

DRAFT -MINUTES
115TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN
JUNE 22, 2002
DELTA BESSBOROUGH HOTEL

Saturday, June 22, 2002 – 9:00

1. Call to Order

The President, John Cavar, called the meeting to order at 9:20

2. President's Welcome

The President, John Cavar, welcomed the delegates and guests to Saskatoon, SSC's 115th Annual General Meeting (AGM). He spoke about Saskatoon Lions SSC 60th Anniversary. He acknowledged that it had been a very busy year as well as a busy week, in fact many people were still working upstairs completing the rules workshop from the previous day. He also mentioned that it had been a sad year with the loss of colleagues and friends such as Ben Scholten, Dave Thompson, Fin Johnson. He asked for a moment of silence for our departed friends.

As mentioned above, many delegates were in another workshop trying to finish up and Mr. John Cavar noted that we would carry on with the program until the rest of the delegates arrive.

John Cavar introduced the Board of Directors: Brian Bunney, Director at Large; Peter Dankers, Director at Large; Lee McGreish, Director at Large; Daniel Gingras, Director at Large and Nicole Slot, Athlete Director.

Mr. Cavar introduced the National Office staff: Jean R. Dupré, Director General; Patricia Brennan, Office and Finance Administrator; Brian Rahill; Executive Director of Operations, Roch Pilon; Marketing and Communications Dept., Natasha Danschinko; Technical Program Coordinator and Mary Graziadei; Reception and Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Cavar 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.

The President introduced the National Coaches who were present: Robert Tremblay, National Team Coach Long Track (Québec); Sean Ireland, National Team Coach Long Track Sprint (Calgary); Guy Thibault, National Team Coach Short Track (Montreal); Xuili Wang, National Team Coach Long Track (Calgary); Neil Marshall, Martin Gagné, Chris Shelley and Gregor Jelonek.

Mr. Cavar welcomed and introduced the athletes that were attending the meeting: Alanna Kraus, Jonathan Guilmette, Jeremy Wotherspoon, Kristina Groves, Mark Wild, Philippe Marois, Mathieu Turcotte, Amelie Goulet Nadon, Susan Auch and Catriona Le May Doan to be arriving later.

Mr. Cavar introduced the Skaters' Representatives: Mark Wild, Short Track (Calgary); Mathieu Turcotte, Short Track (Montréal); and Philippe Marois, Long Track (Québec). Jeremy Wotherspoon, Long Track (Calgary).

Mr. Cavar recognized the guests who were attending parts of the AGM: Rose Mercier, Maverick Consulting; who was here to help with the strategic planning session. Micheline and John Sands, special friends and supporters of speed skating; William Anderson, North American Chair of the newly amalgamated US Speed Skating.

Mr. Cavar also welcomed the many Branch observers in attendance; from Saskatchewan: Denise Eberle, from British Columbia; Lorna Holbech and Dennis Morrison, from Manitoba; Nicolle Moskven, from Quebec; Annie Dubé. He also welcomed the members of the Host committee from Saskatchewan; Margaret Campbell, Debbie Bauche, Norm Waters, Yves Bergeron, Diane Berg, Doug Morin, Bob Elliot and Mary Ann-Shepel.

The President introduced the members of OOOOC and the Oval in attendance at the AGM; from OOOOC Jim Kelly, Jennifer Aubin, Alice Humeny and Catherine Humeny. From the Oval; Mark Greenwald, Jacques Thibault, Marcel Lacroix, Stacey Crockett, Karrie Kreutz, Jock Wilson and Debbie Fisher.

Mr. Cavar recognized the past presidents who were attending this year's AGM banquet; Clara Overend, John Thorpe, Albert Holthuis, René Marleau, Pat Underhill and William Bowerman.

Mr Cavar recognized the guest speakers for the evening portion of our AGM; Natalie Lambert and Neil Marshall.

3. Roll Call of the Delegates

The President called the roll of delegates to the AGM, noting those delegates holding proxy and also noting those not in attendance at the moment due to the other workshop wrapping up.

Provincial/Territorial delegates:

PROV / TERR	ACT ALL'D	DELEGATE	TOTAL
Nunavut	0		0
NWT	2	Charles McGee - UP	0
Yukon	1	David Knight - UP	0
BC	6	Cindy Miller	2
		Fred Feddema	1
		Bette Roberts	1
		Lanyin Osborne	1
		Darlene Chapman	1
		Sandi Vyse-Lloyd - UP	0
Alberta	5	Phyllis Loewen	1
		Shirley Hons	1
		Wendy Walker	1
		Bill Wotherspoon	1
		Joni Greenhough	1
SK	4	Jim Connolly	1
		Cindy Jackson-UP	0
		Aaron Phoenix	1
		Jacalyn Luterbach	1
Manitoba	3	Peter Birse	0
		Karie Olmstead	1
Ontario	5	Mike Rivet	2
		Jean Rickaby	1
		Ian Hennigar	1
		Joyce Leggatt - UP	0
		Dennis Duggan-UP	0
Quebec	8	Roger Fradette	3
		Robert Dubreuil	3

		Stephane Bronsard-UP	0
NB	4	Lloyd English-UP	0
		Peter Steele	1
NS	0		0
PEI	0		0
NFLD	0		0
BOD	6	John Cavar	1
		Treasurer	0
		Director	0
		Lee McGreish	1
		Peter Dankers	1
		Brian Bunney	1
		Daniel Gingras	1
		Nicole Slot	1
Skater Reps	4	Mathieu Turcotte	0
		Mark Wild	2
		Philippe Marois	2
		Jeremy Wotherspoon	0
Allowable	48	Total Votes	36
2/3 Majority	32	2/3 Majority	24
Simple Majority	25	Simple Majority	19

This yielded a total of 36 out of possible 48 we have a 50% quorum and may continue with the meeting.
A Simple majority is 19 and a 2/3 majority is 24

4. Approval of the Agenda

There were no additions or changes.

Motion: To approve the AGM agenda as distributed.

Moved by: Cindy Miller ; Seconded by: Ian Hennigar CARRIED

5. Greetings from US Speedskating

William Anderson, North American Chair of US Speedskating, addressed the delegates. He spoke regarding the newly amalgamated US Speedskating. They had just completed their first AGM in April. There have been lots of changes including Andy Gable as the new President. Joyce Leggatt guided the process of the North American Committee. He spoke about 2 very successful events thanks to all her hard work.

6. Approval of 2001 AGM Minutes

The following changes were made to the 2001 AGM Minutes (changes in **bold italics**) :

- Page 1 of 26 – Top of Page – June 21-24, **2001**
- Page 4 of 26 – He gave **Fred** Benjamin (US...
- Page 10 of 26 – BCSSA recommendations (?)
- Page 12 of 26 after first paragraph... Referred to **CDC** – and Delete (education to referees)
- Page 24 of 26 2nd last paragraph is to be deleted starting with - (He requested that the provincial.....)

- Page 20 of 26 Top 2 lines should be changed to ***Determining whether or not SSC should be involved in making charitable donations.***

Motion: To approve the Minutes as amended.

Moved by: Jim Connolly ; Seconded by: Joyce Leggatt

CARRIED

Mr Cavar informed the meeting that seeing as though the next item of business was the Business Arising from the 2001 AGM minutes and because we still had members in another workshop we would hold off on moving forward for now.

Mr. Cavar presented his report.

Presidents Report:

Mr. Cavar talked regarding the excellent performances from our athletes throughout the year and especially at the Olympics and World Championships. He would like the athletes and coaches to continue to move forward. Other countries' programs are getting stronger as we saw in SLC. In regards to policy implementation the board has spent the last 6 months working on them. The president mentioned that the new Secretary of State for Sport Canada is Paul DeVillers. There has been a new sport policy adopted this year. Mr. Cavar also briefly discussed the COC realigning priorities with HP sport funding the main change. Speed skating benefited greatly from this change and this will help us with our future programs. The president also discussed the office restructuring and how it is currently underway, the many changes going on especially in the AGM format that we tried this year. He then extended his congratulation to the athletes on behalf of everyone involved with speed skating.

** Due to the fact that the delegates that had been in the rules workshop have now returned, Jean Dupré did a second roll call of the delegates.

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Business Arising From 2001 AGM Minutes

(Branch Recommendations and Actions)

Taken from page 10 of 27 of the 2001 AGM Minutes – in reference to the 2001 recommendations made by BCSSA . These recommendations have been passed on to the appropriate committee chairs.

Taken from page 12 of 27 of the 2001 AGM Minutes – (all recommendations were made by Speed Skate New Brunswick for the HPSTC

1. Make it mandatory to hold two National Team Trials in every season for purposes of selection for World Championships or World Cups (noexceptions)

- due to problems related to the changing international competition schedule, the Committee needed flexibility to hold the number of Trials deemed necessary. This year, three Team Trials are proposed.

2. Eliminate the Bye Policy

- the Committee felt that the revised Bye Policy worked well this year and wished to retain it to deal with the inevitable situations that can arise with injuries and other reasons for non-participation at Team Trials

3. Send top skaters to both the National Age Group and North American Short Track Championships

- the Committee originally referred this to the Club and Membership Development Committee as well as the Short Track Working Group. Subsequently, the Committee decided to add a 3rd Team Trials at the Age Group Championships so for this year, this recommendation would be partially met.

4. Ensure that all agendas and related information be sent to Committee members at least 3 days prior to any conference call.

- the Committee agreed in principle with this recommendation, but it was also noted that we had no

concerns with shorter time periods and did not want to be unnecessarily restricted in our flexibility to call meetings on short notice.

Taken from page 6 of 27 of the 2001 AGM Minutes - SASSA recommendations

Gregg Planert HPLT Chair responded: In regards to sending an Alternate skater. It was addressed that the 4th skater is part of the team and team pursuit is an official medal event. They have increased the numbers from the top 16 to the top 24.

#2 – In regards to the Information in the HP Bulletin he mentioned that they have improved the information going into the bulletin. Communication was sent out that included all information. They would like to get this year's information out to the branches again, e-mails from home were great.

Taken from page 5 of 27 of the 2001 AGM minutes – ASSA recommendations

Kathy English C&MDC responded, in regards to the Pin Program for time standards. Her response was that the committee was currently reviewing all of its programs and she will be asking for the help of all clubs and branches.

Taken from page 10 of 27 of the 2001 AGM Minutes – BCSSA recommendations

Kathy English informed us that the database in regards to efficiency is also currently under review. She noted that it had been a rough year, losing 2 committee chairs and their staff liaison.

Taken from page 5 of 27 of the 2001 AGM Minutes – NWTSSA recommendations

Charles McGee mentioned that the issue of the inclusion of Multi Provincial/Territorial Relay teams is still an open issue and as of yet has not been dealt with.

Trudy Steele responded that it is carried forward and the Competition committee will be working on it this coming year.

Website Item - The Website has come a long way since last year's AGM but is still improving. Please address your questions, concerns and comments to the branches or directly to Roch Pilon at the N.O.

Integrated Management System – Ian Hennigar and Robert Dubreuil have been working on this and have recently arrived at a Draft of Objective. It will be finalized and circulated to branches. Right now there are 2 possibilities; Quebec has worked on software that would reach many points and help with the IMS, or start from scratch.

National Office Item – Brian Rahill addressed the delegates regarding the status of the National Office. The main focus right now is the filling of the crucial positions, High Performance Director; Sport and Development Coordinator and the Athlete Services Director by the end of August at the latest.

Jean Dupré expressed the need for improving communication. An extensive review of the National office was completed which resulted in the opening of the new positioned mentioned above.

Brian Bunney addressed the concerns of most branches regarding the distribution of minutes and other communications in a timely manner. He mentioned that with the office restructuring and with the new positions filled and in place it should hopefully no longer be an issue.

At this point Jeff Polakoff mentioned that there were still a couple of items that had not been addressed from last year's Presentation of Reports.

- Bye policy as raised by Peter Steele and relating to the Conflict of Interest matter and the specific areas identified for action (i.e. Byes and Team selection). *HPC was asked to take a look at the context of how they do their business.*
- National Office Responses – Brian Rahill in response to a comment made by Jeff Polakoff but expressed in many ways by others, asked that all branches requesting information from any National Office staff member should c.c. Brian R. with the same request.

- Manitoba Mat proposal - Jeff Polakoff spoke regarding the mat proposal. Progress has been made looking at different ways to support a mat proposal. This will evolve over time and we will find the ways and the means of funding a program of this nature.

7. Presentation of Reports

Mr. Cavar briefly mentioned the reports, which were circulated prior to the AGM and included in the AGM binder. He asked whether there were comments or additions; the following was mentioned:

- HPST Chair mentioned that he would be looking for more human resources, coaching and medical staff. He would ask that this be put out to branches and anyone interested. Mr. Overend asked the delegates to provide names of those interested.
- Risk Management – Jeff Polakoff wished to add that he would have to process what the next step would be in regards to the Conflict of Interest (COI) issues. Once a response is received from HPC then we would have to decide if Risk Management continues on this issue.
- National Office Report – Jean Dupré informed the delegates that SSC currently has a contract with Descente. They have developed a new material called Zylon. Testing is to begin to see if it will fit the standards. If it passes these tests Descente will begin developing it and at that point we may be able to offer it to branches and others.
- Skaters Rep Reports - As there were no reports submitted for the binder the skater's reps gave a brief report at the AGM.

Nicole Slot – She mentioned that the results this past year had been amazing, and that the team seems to be right on track for next year. It helps when most of the skaters are continuing on for another season. There is a “Good Vibe” in the air for the next 4 years. Nicole thanked SSC on behalf of all the skaters.

Philippe Marois – He also took the time to mention what a tremendous year it had been for everyone involved and how the next 4 years should prove to be very exciting.

- OOC and Training Centre Report – Catherine Humeny mentioned that this was a non-profit organization working mainly with volunteers and it was currently in its 14th year of operation. They have held 17 LT World Cup and World Championships and look forward to holding the 2003 Championships.
- Sport Canada Report – As Marie Gendron was not present Mr. Cavar just mentioned to all the delegates that they should have a look at it. He also said it was a very comprehensive report.
- Branch Reports – Mike Rivet (ON) mentioned that there was a new club in Barrie. They'd hosted 300 people at the open house. They've started a program called Meet your Heroes where they invite Olympians out and people get to talk and meet with them. They've already done one with Gaetan Boucher. He also mentioned that at present they had 32 new and updated coaches and 72 new and updated officials.

2002 Recommendations

BCSSA RECOMMENDATIONS

- Risk Management determine policy that would limit number of skaters on ice during warm-up sessions at national competitions, thus decreasing risk of injury. **Referred to Risk Management Committee**
- Risk Management set guidelines for cold weather skating outdoors. We realize research has been ongoing but the branches need something definitive. **Referred to Risk Management Committee**
- That Officials and Coaches lists as printed in Red Book, more accurately reflect the names submitted by the branches. **Current lists will be sent to each branch for them to update and return**
- SSC provide a proper Red Book binder for purchase. **Brief discussion, came to conclusion that each branch may have different needs for the binder and a solution may be to purchase on your own to get what you actually need.**

NUNAVUT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Be it resolved that the Annual General Meeting of Speed Skating Canada be scheduled for the first week of July or the first or second week of June. Because of other commitments (primarily the last 2 weeks of the school year) the third or fourth weekends of June are quite inconvenient. **This has to be kept to the schedule as required by the by-laws.**

SASSA RECOMMENDATIONS

- SASSA moves that the date, location and clinic specialty be determined one year in advance and communicated to the Branches on or before December 31 of the current skating year. **Referred to C&MD committee and Roch Pilon so that this info may get put on the website.**

HPLT RECOMMENDATIONS

- The Open 5000 for the Canadian Mass Start Championships to be named the Dave Thomson Memorial 5000m.

Motion: To rename the Open 5000m to the Dave Thomson Memorial 5000m.

Moved by: Gregg Planert ; Seconded by: Jacques Grégoire

CARRIED

CLUB and MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- The Board of Directors should consider placing the guidelines from the Website Proposal II into the committee operational guidelines to ensure continuity in future years. **This is being addressed as of now.**

COMPETITION DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- We recommend that the Board and the membership examine the alternate plan for Long track event at CWG in the event that the weather is uncooperative. Please be prepared to offer opinions at the AGM. **This has been resolved in the Workshop on Friday June 21. Any questions direct them to Trudy Steele.**
- We request that you accept our proposal to change the format to first (1st) plus time. **Also assessed on Friday.**
- We request that the membership support the proposal to include Canada Games in the Rule N1-102 requiring Olympic ice size for Short Track Competitions. **Already assessed.**

HPST RECOMMENDATIONS

- We have continuing concerns regarding the Athlete Assistance Program, both with respect to the number of cards currently granted to long and short track speed skating, and with the requirement to judge between the two sports when there is little objective basis for doing so. We request that our concerns are raised with managers of the Athlete Assistance Program. **This is currently being addressed. Currently the program does not meet our current needs. We've lobbied with Marie Gendron of Sport Canada to increase the number of cards received. Jean Dupré mentioned that financial assistance to athletes that are not carded would continue.**

OFFICIALS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- We are pleased to see the manner in which competitions presently not recognized, are being examined by the Competitions Committee to settle the issue of SSC sanction requests. We are also pleased to see the work being undertaken to standardize formats; racing programs and software for running competitions. **Jacques Grégoire informed us that today a rule was accepted that will take care of this problem**

COACHING COMMITTEE

- There was to be a seminar for coaches at this AGM but that has been postponed until the fall. This will be involving Coaches from all levels.

RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- Most of the Recommendations for RISK have been redirected or accomplished.
- #1 – Accomplished
- #2 – COI – Agreed we are moving in that direction.
- #3 – Referred to the ODC, they will comply
- #4 - Referred to the ODC, they will comply

Motion: To accept the reports.

Moved by: Fred Feddema; Seconded by: Joyce Leggatt

CARRIED

8. Presentation of Audited Statement

The Audited Statement was circulated and there were no questions arising.

9. Recommend and Approve Auditors

Motion: That SSC appoints McCay Duff & Company as auditors for the 2002-2003 financial year.

Moved by: Jim Connolly ; Seconded by: Joyce Leggatt CARRIED

10. Presentation of the 2001-2002 Budget

Jean Dupré presented and summarised the 2002-2003 budget as approved by the Board of Directors.

11. Presentation of Charitable Donations Report

After a brief lunch break, Mike Rivet gave a presentation on the charity issue. He outlined the positive and the negative aspects of supporting a charity as a group. It seemed to raise many questions within the delegates and membership. There seems to be several different opinions on the subject. After a lengthy discussion about how and why and what we could do or might do, the consensus was that a working group should be set up to further investigate the possibilities of supporting a charity or not. A motion was made and amended to form a working group that would report at next year's AGM what kind of charitable activities SSC and the Branches could undertake without financial commitments that could negatively affect their core activities.

Motion: to propose a working group with involvement from all the branches and the national office to determine the types of charitable activity we want to be involved in.

Moved by: Dennis Duggan ; Seconded by: Lloyd English CARRIED

Because this motion was carried the following motion was tabled;

Motion: That the support of the Starlight foundation be suspended until further notice.

Moved by: Brian Bunney ; Seconded by: Ian Hennigar CARRIED

11a. Presentation of Rules From Rules Workshop - Session 1 Friday, June 21, 2002

This year was an especially long rules workshop; there were 65 rules to get through. Most of the Changes this year were mainly cleaning up. Everything will appear in the minutes from the Rule Workshop and also in the new rulebook due out in September.

12. SSC Business Items

Name Change

BY-LAW
OF
CANADIAN AMATEUR SPEED SKATING ASSOCIATION –
ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DE PATINAGE DE VITESSE AMATEUR

A by-law changing the corporate name and authorizing application for the issue of Supplementary Letters Patent to confirm the same.

BE IT ENACTED AND IT IS HEREBY ENACTED as a By-Law of CANADIAN AMATEUR SPEED SKATING ASSOCIATION - ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DE PATINAGE DE VITESSE AMATEUR (herein called the "Corporation") that:

4. Subject to confirmation by Supplementary Letters Patent, the name of the Corporation is hereby changed to SPEED SKATING CANADA – PATINAGE DE VITESSE CANADA.
 5. The Corporation be and is hereby authorized to make application to the Minister of Industry for Supplementary Letters Patent confirming this by-law to change the name of the Corporation to SPEED SKATING CANADA – PATINAGE DE VITESSE CANADA.
 6. Any one director or officer be and is hereby authorized and directed to do, sign and execute all things, deeds and documents necessary or desirable for the due carrying out of the foregoing.
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CERTIFIED a true copy of a By-law of CANADIAN AMATEUR SPEED SKATING ASSOCIATION - ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DE PATINAGE DE VITESSE AMATEUR enacted by the directors on the _____ day of _____, 200____ and sanctioned by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present at an annual general meeting of the Corporation held on the _____ day of _____, 200____.

Secretary

(Corporate Seal)

Motion: To approve the by-law for the Name Change.

Moved by: Lee McGreish ; Seconded by: Mike Rivet

CARRIED 2/3 Majority

SPECIFIC BY-LAW AMENDMENT

1. Resolved (ordinary resolution) that the by-laws of the Speed Skating Canada be amended by deleting Article I Section 1(f):

Section 1 DEFINITIONS

DELETE:

- f) Partner Member means each member of the Corporation whether an Honorary Member or Ordinary member as provided by these By-Laws;

Motion: To accept 1-1f.

Moved by: Lee McGreish ; Seconded by: Mike Rivet

CARRIED Unanimously

SPECIFIC PROCEDURE AND REGULATIONS AMENDMENT

1. Resolved (ordinary resolution) that the procedures and regulations of Speed Skating Canada be amended by deleting Article IV-106 (c) and replacing it with the following:

Article IV-106(c) Amendments to P&R's – Sections K, N and U-records

Amendments or alterations to sections K, N and U-Records of the Procedures and Regulations manual shall be by simple majority of a committee of the Annual General or Special General Meeting. Committee composition will be one voting delegate per Branch Association with the SSC Chair of Officials Development Committee or Competition and Rules Committee chairing. The committee may sit concurrently with the Annual or Special General Meeting for as long as necessary to decide on all proposals before it.

Motion: To accept amendments to P&R's Section K,N and U-records

Moved by: Lee McGreish ; Seconded by: Mike Rivet

CARRIED 2/3 majority

SPECIFIC PROCEDURE AND REGULATIONS AMENDMENT

1. Resolved (ordinary resolution) that the procedures and regulations of Speed Skating Canada Article VII-200, VII-201, VII-202, VII-203, VII-204 and VII-205 be amended as follows:

DELETE

- 1 member named by Ontario

ADD

- 1 member named by Central (Ontario, Nunavut)

Motion: To accept amendments to Article VII-200 thru Article VII-205
Moved by: Lee McGreish ; Seconded by: Fred Feddema CARRIED 2/3 majority

In regards to this vote there was some discussion on the count and Ian Hennigar requested a poll vote. After the poll vote the final results were 9 Abstentions, 5 against and 33 for. This gave a 2/3 majority vote and it was accepted.

13. Presentation of Annual Work Plans

Mr. Cavar asked the delegates to review the work plans and report directly to the committees with what they feel is missing from the plans and their comments.

14. Nominations and Speeches

Naming of the President of the Elections

Mr. Cavar announced that Jean R. Dupré accepted to act as the President of the Elections and turned the elections over to him.

Naming of the Scrutineer,

Mr. Dupré identified Sharon Cavar and Bill Anderson, as the two scrutineers.

Positions and Nominations

President	Brian Bunney
BOD 2-Year Term (2 Positions)	Daniel Gingras and Marie-Claire Rouleau
BOD 1Year Term	None
Treasurer	None
HPCLT 3Year Term	Gregg Planert, Dennis Morrison
HPCST 3 Year term	Tom Overend
HPCST 2 Year Term	None

President

Mr. Dupré informed the delegation that one nomination was received for this position: Brian Bunney. He requested three times for further nominations from the floor for the position of President. There were none.

Brian Bunney was officially declared elected. Mr. Dupré asked whether Mr. Bunney had any conflicts; he stated that he has no conflicts that he is aware of.

Directors at Large for 2 years – 2 positions

Mr. Dupré advised the delegation that two nominations were received for the two positions: Daniel Gingras and Marie-Claire Rouleau.

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

Daniel Gingras and Marie-Claire Rouleau were declared officially elected. Mr. Dupré asked whether any of the Board members had any conflict of interest – Mr. Gingras stated that he has none, Mr. Robert Dubreuil spoke on behalf of Marie-Claire Rouleau and stated that she had no conflicts of Interest.

Director at Large for 1 Year

Mr Dupré advised the delegation that there had been no nominations for this position.

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

The position was not filled and remains open.

Treasurer

Mr. Dupré advised the delegation that there had been no nominations for this position.

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

The position was not filled and remains open.

High Performance Long Track Committee

Mr. Dupré advised the delegation that there was one position and two nominations. Gregg Planert and Dennis Morrison. Cindy Miller then informed the delegation that Dennis Morrison wanted to withdraw his nomination.

Mr. Dupré requested three times for nominations from the floor for the HPCLT. There were none. Gregg Planert was officially declared re-elected. Mr. Dupré asked whether Mr. Planert had any conflicts; he stated that he has no conflicts that he is aware of.

High Performance Short Track Committee (3Year Term)

Mr. Dupré stated that there was one position (for three years) open for election. and that there was one nomination received for the position: Tom Overend

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

Tom Overend was officially declared re-elected. Mr. Dupré asked whether Mr. Overend had any conflicts of interest; he stated that he had none.

High Performance Short Track Committee (2 Year term)

Mr. Dupré stated that there was one position (for two years) open for election and that no nominations had been received.

Mr Dupré requested three times for nominations from the floor, Robert Dubreuil nominated Isabelle Charest. No other nominations were received.

Isabelle Charest was officially declared elected. Mr. Dupré ask whether Mlle. Charest had any conflicts of interest; Robert Dubreuil responded on behalf of Isabelle Charest that she had none.

15. Elections

As there was no need for ballots for the election of the positions the elections concluded.

Jean Dupré congratulated all the candidates elected and thanked the scrutineers. He then returned control of the meeting to John Cavar.

16. Other Business

- Quebec wishes to add 2 items
1. FPVQ
 2. Voting and Representation

1. Guy Thibault spoke about the FPVQ having made major changes in their organization and wondered why it was not even mentioned in their report. Robert Dubreuil replied it was basically an error. It should have been mentioned. He then spoke a little about the changes, he mentioned that they had done a restructuring in 1998 to include the Inline Federation and Speed Skating in one. After 4 years of hard work they have decided to start working in another way. They will begin working with group on sport evaluation. They feel this will bring long term vision to the

sport. They have moved this way mainly because ST is a strength and LT didn't have that much attention.

Jean Dupré suggested he send a synopsis of the changes to all the branches and also have it put up on the Website.

2. Robert Dubreuil spoke regarding voting and representation. His main concern was that Quebec Carries 1/3 of the members of the association but this does not reflect the number of delegates they are allotted. He also mentioned that Quebec has over 1000 recreational member not affiliated and this as well does not reflect on their numbers. He would like perhaps to start a working group to work out the issue. Robert Dubreuil also wanted to make sure everyone was fully aware that although he speaks about Quebec this factor affects all provinces and their delegation.

Jean Dupré informed the delegates that the Board would work with this issue.

ISU CONGRESS

Jean Dupré gave a brief report of his recent trip to Japan for the ISU congress. Along with Jean the others that went were John Cavar, Gregg Planert, Michel Verrault, Robert Dubreuil and Christine Boudrias. Jean spoke about a few of the highlights.

- There were a series of minor changes to the rules, general and specific regulations for ST and LT
- Proposal for a championship for Asia, Oceania, North America and Europe.
- Officials can now use video to make Decisions in ST competitions.
- All rule changes will be submitted to Jacques Grégoire and presented to the members and officials.
- Michel Verrault did not get elected
- Andy Gable is the new Chairman of the ISU ST Commission.
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Mr. Dupré spoke briefly about who was elected for which positions. Including Gregg Planert for the World LT technical Committee and Jean Dupré for the ST World Cup Commission.

17. Announce SEED Winners for 2002-2003

Kathy English Came up to speak regarding Club & Membership Committee and asked the delegates and members for their help in completing a survey so that they may better assess the needs of the membership and respond to them accordingly. David Knight then spoke briefly about the draft of the parent's guide that had been done. Kathy informed everyone that the survey and the parents guide are available on the Web.

SEED Winners for the 2001-2002 season were the Restigouche Comets and the Toronto Club.

SEED Winners for the 2002-2003 season are Peace River Alberta.

The Second Winner is Inuvik NWT.

The Third Winner Val Des Monts Quebec.

Although there were 4 prizes to be given out, (one for each region) there were only 3 given because the fourth application did not meet the requirements.

18. Announce Site of 2003 AGM

The 2003 AGM is slated to be in PEI, Jean will communicate with PEI and confirm that they are still willing to host the AGM.

19. Evaluation of the AGM

There will be an evaluation form sent out to all participants for their feedback. Please fill out and return.

Extra Note

Mark Wild informed the delegation and the Board that he would not be continuing on as ST Skater's Rep because he is leaving short track to move to long track. He thanked the committee members and everyone else.

20. Motion of Thanks
 To the organising committee of the Saskatoon Lions Speed Skating Club 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, United Parcel Services, RW & CO, Usana, General Mills;
- To all of our suppliers, Descente, Bauer, Paris Gloves, CBC/SRC, Adidas Eyewear, Oakly;
- To the National Office staff for their assistance throughout the year and at this AGM, Jean Dupré, Brian Rahill, Patricia Brennan, Roch Pilon, Natasha Danschinko and Mary Graziadei;
- 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;
- To the Board members who will not be returning next year, Linda Lee, Jack Nicholson.
- And most importantly, to the skaters and coaches, reason for being, for an above and beyond excellent performance throughout the season;

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

Motion: To express gratitude to all mentioned above
 Moved by: John Cavar ; Seconded by: Mike Rivet CARRIED

Motion: To deeply thank Robert Bolduc for 21 years of service and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.
 Moved By: Joyce Leggatt; Seconded by: Robert Dubreuil CARRIED

Motion: To thank John Cavar for all his efforts, he has been instrumental in bringing the organization where it is today.
 Moved by: Mike Rivet; Seconded by: Robert Dubreuil CARRIED

John Cavar said his thanks to everyone, he thanked him or her for supporting the sport, and he thanked the BOD past and Present, the skaters reps and the new Board members.

Motion: To adjourn the 115th AGM.
 Moved by: Joyce Leggatt; Seconded by: Stephane Bronsard CARRIED

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Adjournment

Mr. Cavar adjourned the meeting at 17:10 p.m.

Date _____ President _____

Director General _____