**Minutes of the 2018 U SPORTS Annual Meeting**

**Date:** Thursday, June 7th, 2018

**Time:** 9:00 AM PST / 12:00 PM EST

**Location:** Sheraton Wall Centre, Vancouver, B.C.

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**Directors in Attendance:** Manon Simard (Board Secretary), Annette Trimbee, Beth Ali, Clint Hamilton, John Richard

**Directors Absent with Regrets:** Mike Mahon (Board Chair), Robert Campbell (Board Treasurer), Michael Goldbloom, Pierre Zundel

**Members in Attendance:** See Schedule “A”;

1. **Opening Remarks**

Lisette Johnson-Stapley opened the meeting with a welcome to the member institutions in attendance, and expressed regrets on behalf of the Board members unable to be present.

1. **Call to Order**

At 9:15 AM, Annette Trimbee officially called the Annual Meeting to order and declared that a quorum was present for the transaction of business. Annette acted as Chair of the Meeting on behalf of Mike Mahon, who was unable to attend.

1. **Official Welcome**

Annette welcomed everyone to the Meeting. She reflected on the past few days and how beneficial it has been to discuss a number of great topics. She expressed her appreciation to the membership for the fruitful discussions that took place over the prior days, and thanked the U SPORTS staff for their contributions.

**ON MOTION MADE** by Gilles Lepine (University of British Columbia), seconded by Joey Sabo (Bishop’s University) and unanimously carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the Annual Meeting Agenda for June 7, 2018 be approved in the form presented.

1. **Moments of Recognition**

David Goldstein acknowledged Rob Johnson, Ken Olynyk and Kim Gordon for their many years of commitment and dedication to university sports in Canada. David also recognized the passing of Bruce Coulter, a long-standing coach and contributor the Canadian university sport system.

1. **Approval of Minutes of Last AGM (June 2017)**

**ON MOTION MADE** by Jennifer Myers (York University), seconded by Ken McInnes (University of Lethbridge) and unanimously carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on June 8, 2017 be approved.

1. **Presentation of Audited Financial Statements and review by Finance Committee**

David Goldstein presented the audited financial statements for the Corporation for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018 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. David gave an overview of the Corporation’s Sources of Revenue, its 2017/18 Statement of Operations, its Statement of Financial Position, its Budget vs. Performance in 17/18, its 2018-19 budget, and the position of its reserve moving forward.

In summary, the current deficit sits at $63,000. Looking ahead, U SPORTS is budgeting for a surplus in 2018-2019, with the hope of reducing the deficit gradually moving forward. David concluded by thanking the members of the Finance Committee for their hard work – outgoing Chair, Robert Campbell, Jennifer Brenning, Leo MacPherson, Katie Spriggs, and Nancy Walker.

**ON MOTION MADE** by Jennifer Myers (York University), seconded by Deborah Bright-Brundle (Trent University) and unanimously carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** KPMG be retained as the public accountant of the Corporation for the ensuing year.

1. **Confirmation of Directors**

**ON MOTION MADE** by Karla Karch (Mount Royal University) seconded by Peter Baxter (Wilfrid Laurier University) and unanimously carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the directors of the Corporation be confirmed as follows:

Annette Trimbee

Pierre Zundel

Michael Goldbloom

Kent MacDonald

Clint Hamilton

Beth Ali

Manon Simard

Pierre Arsenault

1. **By-law Amendments**

**ON MOTION MADE** by Tom Huisman (University of British Columbia-Okanagan), seconded by Ken Schildroth (MacEwan University) and unanimously carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the articles and by-laws of the Corporation be amended as follows:

By law 2.3.3.2 shall be amended to replace “Members shall be active members in good standing of the Universities Canada (formally AUCC)” with “Members shall be universities accredited by and in good standing with respective provinces”.

1. **Presentation of Committee Reports**

The following committees presented to Members:

The 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, Scott Ring and Barbara Giroud 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. Christine Stapleton (Western University) asked about the Sport Committee’s role in the implementation of the new Sport Model, and James confirmed that the Sport Committee would be one of the core bodies for operationalizing the Model and leading it through its next steps.

Kara Karch (Mount Royal University) noted James’ immense contributions over his 12 years as a member/Chair of the Sport Committee, and those contributions were recognized with a significant ovation from his fellow members.

The Eligibility Committee’s presentation was made by Joey Sabo (Bishop’s University). He began his remarks by thanking his fellow committee members for their hard work this year. The Eligibility Committee dealt with more than 75 matters this year. Joey stated that the committee will continue to work on the transfer rule for eligibility, the age cap, international rules, and overall wording and clarity of rules and the general education of the membership with respect to eligibility requirements.

The 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 noted Tara will be transitioning off the committee, and welcomed the addition of U SPORTS staff Barbara Giroud. Lisen referenced a transgender policy that will be distributed in August 2018. In addition to the policy itself, a document outlining best practices relating to transgender student-athletes will be worked on and distributed as well, for implementation on campuses across the country.

The Commercial Committee’s presentation was made by Tim Maloney (Dalhousie). Tim acknowledged the work that’s been done by the members of the Commercial Committee and the five subcommittees. Tim addressed the following:

1) Integrated Sponsorship Model – Tim highlighted how far things have come with respect to the integrated sponsorship model. He asserted that U SPORTS as a collective entity has the potential to become one of the most powerful sport organizations in the country through this collaboration.

2) National Championships – the Commercial Committee was actively involved in the National Championship bid selection process this year, and learned a great deal about how to ensure that our premiere events are successful by athletically and commercially.

3) Broadcast – although sponsorship is certainly the current priority for the Committee, broadcast and broadcast strategy will be a priority moving forward.

1. **Other Business**

David Goldstein reiterated that the Strategic Plan will be completed later this year, and that the Board will discuss the Sport Model further later this summer.

Christian Gagnon (UQTR) acknowledged the efforts of the U SPORTS staff for conducting this conference with the intention of being bilingual (i.e., French sessions, translation headsets, bilingual presentation decks) as well as allowing the French members to express themselves effectively.

Graham thanked all the membership for their attendance this week. He acknowledged the staff at U SPORTS, and specifically the senior leadership team. He mentioned the enormous impact that the new commercial plan will have if it continues to move forward. He referenced the challenging discussions we as members of the university sport system have with each other, but more importantly the respect everyone has for one another. He thanked Mike Mahon (outgoing Board Chair) for his collaboration and leadership with this organization and wish him well in his new role with Universities Canada.

Annette Trimbee concluded by thanking the Board, and membership at large, for their engagement.

1. **Termination of Meeting**

**ON MOTION MADE** Tim Maloney (Dalhousie University), seconded by Gene Muller (University of Manitoba) and unanimously carried, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 9:52 AM PST.

SCHEDULE “A”

*List of Member Delegates in Attendance at U SPORTS 2018 Annual Meeting*

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|  | ***Member Institution*** | ***Delegate*** |
|  | Acadia University | Kevin Dickie |
|  | Algoma University | Mark Kontulainen |
|  | Bishop’s University | Joey Sabo |
|  | Brandon University | Russ Paddock |
|  | Brock University | Jesse Barazza |
|  | Cape Breton University | John Ryan |
|  | Carleton University | Jennifer Brenning |
|  | Concordia University | D’Arcy Ryan |
|  | Dalhousie University | Tim Maloney |
|  | Lakehead University | Tom Warden |
|  | Laurentian University | Peter Hellstrom |
|  | MacEwan University | Ken Schildroth |
|  | McGill University | Marc Gelinas |
|  | McMaster University | Glen Grunwald |
|  | Memorial University of Newfoundland | Karen Murphy |
|  | Mount Allison University | Pierre Arsenault |
|  | Mount Royal University | Karla Karch |
|  | Nipissing University | Vito Castiglione |
|  | Queen’s University | Jeff Downie |
|  | Royal Military College | Darren Cates |
|  | Ryerson University | Jeff Giles |
|  | Saint Mary’s University | Scott Gray |
|  | St. Francis Xavier University | Leo MacPherson |
|  | St. Thomas University | Michael Eagles |
|  | Thompson Rivers University | Curtis Atkinson |
|  | Trent University | Deborah Bright-Brundle |
|  | Trinity Western University | Jeff Gamache |
|  | Univeristé du Québec à Montréal | Jean-Pierre Hamel |
|  | Université de Moncton | Martine LeBlanc |
|  | Université de Montréal | Jean-Pierre Chancy |
|  | Université de Sherbrooke | Jean-Pierre Boucher |
|  | Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières | Isabelle LaVergne |
|  | Université Laval | Julie Dionne |
|  | University of Alberta | Katie Spriggs |
|  | University of British Columbia | Gilles Lepine |
|  | University of British Columbia Okanagan | Tom Huisman |
|  | University of Calgary | Jason Kerswill |
|  | University of Guelph | Scott McRoberts |
|  | University of Lethbridge | Ken McInnes |
|  | University of Manitoba | Gene Muller |
|  | University of New Brunswick | Jeff Speedy |
|  | University of Northern British Columbia | Loralyn Murdoch |
|  | University of Ontario Institute of Technology | Scott Barker |
|  | University of Ottawa | Susan Hylland |
|  | University of Prince Edward Island | Chris Huggan |
|  | University of Regina | Lisa Robertson |
|  | University of Saskatchewan | Adrienne Healey |
|  | University of the Fraser Valley | Steve Tuckwood |
|  | University of Toronto | Beth Ali |
|  | University of Victoria | James Keogh |
|  | University of Waterloo | Roly Webster |
|  | University of Windsor |  |
|  | University of Winnipeg | Dave Crook |
|  | Western University | Christine Stapleton |
|  | Wilfrid Laurier University | Peter Baxter |
|  | York University | Jennifer Myers |