Speed Skating Canada

131st Annual General Meeting

Hilton Garden Inn Downtown, Calgary, Alberta

Saturday, June 16, 2018, 9:am MT

Approved Minutes

**In Attendance**

**Board**

Cathy Priestner Allinger President

Blair Carbert Director

Leo Landry Athlete Director

Trevor Corey Director

Dave McQuaid Director

André Beaulieu Treasurer

**SSC Staff**

Susan Auch Chief Executive Officer

Katherine Strong Coordinator, Leadership and Operations

Shawn Holman Chief Sport Officer

Cynthia Dunford Director, Finance and Administration

Jennifer Cottin Director, High Performance Short Track

Kerry Dankers Coordinator, Long Track Program and Communications

Janice Dawson Director, Sport Development

Alicia Krywiak Coordinator, Membership and Administration

Véronique McCrae Coordinator, Short Track Program

Patrick Godbout Communications and Media Relations Manager

**Delegates**

Stacey Christie Northwest Territories Speed Skating Association

Krysti Horton Yukon Amateur Speed Skating Association

Jennifer Gibson British Columbia Speed Skating Association

Kari Rae British Columbia Speed Skating Association

Ted Houghton British Columbia Speed Skating Association

Misty Thomas British Columbia Speed Skating Association

Nicole Cooney Alberta Speed Skating Association

Michelle Chabot Alberta Speed Skating Association

Mike Marshall Alberta Speed Skating Association

Kristine Pederson Alberta Speed Skating Association

Marc Poulin Alberta Speed Skating Association

Malcolm Conly Saskatchewan Amateur Speed Skating Association

Jordan St. Onge Saskatchewan Amateur Speed Skating Association

Tim Comfort Saskatchewan Amateur Speed Skating Association

Malcolm Scott Manitoba Speed Skating Association

Elizabeth Derraugh Manitoba Speed Skating Association

David Butterworth Ontario Speed Skating Association

Mary Frances Carter Ontario Speed Skating Association

Ron Weiser Fédération de Patinage de Vitesse du Québec

Robert Dubreuil Fédération de Patinage de Vitesse du Québec

Stephanie Miersch Fédération de Patinage de Vitesse du Québec

Jean Pichette Fédération de Patinage de Vitesse du Québec

Stéphane Bronsard Fédération de Patinage de Vitesse du Québec

Scott Beamish Speed Skate New Brunswick

Janice Cougle Speed Skate Nova Scotia

Andrew Jack Speed Skate PEI

Jennifer Nickerson Speed Skate PEI

Sharon Karn Newfoundland Speed Skating Association

**Guests/Observers**

Alice Humeny Organizing Committee Calgary

Catherine Humeny Organizing Committee Calgary

Nannette Ho-Coverton Organizing Committee Calgary

Lynn Nixon Organizing Committee Calgary

Hannah Juneau Sport Canada

Yves Hamelin Olympic Oval

Sean Ireland Olympic Oval

Jamie Seguin Olympic Oval

Patricia Chafe Own the Podium

Geri McCuish SSC Board of Director Candidate

Benoit Girardin LBB Strategies

Maryse Poudrier Fédération de Patinage de Vitesse du Québec

1. **Call to Order**

President, Cathy Priestner Allinger welcomed the delegates and called the meeting to order at 9:05.

1. **Roll Call of Delegates**

Director of the Board, Blair Carbert read out the Roll Call of Delegates as follow :

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| **Province / Territory** | **Members** | **AGM Votes** |
| **Alberta** | 1,159 | 5 |
| **British Columbia** | 1,429 | 5 |
| **Manitoba** | 246 | 2 |
| **New Brunswick** | 336 | 3 |
| **Newfoundland & Labrador** | 67 | 2 |
| **Northwest Territories** | 175 | 2 |
| **Nova Scotia** | 359 | 3 |
| **Nunavut** | 35 | 2 |
| **Ontario** | 1,893 | 6 |
| **PEI** | 138 | 2 |
| **Quebec** | 5,857 | 13 |
| **Saskatchewan** | 523 | 4 |
| **Yukon** | 67 | 2 |
| **Athlete Representatives** |  | 2 |
| **Total** | 12,284 | 53 |

1. **Approval of the 131st Agenda**

Cathy presented the agenda to the delegates and asked for any additions. Hearing none, Cathy called for a motion to approve the SSC 131st AGM as presented:

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| **Motion to approve agenda of the 13st AGM**  Approved: David Butterworth  Seconded: Nicole Cooney  **Motion: CARRIED** |

1. **Approval of the 130th Minutes**

Blair presented the draft minutes of the SSC 130th AGM. The following corrections are to be made:

* Corrections to the minutes, page 1 Branch Presidents should read Branch Representatives, page 2 Delegates should read Guests

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| **Motion to approve minutes of the 130th AGM**  Approved: Malcolm Conly  Seconded: Scott Beamish  **Motion: CARRIED** |

1. **Presidents Welcome**

Cathy Priestner Allinger spoke to the group of the changes in the organization within the last year, the strategic plan and the strategic enhancement sessions and the great energy in the rooms over the last few days during these sessions. Cathy thanked everyone for their work during this process.

1. **In Memoriam**

André read the brief memoriams for the following members of the speed skating community who have passed last season and Cathy requested one minute of silence.

* Frank King – Alberta
* John Summerville – Ontario
* Sam Fackoury – Ontario
* Pat Underhill – British Columbia
* Peter Blocker – British Columbia

1. **Reports**

Cathy addressed the reports that were included in the AGM Package and invited any questions or comments. There were no questions or comments from the floor.

1. **Elections**

André provided a summary of the election process followed by the Nominations Committee. André introduced the candidates and asked for nominations from the floor for each position, hearing none the candidates put forward by the committee were elected by acclamation.

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| **Motion to accept the nominations as presented**  Approved: Malcom Conly  Seconded:  **Motion: CARRIED** |

Election Results:

* President: Cathy Priestner Allinger
* Vice President: Trevor Corey
* Director: Denis Leclerc
* Director: Dave McQuaid
* Director: Geri McCuish

Athlete Council Chair, Leo Landry noted that he will be stepping down as Chair, nominations for the position occurred and the athletes elected Stefan Waples as the new Chair.

1. **Operations**
   1. **Presentation of the 2017-18 Audited Financial Statements**

Treasurer, André presented the 2017-18 Audited Financial Statements. André responded to questions from the floor.

André noted that SSC would like to reactivate the Audit and Finance Committee, this committee would monitor the financials during the year and requested that if there was a member of the Branches with a background as CPA or risk manager interested in becoming a member of the committee to please reach out to him.

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| **Motion to receive the 2017-18 Audited Financial Statements as presented**  Approved: Robert Dubreuil  Seconded: Ted Houghton  **Motion: CARRIED** |

* 1. **Recommendation and Approval of Auditors for 2018-2019**

André called for a motion to approve the auditors for 2018-19.

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| **Motion to appoint Collins Barrow LLP as auditors for the 2018-2019 financial year**  Approved: Ron Wiser  Seconded: David Butterworth  **Motion: CARRIED** |

* 1. **Presentation of the 2018-2019 SSC Budget**

Treasurer, André presented the 2018-2019 budget. Both André and Cynthia responded to questions from the floor.

1. **Sport**

Blair Carbert thanked the membership for their patience and trust in the last year through the changes in the organization. SSC looks forward to the positive changes and progress in the coming years.

**10.1 Restructure**

As a National office update, Cathy noted the relocation of the office to the House of Sport in Ottawa. A new organizational structure is being developed as a result of the recommendations put forth during this weekend and out of this clear roles and responsibilities will be established.

**10. Olympic Games**

Cathy noted that Speed Skating earned 25% of the medal count for Canada in PyeongChang and expressed how proud SSC and our members are of our Athletes and Coaches.

**10.3 External Partnerships**

Cathy reported that over the last year SSC had a minimal presence with our external partners but that is beginning to change. SSC put forth to the ISU a Four Continents proposal for Long Track and Short Track, which is well supported by several nations willing to host beginning in 2020.

Cathy, Susan, Gregg Planert and Robert Dubreuil attended the ISU Congress and Canada was seen as a world leader in the sport, Nathalie Lambert was elected as Chair, ISU ST Committee and JF Monet with the Disciplinary Committee was SSC put forth a proposal to the ISU to have only one World Championship a year beginning in 2021.

**10.4 Own the Podium**

Cathy reported that it has been an interesting year with the changes to High Performance SSC worked through these changes leading up to the Olympic Games and presented ourselves exceptionally at the debriefs.

1. **2019 AGM/Congress**

Cathy noted that the timing of the AGM/Congress occurred because of the ISU Congress and Father’s Day. The date proposed for the 2019 AGM/Congress will be June 6th-9th, 2019. Any Branches interested in hosting should submit their interest to Susan no later than September 1st, 2018.

1. **Motion of thanks**

Cathy called for a motion of thanks for the following individuals and organizations:

* Athletes and Coaches who attended the AGM/Congress and encouraged them to continue being involved
* Board members Leo Landry and Lisa Kimmel who are leaving their role and for their commitment to Speed Skating Canada
* National Office staff for all their hard work
* Acknowledged Ted Houghton on this being his last year as member of SSC
* Welcomed Geri McCuish as a new member of the SSC Board of Directors

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| **Motion of thanks to individuals and organizations who support Speed Skating Canada**  Approved: Ron Weiser  Seconded: Malcolm Taggart  **Motion: CARRIED** |

1. **Adjournment**

Cathy called for a motion to adjourn the 131st AGM at 10:44am MT.

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| **Motion to adjourn the 131st AGM**  Approved: Jennifer Nickerson  **Motion: CARRIED** |