéphane Bronsard (Bureau des événements de patinage de vitesse), Catherine Humany (OCC), Alice Humeny(OCC), Jim Kelly (OCC), Kam Kiland(Calgary Olympic Oval), Ian Dalling(Sport Canada), Donna Fiorenza(US Speed Skating) Dan Fiorenza(US Speedskating).

3. Greetings from US Speed Skating

Dan Fiorenza thanks Speed Skating Canada for the invitations to attend the 124 AGM in Calgary.

4. In Memoriam

Moment of Silence for members who passes away:

Mr Bob Planert (ON)
Randy Tollenaar (BC)

5. Roll call of Delegates

John-Paul announced the delegates and asked for a show of hands. A total of 28 voting delegates, 1 athlete representatives and 23 proxies were held for a total of 52 votes. 50% is 26, 2/3 is 35.

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AB	5	Blair Carbert	1	
		Shawna Pearman	1	
		Nadine Dalheim	1	
		Nadine Cooney	1	
		Gayle Fathoullin	1	
BC	6	Jim Allison	1	2
		Bill Kempers	1	3
YK	1	Laini Klassen	1	
NWT	3	Pamela Dunbar	1	1
		David Gilday	1	
NUN	2	John Maurice	1	
		Don Galloway	1	
SK	3	Shawn MacLennan	1	2
MB	3	Todd Landon	1	
		Paul Daeninck	1	1
ON	8	Stephen Arnold	1	1
		Roger Buxton	1	1
		Patti Pokol	1	1
		Graham Wilkins	1	1
QC	13	André Beaulieu	1	2
		Robert Dubreuil	1	2
		Maryse Poudrier	1	1
		Robert Bourassa	1	1
		Michelle Casoni	1	2
NB	4	Ray Harris	1	2
NS	2	Troy Myers	1	1
PEI	1	Rob Binns	1	
NFL	1	Roger Zilkowsky	1	
LT	1	Philippe Riopel	1	
	Total # of votes		29	23
			52	

6. Approval of the 124 AGM Agenda

Motion to approve the 124th AGM Agenda as amended

Moved by: Ray Harris (SSNB) and seconded by Graham Wilkins (ON), Carried

The following amendments were identified:

To add at 14. a) Youth Olympic

To add at 14. b) Membership fees

7. Approval of 123 AGM Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the 2010 AGM as amended.

Moved by: Stephen Arnold (OSSA) and seconded by Robert Dubreuil (FPVQ), Carried

The following amendments were identified:

Under # 12, clarification as for the annexed, there is no annexed attached to the document

8. Reports

Marie-Claire addresses each of the reports that were distributed in the delegate's package.

President Report

Motion: To approve the proposed report as distributed.

Moved by: Blair Carbert (AASSA) and seconded by Maryse Poudrier (FPVQ), Carried

National Office Report

Motion: A motion of thanks from Marie-Claire for the report and to accept the report as submitted.

Moved: Troy Myers (SSNS) and seconded by Maryse Poudrier (FPVQ), Carried

Committee Reports

Competition Development Committee

Stephen Arnold asks about the accessibility at the Oval in the future. JP responded that there is great movement in the direction of accessibility. Blair Carbert asks if the committee can provide information about the first Canadian West and East and also provide information about the cost breakdown of these two events. Nancy Goplen says that they were very manageable for the host; it was not much a difference. Because it's a high profile event, there is an opportunity for hosting grant. She also mentions that Kelowna did not end in a deficit.

Officials Development Committee

HPCLT

HPCST

Club and Membership

Coaching

Sustainability Report

LTPAD Working Group

Motion: To receive all the reports as distributed

Moved: Rob Binns (SSPEI) and seconded by Patti Pokol (OSSA), Carried

Branch Reports

New Brunswick would like to congratulate Nova Scotia on keeping the Long Track facility.

Commented [AS1]: To confirm the statement

Québec would like to mention that they celebrated their 40th anniversary and says thank you to Speed Skating Canada for being present during their celebration.

Motion: To accept the reports as distributed.

Moved by: Gayle Fathoullin (AASSA) and Seconded by Laini Klassen (SSYK), Carried

Organizing Committee Calgary Report

Motion: To accept the report as distributed.

Moved: Nicole Cooney (AASSA) and seconded by Ray Harris (SSNB) Carried

9. Elections

Susan mentions that there are 3 people on the BOD up for election.

Motion to have John Paul Cody Cox has the Director of Elections

Moved by Robert Dubreuil (FPVQ) and seconded by Todd Landon (MSSA) Carried

Motion to have AB scrutineer (see name)

Moved by John Maurice (NSSA) and seconded by Blair Carbert (AASSA) Carried

Commented [AS2]: Add name of scrutineer

John Paul indicates that each candidate will have a 2 minutes speech each.

Susan draws the order for the BOD speech:

1. Richard Starke
2. David Gilday
3. Michelle Casoni
4. Jim Elliott

Susan also presented the positions that were available:

- 1 Treasurer, Tony Main was elected by acclamation
 - 3 Directors at large, Sean Maw, Tony Main and James Elliott
 - High Performance Short Track – Bryce Holbeck to be replaced
- Marie-Claire asks branched president's to submit nominee's names and resume. The deadline for submitting name is August 15th, 2011.
- High Performance Long Track – Gregg Planert was acclaim
- High Performance Short Track – Tom Overend was acclaim

Motion to destroy the ballots of voting

Moved by Patti Pokol (OSSA) and seconded by Todd Landon (MSSA), Carried

Andre Beaulieu would like to make a suggestion for all candidates running for elections; they should include into their speeches if they have any conflict of interest on being elected on the BOD.

10. Presentation of the 2010-2011 audited Financial Statements

The audited financial statement was presented to the delegates by Tony Main.

Tony mentions that we did lost money. 71 % comes from Government funding; SSC needs to be more independent from government funding. There is not a lot of control on those funding and we want to become self-governing.

Motion to receive the 2010-2011 Audited Financial Statement as presented

Moved by Paul Daeninck (MSSA) and seconded by Bill Kempers (BCSSA) Carried

11. Recommendation and approval of auditors for 2011-2012

Tony says that based on our budget on what we've received in the past and as for this year we are receiving less. Last year we've projected receiving 5.9M in revenues and we've only received 5.1M in government sponsors. The government sponsors are now confirm for the upcoming year (Sport Canada, OTP, Sport Canada Core – HP). Sponsorship has dropped due to economical time, some of our sponsors decided not to renew and also some contract were up to an end date. Bringing in Trojan One, it positively brought back some of our sponsorship like Intact and also new one like Apogee. Tony presented a three years budget that will allow SSC to keep the expenses in line.

Motion to appoints McCay and Duff & Company as auditors for the 2011-2012 financial years.

Moved: Patti Pokol (OSSA) and seconded by Pamela Dunbar (NWTASSA) Carried

12. Presentation of the 2011-2012 Budget

Tony mention this year revenue will be at 5,561,830\$, the expenses will be at 5,850,617\$ for a total deficit of 288,787\$. André Beaulieu inquired why there is no expense on coaching. JP responded that the coaching and LTPAD money goes into another budget line. This committee is not put aside. Robert Dubreuil would like to acknowledge SSC for putting everything on the tables, there is no hidden answer and he feels that SSC is very much trying to do positive steps. At least now we know there is plan and there is leadership on the way. Ray Harris asks how much Trojan One cost. JP mention that Trojan One cost about 200 000\$. The club and membership took a huge drop from their budget, when will this be communicated to branches. JP says that we are hoping to provide this information shortly and rapidly. Blair Carbert thanked the board for providing all budget information beforehand by referring to those spring conference call with all branches. He also mentions that those slides presentation should be distributed within the branches. Stéphane Bronsard mention that it is frustrated to see that the Club and Membership budget is being cut because that's where the grassroots is and that now they have less money to work with. Tony says that the Board shares the same frustration and they are very willing to turn this around but it will take time. Robert mentions that it's more a communication challenge; we hope to see direct sign of partners coming in. Philippe Riopel says that we need to use our medal athletes and get them involved them into more visibility and take advantage of them. Gayle Fathoullin mentions she hopes that there will be a marketing plan in place as for the next Olympic year in terms of promoting our products and merchandise. Tony mentions that the Board has that in consideration and thanks Gayle for her comment.

Motion: To receive the 2011-2012 budgets as presented.

Moved: André Beaulieu (FPVQ) and seconded by Graham Wilkins (OSSA) Carried

13. Presentation of Rule Changes

Summary of primary decisions from P&R session was presented by Ted Houghton

The following changes were made:

1. Safety equipment was changed to provide more details for helmets, eye protection and shin guards.
2. Marathon racing rules were changed to allow for de-classifications and in-race scenarios
3. Record keeping of neo-senior records are no longer being maintained
4. Membership fees are set to increase by \$5 for the 2011-12 seasons

Marie-Claire indicated that the major changes and all other information will be available online within the new 2011-2012 Redbook and also posted on the SSC website

14. SSC Business Items

a) Youth Olympic

Motion that the membership Canada continues to support LTPAD model and declines the participation in the Youth Olympic 2012.

Amendment: "given the current age categories"

Commented [AS3]: Voir Jp's note or MC

Moved by David Gilday (NWTASSA) and seconded by Robert Dubreuil (FPVQ), Carried

b) Membership fees

The proposal is not for this year but for the 2012-2013 seasons. SSC is looking at a 5\$ membership increase. Tony says that we need to engage the branches and we need other way of engaging revenue and that's why this increase must past. André Beaulieu would like to see a working group about the fees structure or be warned about those changes beforehand. Pamela Dunbar would like to know if Branches President can be told at this point that it will not happen every year. JP mentions that we might look at the cost of leaving side when it will come to plan the increase as for the memberships. Jim Allison mentions that it is very much positive to see transparency within the Speed Skating Canada Association.

Motion to accept the new membership's fees that will be implemented in 2012-2013 with the condition of creating a working group that will regroup some Branches President.

Moved by: Jim Allison (BCSSA) and Seconded by Robert Dubreuil (FPVQ) Carried

15. By Law / P&R Changes

Ted Houghton thanked Andréanne Lefebvre, Graeme Carbert and also Nancy Goplen, Sharon and Sean Maw for attending the P&R workshop.

Motion to receive and adopt the report from the 2011 Procedures and Regulations Workshop.

Moved by Todd Landon (MBSSA) and seconded by Pam Dunbar (NWTASSA) Carried

16. Recognition

Acknowledgement of Branch presidents stepping down from their presidency:

Terri Dixon
Gilles Dufour

Committee Members and Chairs moving on to other challenges:

Peggy Poole
Laurie Murchison
Kathy Gregg

Directors who are retiring from the Board:

Sean Maw
Kim Weger
Michel Daignault

17. Announcement

Marie-Claire announced the future sites of the Annual General Meeting:

2012 AGM – Montreal June 28-29-30

2013 AGM – Ottawa June 21-22-23

Motion of thanks for the following individuals and organizations

- Local sponsor, John Sands, John Sands and Associate Inc
- Major Sponsors, Intact, Bell, Timex, Descente, USANA,
- New Sponsor, Apogee
- Trojan One
- Skater rep, Philippe Riopel, and fellow skaters
- National Office staff
- Olympic Oval, Sport Canada, all AGM delegates, skaters, coaches, etc.
- AASSA

18. Adjournment

Marie-Claire Rouleau adjourned the meeting at 12h02PM

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