



**Annual General Meeting**  
**October 19, 2008**  
**Regina Saskatchewan**

Present: Frank Meunier, President  
Claude Lavoie, Director  
Kevin Duguay, Director  
Rachell Riddell, Women's athlete rep  
Thomas Marks, Men's athlete rep  
Gord Ruffo, President, BCWPA  
Mike Erickson, President Elect, AWP  
Conrad Hadubiak, President, WPS  
Marilyn Thorington, President, MWPA  
Kathy Torrens, Director, OWP  
Jean-Denis Dionne, President, FWPQ  
Guy Lavoie, President, NS  
Katinka Postma, President NB  
Dayna Christmas, AWP  
Jymmi Kaye Demchuk, WPS  
Jean Thomas, FWPA  
Ahmed El-Awadi, Executive Director  
Jeff Lindell, WPC Staff

Regrets Yvonne Bridges, Gabor Cspergi

Minutes recorder: JK Demchuk

**Action** Meeting convened at 11:05am

- Item 1** Meunier called the meeting to order at 11:05am.
- Item 2** Voting credentials and allocation were confirmed
- Item 3** Adoption of agenda

**Motion #1: To approve the agenda as amended**  
- Postpone the following items to the Special AGM

- Item 9 : Finances
- Item 10: Auditor
- Item 11: Ratification of Board Decisions from the previous year

**C Lavoie/T Marks**

**Carried**

**Item 4**            Acceptance of previous minutes

**Motion #2: To accept the minutes from the previous AGM October 2007 as amended**

- 2007 Minutes to be revised and forwarded to the members

**C Hadubiak/M Thorington**

**Carried**

**Item 5**            Business arising from the Minutes

Letter from AWPA to WPC re: Saanich WPC

- Matter was settled outside of the WPC Board Action
- BCWPA confirms that Saanich WPC is now a member

**Item 6**            Annual Reports

Board of Directors

Presidents report will be forwarded to the members via email. Frank Meunier presented a verbal review of the past year

**Motion #3 To accept the reports from the board members, as submitted**

Postponed to the November meeting

Committees

**Presidents Council**

Request #1    The Provincial President's Council requests that WPC approach the Coaching Association of Canada and ask whether it will consider provincially offered "Respect in Sport" in lieu of Making Ethical Decisions.

Request #2    Recommend that the WPC BoD post the Insurance Policy on the website.

Request #3    Recommend that the NTC Terms of Reference be amended to designate the Chair of the OWG as a member of the NTC replacing the International Referee Representative.

1. Selection of President Council Chair and Operation Council Chair
  - a. Operations Council Chair – Dayna Christmas
  - b. President Council Chair – Conrad Hadubiak
  - c. President Council Vice-Chair – Marilyn Thorington

**Motion #4**    **To accept the reports from committee chairs, as submitted.**  
Postponed to the November meeting

**Item 7**            Correspondence  
None.

**Item 8**            Notice of Motion  
None

**Item 9**            Finances  
Postponed to the November meeting

**Item 10**          Auditor  
  
Postponed to the November meeting

**Item 11**          Ratification of Board decisions from the previous year  
  
Postpone the following items to the Special AGM

**Item 12**          Elections

- Frank explained five vacancies on the Board of Directors: VP and four Directors
- Seven nominations received
- Frank requested the members consider electing five members to the Board and then the Board will decide who will be the VP
- Discussion held around the lack of biographical information for the nominees
- Members requested the Board follow the Bylaws
- Elections suspended till November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008 8pm Eastern time

**Motion #5**    **Move to adjourn the elections and to resume the elections November 25.2008**

C Hadubiak/K Duguay Carried

**Item 13**          New business

Canada Games

**Motion #6**    Be it resolved that Water Polo Canada in cooperation with member Provincial Association acknowledge the importance of our sport being included as part of the 2015 Canada Winter Games, and to this end, we agree to undertake the following:

- 1) assist the Province of Newfoundland in establishing a sustainable water polo program
- 2) and to work collaboratively towards preparing for the Games

K Duguay/Jean Denis Dionne

Carried

President Thank you

Kevin Duguay gave special thanks to Frank Meunier for his dedication to Water Polo Canada during an exceptionally challenging year.

**Item 14**      Additional business

Volunteer of Year Awards:

Water Polo Canada: Guy Lavoie (NS)

British Columbia: To be announced

Alberta: Blair Davies

Saskatchewan: Monique Huebner

Manitoba: Jeff Brooks

Ontario: Doriel Terpenka

Quebec: Nicole Poitaras . Special mention to Gaeton Turcotte

New Brunswick: JC Besner

**Item 15**      Next AGM

The next AGM will be held June 25-28 2009, in Halifax, Nova Scotia

**Motion #7 Move to suspend the meeting and to resume November 25, 2008 8:00 pm EST**

Jean Denis Dionne/C Hadubiak

Carried



**Annual General Meeting continued**  
**November 25, 2008**  
**Conference Call**

Present: Frank Meunier, President  
Claude Lavoie, Director  
Yvonne Bridges, Director  
Rachell Riddell, Women's athlete rep  
Thomas Marks, Men's athlete rep  
Gord Ruffo, President, BCWPA  
Conrad Hadubiak, President, WPS  
Marilyn Thorington, President, MWPA  
Kathy Torrens, Director, OWP  
Guy Lapointe, President, FWPQ  
Guy Lavoie, President, NS  
J.C. Besner, President NB  
Dayna Christmas, AWP  
Jymmi Kaye Demchuk, WPS  
Allison Gervais, MWPA  
Ross Macdonald, OWP  
Jean Thomas, FWPA  
Ahmed El-Awadi, Executive Director  
Jeff Lindell, WPC Staff

Observers: Bill Shaw  
Neil Muir

Regrets: Gabor Cspergi

Absent: Kevin Duguay

Minute recorder: JK Demchuk

**Action** Meeting convened at 8:11 pm Eastern

**Item 1** Meunier called the meeting to order

**Item 2** Voting credentials and allocation were confirmed

**Item 3** Adoption of agenda  
- add the letter from OWP to item 11



**Item 11**      Ratification of Board decisions from the previous year

- Ontario Water Polo will vote 'NO' of the Ratification of the WPC Board of Directors decisions in the 2007-08 year. We have been advised that Ratifying or Accepting the Decisions of the Board implies the OWP membership supports and approves the Boards decisions during the year. With the large deficit and debt that the association has accumulated OWP can not support nor approve the Actions or Inactions of the board.
- Question: What does it mean not to Ratify
- Answer: Actions from the previous year are not invalidated, there is nothing in the Bylaws that deals with this action
- Members acknowledge receipt of the Board minutes

**Motion #11**    **Move to Ratify Board Decisions and Actions from the Previous Year**

Y Bridges/                      Failing to receive a second for the motion was defeated

- On Wednesday January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 the OWP intends to submit written notice to the President and the Executive Director of Water Polo Canada to call a '**Special General Meeting**' that will take place no later than Friday February 20<sup>th</sup> 2009.
- This written notification will have at least Four (4) additional Member PSO's signatures which are required to call the Special General Meeting. (7.03)
- As per 5.07 b, In the WPC bylaws, the letter or letters will state our intent to 'Remove' all Board Members that were on the board for the 2007-08 year.
- It is the hope of OWP that the next 90 days will see positive changes and that we are moving in a positive direction with the 2008-09 WPC Board of Directors and Staff.
- It will also give the entire WPC membership an opportunity to fully examine the WPC financial statements and WPC board minutes so we can determine where the mistakes were made and who should be held responsible for these mistakes.

**Item 12**      Elections

1. Vice President
  - Call for nominations for Vice President
  - Nominating committee did not propose a list of candidates

**Motion #12**    **Move to nominate Jean Denis Dionne**                      Guy Lapointe/Jean Thomas

Jean Denis Dionne acclaimed as Vice President till the 2010 AGM

2. Board of Directors

- Review list of candidates
- Call for nominations from the floor

The following candidates were elected for the term ending 2010 AGM

- Darryl Bourne
- Shane Pearsall
- Al Young
- Gabor Cspregi

**Item 15**      Next AGM

- Ahmed recommended due to the fiscal situation that the next AGM be a conference call
- Members felt an in person June meeting was imperative
- Recommended PSO's agree to cost share
- Recommended to combine Leadership conference and AGM

**TASK:**                      Frank to confirm with the members the arrangement for the 2009 AGM no later than December 25.08

**Motion #13**    **Move to adjourn the meeting**

Y Bridges