



Annual General Meeting
June 14, 2009
Montreal, Quebec

Present: Frank Meunier, President
Jean-Denis Dionne, Vice-President
Al Young, Director
Shane Pearsall, Director
Nathaniel Miller, Men's athlete rep
Bill Shaw, NTC Chair
Carl Burt, OWG Representative
George Kouvousis, President, BCWPA
Mike Erickson, President, AWP
Conrad Hadubiak, President, WPS, Presidents Council Chair
Marilyn Thorington, President, MWPA
Kathy Torrens, Director, OWP
Joanne Brown, Director OWP
Guy Lapointe, President, FWPQ
Albert Hennen, Representative, NS
J.C. Besner, President NB
David Soul, BCWPA
Dayna Christmas, AWP, Operations Council Chair
Jymmi Kaye Demchuk, WPS
Ross Macdonald, OWP
Jean Thomas, FWPA
Ahmed El-Awadi, WPC Executive Director
Jeff Lindell, WPC Director Domestic Operations
Heather Kaulbach, WPC Operations Manager
Regrets: Yvonne Bridges, Gabor Cspergi, Rachell Riddell

Minutes recorder: JK Demchuk

Action Meeting convened at 10:20am

- Item 1** Meunier called the meeting to order at 10:20am.
- Item 2** Voting credentials and allocation were confirmed
 - Proxy votes allocated to Mike Erickson, Frank Muenier
 - Total eligible votes 46

Item 3 Adoption of agenda

Motion #1: To approve the agenda

JD Dionne/ C Hadubiak

Carried

Item 4 Acceptance of previous minutes

Motion #2: To accept the minutes from the previous AGM October 2008

C Hadubiak/ K Torrens

Carried

Item 5 Business arising from the Minutes

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.

Item 6 Annual Reports

Board of Directors

- Sport Canada has recognized the improvement in the governance of Water Polo Canada. Attendance at the monthly Board of Directors meetings are no longer necessary
- Written report was previously submitted to the members
- Weekly calls with the Executive Leadership Team – were reduced to bi-monthly calls
- Written report submitted by Ahmed

Request #1 That WPC request /receive and distribute WPC Committee reports and PSO reports prior to scheduled Annual General Meetings.

Committees

Presidents Council

- Focus since October 2008 was to deal with issues when needed.
- Selection of President Council Chair and Operation Council Chair
- President Council Chair for 09-10 – vacant

Governance Committee

- Reviewed the Bylaws
- Consolidated all policies from 2003, 04, 05, 07 and 09 into one document
- Editing for language, format, relevancy and consistency
- Next Steps
- Finalize document with all proposed changes for review September 09
- Reconcile policies with the Strategic Plan
- Develop and implement process for developing policies

Operations Council

- Conference call meeting held once a month
- Dayna Christmas elected Chair for 2009-2010

National Team Committee

- issues dealt with on an ad-hoc basis
- programs and support systems put into place

Executive Director Evaluation Committee

- quarterly meetings have been scheduled

Fundraising Committee

- Ground work to be done to prepare for the Fundraising projects.
- Sport Canada is monitoring the % of revenues generated by self-help projects and dependence on Government funding

Officials Working Group (excerpt from written report)

- We find that having two mega tournaments on the same weekend is quite challenging for the referee group.
- At Nationals 7 referees applied for an upgrade.
- We understand that by combining the genders we save 3 weekends on the calendar year. However, our referee base struggles to support this format. The challenge is that even though we are constantly creating referees we also need them to mature in better quality refs. This process takes some time.

Provincial Sport Organization Reports

- Verbal reports were presented by PSO representatives

Motion #4 To accept the reports from committee chairs, as submitted.

Item 7 Correspondence

- Letters to Sport Ministers and Road to Excellence requesting funds for the Men's program
- Letter from Sport Canada requesting information on how the deficit would be handled

Item 8 Notice of Motion

Motion #5 Be it resolved that Water Polo Canada not accept nominations from the floor the Annual General Meeting for positions on the Board of Directors. All Board nominees must be received 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting

Y Bridges/ G Ruffo

**For 17
Against 23
Abstain 6
Motion Rejected**

Item 9 Finances

Motion #6 Move to approve the Audited Financial Statement for 2008-2009

S Pearsall / A Young

Carried

Item 10 Auditor

Motion #7 Move to appoint KPMG as auditors for the 2009-10 fiscal year

C Hadubiak / GLapointe

Carried

Item 11 Ratification of Board decisions from the previous year

Motion #8 Move to ratify the actions of the Board

S Pearsall / JD Dionne

Carried

Item 12 Elections

1. President

- Review of candidates
- Nominating committee proposed Frank Meunier
- call for nominations from the floor

Frank Meunier acclaimed President for the term ending 2011 AGM

2. Board of Directors

- Review list of candidates
- Nomination committee recommended slate of candidates submitted to the members
- Call for nominations from the floor

The following candidates were elected for the term ending 2011 AGM

- Conrad Hadubiak
- Andrew Shibata
- Darryl Bourne

Motion #9 **Move to destroy the Ballots**

A Young / M Thorington

Carried

Item 13 New Business

English to French Translation

- Quebec needs documents to be translated into French in a more timely manner

Nomination Committee Recommended Slate

- General discussion held around the practice of recommending a slate of nominees
- Common business practice and used at the COC
- matches skills set of the nominees and the needs of the Board
- recommend rationale be given when changing conventional practices of the organization

Item 14 Additional business

Volunteer of Year Awards: Presentation Saturday June 13, 2009

Water Polo Canada:	Gord Ruffo BC
Saskatchewan -	Conrad Hadubiak
Manitoba -	Sid Williamson
Ontario -	Bruce Youngblud
Quebec -	Francois Beaumont
New Brunswick -	Katinka Postam
Nova Scotia -	Shelley Baker

Item 15 Next AGM

The next AGM will be held June 11-13, 2010 in Alberta

Meeting Adjourned 11:50 am

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