

Annual General Meeting

October 21, 2007 Ottawa Ontario

Present: Mark Smorong, President

Claude Lavoie, Director Ken Phillippe, Director Yvonne Bridges, Director Gabor Cspergi, Director Frank Meunier, Director

Kyna Fletcher, Representative BCWPA Doug Wolfe, President Elect, AWPA Conrad Hadubiak, President, WPS Marilyn Thorington, President, MWPA Ross Macdonald, Representative, OWPA

Guy Lapointe, President, FWPQ

Guy Lavoie, President, NS

Derek Hann, AWPA

Jymmi Kaye Demchuk, WPS

Jean Thomas, FWPA Harry Zarins, CEO

Annette Wildgoose, Sport Canada

Regrets

Minutes recorder: Harry Zarins

revised and resubmitted by M. Thorington, JK Demchuk

Action Meeting convened at 9:40 am

Item 1 Smorong called the meeting to order at 9:40 am.Item 2 Voting credentials and allocation were confirmed

Item 3 Adoption of agenda

Motion #1: To approve the agenda as amended

- Add to receive report from Presidents Council
- Add to receive report from Operations Council
- address the letter from AWPA to WPC
- Appoint Domestic Program Committee
- Award Tom Watson Award
- add ratification of the actions of the Board

Meunier/ Wolf Carried

Item 4 Acceptance of previous minutes

Motion #2: To accept the minutes from the previous AGM October 2006 Meunier/ Wolf Carried

Item 5 Business arising from the Minutes

• There were some problems with the process that was followed last year for the election of the Board. The members were asked to approve the Board as elected as a way of moving forward and putting things behind us

Item 6 Annual Reports

- mini contract people have been added- Viviane Slade (Synchro) takes minutes and Martin Richard (communication)
- nor report from the NTC NTC items included in Presidents report
- Members asked CEO for more details as far as expenses of NCC but nothing was provided
- CEO given advice to be more factual in the reports
- more questions asked about the budget, the need for an interim report

Motion #3 To accept the reports from the Board and CEO as submitted Lapointe/Cespregi Carried

Committee Reports

Presidents Council

- Discussion on creating a new membership category "affiliate" to capture those people receiving water polo services but not registering
- Elections: Conrad Hadubiak selected as Chair, Marilyn Thorington selected as Vice-Chair and Recording Secretary
- Terms of Reference to be reviewed at the next meeting (January 17, 2008)

Operations Council

- reviewed their terms of reference and made recommendations for amendments
- request a "picture" of what the organizational chart looks like
- meetings scheduled with OWG Chair and will assist in getting the CWG active
- request that the website be updated to reflect the current status
- request organizational chart with names attached
- Committee Chairs should see their budget

Item 7 Correspondence

Item 8 Notice of Motion

- Conflict of Interest Bylaw: Moved by the Board of Directors on September 25, 2007 and said bylaws be circulated to the membership for discussion. After an extensive discussion it was agreed that the conflict of interest proposal should be moved to the policy section of the Policy Manual. As well the Board will review the wording of such a policy to include something about Conflict of Interest into the Bylaws in the future.
- Motion withdrawn.

Item 9 Finances

- Presentation of the audited budget passed with some questions around the deficit and the appointment of the auditor.
- The Board explained that some changes have been made to how they will fund events in the future, that they will secure funding prior to planning for their use.
- There will be two plans Plan A with grants included, Plan B without them
- Members wanted to know what was the cost difference in changing auditors
- Members wanted to know what was the process for appointing the new auditors as they were not appointed at last years meeting
- Recommend a 3 year quote be received and presented to the members

Motion #4 Move to approve the Audited Financial Statements – year ending March 31, 2007 Meunier/Csepregi Carried

Item 10 Auditor

Motion #5 Move to appoint the Ottawa firm of KPMG as the auditors for 2007-2008 Meunier/Csepregi Carried

Motion #6 Move the Board of Directors not approve a deficit budget in any given year. In the event a deficit budget is required, that budget must be brought to the membership at the AGM for discussion and subsequent approval

Wolf/Lavoie Carried

Item 11 Ratification of Board decisions from the previous year

Motion #7 Move to Ratify the actions of the Board. Hadubiak/Lapointe

Carried

Item 12 Elections

Motion #8 Move that nominations be accepted from the floor at the AGM for all executive and Board positions

C Hadubiak/Jean Thomas

Carried

Motion #9 Move that Frank Meunier be acclaimed President C Hadubiak/Jean Thomas

Carried

Motion #10 Move that Yvonne Bridges and Kevin Duguay be acclaimed for a two year term with the Board.

C Hadubiak/Jean Thomas

Carried

Item 13 New business

1. Alberta Water Polo Association Letter

The contents of the letter dealt with the SWPS –BCWPA and WPC's role in trying to resolve this long standing dispute. A request was made to the Board to provide a detailed explanation of the response that refer back to the bylaws. The Board response had been to pass it off to another body. Doug Wolf asked for a response from the Board within 60 days

2. Program Development Committee

The need for a Technical Coordinator was discussed and how that position would greatly enhance the game of water polo in Canada and improve existing programs and coaching development. The Board was asked to appoint Doriel Terpenka, Mark Smorong and Ross Macdonald to this committee.

3. Tom Watson Award

Motion #11 Move that Mark Smorong be recognized for his volunteer service to Water Polo Canada over the past four years.

R Macdonald/F Meunier

Carried

Item 14 Next AGM

- It was recommended to the Board that a corresponding date be chosen in an economical location in Canada. October 19, 2008 was a suggested date
- It was suggested that the AGM be moved to June
- Board to make a decision within 60 days

Motion #12 Move to adjourn the meeting C Hadubiak

Carried

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