

MINUTES OF THE 2017 ANNUAL MEETING OF CANADIAN INTERUNIVERSITY SPORT

Meeting Date and Time: June 8, 2017 at 8:30 am

Meeting Location: Hazel McCallion Ballroom, Hilton Mississauga Meadowvale,

Directors in attendance: Mike Mahon (Chair), Manon Simard (Secretary), Jennifer Brenning, Alan Wildeman, Rob Johnson, Graham Brown (CEO)

Absent with regrets: Michael Goldbloom, Robert Campbell, Leo MacPherson, Therese Quigley

Members in attendance: See Schedule "A" attached

Keynote Address: Tricia Smith, President of the Canadian Olympic Committee

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, a keynote address was delivered by Tricia Smith, President of the Canadian Olympic Committee. Among other things, she discussed the common vision shared by U SPORTS and the COC, and the importance of increased collaboration between the two organizations. She also spoke of recent advancements at the COC.

Call to Order

At 9:23 am, Mike Mahon officially called the Annual Meeting to order and declared that a quorum was present for the transaction of business. Dr. Mahon acted as Chair of the Meeting and Manon Simard acted as Secretary.

Official Welcome / Opening Remarks

Dr. Mahon welcomed everyone to the Meeting. He reflected on the past few days and how beneficial it has been to discuss a number of great topics. He noted that one main topic that arose repeatedly was alignment, and the importance of institutions, conferences, and the national office aligning with one another, whether it be from a governance perspective, sponsorship, or otherwise. Dr. Mahon expressed his appreciation to the membership for the fruitful discussions that took place over the prior days.

Approval of Annual Meeting Agenda

ON MOTION MADE by Christian Gagnon (Université Laval), seconded by Ken Olynyk (Thompson Rivers University), and unanimously carried, IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the Annual Meeting held on June 8, 2017 be approved in the form presented.

Moments of Recognition

Graham Brown expressed his and the organization's thanks to outgoing U SPORTS Board of Director Members Jennifer Brenning and Thérèse Quigley. He noted the organization's great appreciation for their continued support and dedication to university sport in Canada. He also acknowledged Basil Hughton, University of Saskatchewan, and Kevin Downie, St. Mary's University, who will also be leaving their respective institutions, and thanked them for their continued support as well.

Approval of Past Minutes

ON MOTION MADE by Ken McInnes (University of Lethbridge), seconded by Kevin Dickie (Acadia University), and unanimously carried, IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on June 9, 2016 be approved.

Presentation of Audited Financial Statements and review by Finance Committee

Jennifer Brenning presented the audited financial statements for the Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017 to the Members such that the statements form part of the record of the meeting. Members were directed to the organization's Annual Report, which incorporated those financial statements. Mark Saunders, an accountant who has been assisting the organization for a number of years, gave an overview of the year's financial highlights, including a report on areas of particular progress and areas still requiring continued improvement. He noted that the change in accounting systems has gone well, and that year-over-year reporting will be clearer and easier to follow now that the change has been made. He also noted greater sophistication and improved safeguards in a variety of areas.

Jennifer Brenning thanked Mark for his efforts, as well as the organization's Finance Manager, Tony Martire, and the national office staff. She also thanked Board Member Alan Wildeman, who put in a considerable amount of effort initiating the organization's financial reforms and restructuring in his time as Treasurer.

Jennifer and Mark also thanked the other members of the Finance Committee, Leo MacPherson (St. FX), Katie Spriggs (University of Alberta), and Nancy Walker (University of Lethbridge). It was noted that the Committee did a tremendous amount of work.

It was also confirmed, following a question from a member, that the Board, Finance Committee, and national office staff will look to build multi-year budgets moving forward, to assist with planning.

Appointment of Public Accountant

ON MOTION MADE by Gilles Lepine (University of British Columbia), seconded by Loralyn Murdoch (University of Northern British Columbia), and unanimously carried, IT WAS RESOLVED THAT KPMG be elected as the public accountant of the Corporation for the ensuing year.

Confirmation of Directors

ON MOTION MADE BY Ivan Joseph (Ryerson University), seconded by Chris Critelli (Brock University), IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the directors of the Corporation be confirmed as follows:

Mike Mahon
Alan Wildeman
Michael Goldbloom
Robert Campbell
Manon Simard
Leo MacPherson
Rob Johnson
Beth Ali

Dr. Mahon welcomed Beth Ali to the U SPORTS Board of Directors, to a round of applause from the membership.

By-law Amendments

ON MOTION MADE by Ken McInnes (University of Lethbridge), seconded by Jean-Pierre Chancy (Université de Montréal), and unanimously carried, IT WAS RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION that the articles and by-laws of the Corporation be amended as follows:

- a. The Corporation's name be changed from Canadian Interuniversity Sport/Sport interuniversitaire canadien to U SPORTS;
- b. By-law 3.3.1.1 be amended to replace "Chief Executive Officer" with "President and Chief Executive Officer (hereinafter referred to as Chief Executive Officer)";
- c. By-law 4.4 be amended to replace "July 1 to June 30" with "April 1 to March 31";
- d. By-law 1.2 be amended to replace "City of Ottawa" with "Town of Richmond Hill";
- e. By-law 3.1.3 be amended to replace all references to "President" with references to "Athletic Director or equivalent";

Admission of Algoma University as a USPORTS Member

WHEREAS Algoma University has satisfied the requirements of its probation period, ON MOTION MADE BY Beth Ali (University of Toronto), seconded by Mike Havey (University of Windsor), and unanimously carried, IT WAS RESOLVED THAT Algoma University be admitted to the Corporation as a Member.

Dr. Mahon congratulated Algoma University on becoming a member of U SPORTS, to a round of applause from the membership.

Committee Reports

The following committees presented to Members:

- Sport Committee's presentation was made by James Keogh (University of Victoria): He thanked the committee members as well as U SPORTS staff members Lisette Johnson-Stapley and Scott Ring for all of their hard work, and noted that a report has been circulated to membership. Mr. Keogh discussed the role and composition of Sport Technical Sub-Committees, and noted that they continue to be worked on to improve their efficiency and effectiveness. He also noted that some technical and field of play motions had been passed, and that a budget for Coaches Excellence Funds had been approved. Finally, he noted that the Committee was developing an Annual Calendar to clarify timelines for when various items of business need to be completed.
- Eligibility Committee's presentation was made by Ken Olynyk (Thompson Rivers University): He thanked committee members for their hard work and commended U SPORTS staff member Tara Hahto for doing an outstanding job last year. He noted that the Committee's report is presented in the Annual Meeting package, and that the Committee continues to review eligibility rules and update them as needed, and that it continues to look at the recruiting regulations as well.

- Equity Committee's presentation was made by Lisen Moore (McGill University): She thanked committee members and U SPORTS staff member Tara Hahto for their hard work. She also thanked Beth Ali (University of Toronto) for her continued support of the committee and noted that the new committee member from the University of Toronto will add considerable value. The topic of diversity within U SPORTS Board and Committee composition was discussed and she noted that the Board is aware of the importance of diverse representation. Diversity in imagery was also discussed, and it was agreed that a greater commitment would be made to ensure diversity in pictures and videos used to promote university sports.

Governance Address: Richard Powers, - National Academic Director, Governance - Essentials Program at the University of Toronto

An address on the topic of Governance was delivered by Richard Powers, National Academic Director, Governance – Essentials Program at the University of Toronto. Among other things, he discussed the importance of alignment between conference governance and national governance, and of Committee Members' and Board Members' duty to act in the best interest of U SPORTS, and not of their specific conference or institution perspective.

Remarks from President and CEO

Graham Brown updated the membership on efforts being made by U SPORTS to work more closely with national sport organizations, specifically addressing efforts made to improve relations with Football Canada (including a fee that had been discussed as a proposed charge to football-playing institutions). It was agreed that the concept of the proposed fee should be put on hold as further rationale and details are ironed out.

Graham also updated the membership on efforts being made at the national office from the commercial perspective, as well as to support various research initiatives that are presented to the office and could add value to the university sports system.

Graham thanked the staff and the Board, along with the four conference leads (Rocky Olfert from Canada West, Gord Grace from the OUA, Benoit Doloreux from the RSEQ, and Phil Currie from the AUS). He expressed gratitude for their support and leadership and noted that the MAC is stronger than ever. He also expressed his well-wishes to Kim Gordon, on behalf of everyone in Canadian university sports.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Mahon thanked all attendees and noted that the organization's finances have made tremendous strides over the last year. He noted that the future growth of the organization is predicated on increasing revenues, that sponsorship will be a very important issue moving forward, and that cooperation is required in order to continue to build alignment and trust.

Christian Gagnon (Laval) thanked the U SPORTS staff for their hard work over the last four days. He also thanked his colleagues and noted his hope that at next year's Conference and Annual Meeting, he would be able to express himself more frequently in French.

Termination of Meeting

ON MOTION MADE BY Vang Ioannides (Alberta), seconded by Scott McRoberts (Guelph) and unanimously carried, IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned.