



2021 U SPORTS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

June 10, 2021
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM EST

Meeting Minutes

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2021

Directors in Attendance:

Benoit-Antoine Bacon (Chair), John Richard (Vice Chair), Joanne MacLean (Treasurer), John Olfert (Member at Large), Graham Carr, Peter Ricketts, Manon Simard, Christine Stapleton and Curtis Atkinson

Directors Absent with Regrets:

Members in Attendance:

See Schedule "A"

1. 2021 U SPORTS Honours Awards

The virtual presentation of the 2021 U SPORTS Honours Awards opened the Annual Meeting. Recipients of the four Honours Awards included:

- Garth Pischke – Jean-Marie de Koninck Coaching Excellence Award
- David Grossman – Fred Sgambati Media Award
- Dr. Bob Boucher – Austin-Matthews Award
- Donovan Bennett – L.B. "Mike" Pearson Award

2. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:25 PM EST. Dr. Benoit-Antoine Bacon acted as Chair of the meeting. A quorum of the members of the Board was present, and the meeting was duly constituted for the transaction of business.

3. Adoption of the Agenda (55 Yes, 0 No)

ON MOTION MADE by Gord Hopper (University of British Columbia), seconded by Daniel Méthot (Université du Québec à Montréal), and unanimously carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the Agenda for the Annual Meeting held on June 10, 2021, be hereby approved in the form presented.

4. Official Welcome / Opening Remarks

Lisette Johnson-Stapley (Chief Sport Officer, U SPORTS) and Dr. Benoit-Antoine Bacon opened the 2021 Annual General Meeting by welcoming all delegates and observers, highlighting the achievements and challenges throughout the 2020-21 season, and acknowledging the collective efforts and unanimous support from across the four



conferences, as the membership collectively looks ahead to a planned returned-to-sport for the upcoming season.

5. Moments of Recognition

Dick White (Interim CEO, U SPORTS) recognized departing staff members from the U SPORTS membership, Conference Offices, and other support systems of U SPORTS.

6. Approval of Previous Minutes (June 4, 2020) (55 Yes, 0 No)

ON MOTION MADE by Peter Baxter (Wilfrid Laurier University), seconded by Tim Maloney (Dalhousie University), and unanimously carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on June 4, 2020, are hereby approved.

7. Presentation of Audited Financial Statements (2020-21)

Dr. Joanne MacLean (Treasurer, U SPORTS Board) presented the audited financial statements of the Corporation for the fiscal period from April 1, 2020, to March 31, 2021, as well as a robust summary of the work undertaken by the Finance Committee over the course of the previous fiscal.

With assistance from Lisa Beatty (Chief Operating Officer, U SPORTS), a high-level overview of the Corporation's 2020/21 Statement of Operations, 2020/21 Statement of Financial Position, the 2020/21 Statement of Changes in Net Assets, and 2020/21 Statement of Cash Flows was provided.

Highlights of the discussion included the following:

- Significant financial discipline over the past year has placed the organization in a favourable year-end position (i.e., a surplus of approximately \$300,000).
 - The current position can be mainly attributed to two factors: COVID-19 related funding being secured, and disciplined spending patterns from U SPORTS staff.
- U SPORTS will continue to forecast conservatively and to monitor expenses very closely, given the continued uncertainties surrounding COVID-19.
- KPMG (U SPORTS auditor) reported a clean audit position for the National Office, which was reviewed by the Finance Committee, prior to Board approval.
- The organization continues to make improvements in the areas of duty segregation within the financial management portfolio, as well as with asset safeguarding.
- Moving forward, the highest financial priority of the organization will be the continued repayment of outstanding Travel Pool payments. The existing surplus moneys will be directed to these amounts.
- For the 2021-22 sport season, a Travel Pool review will be taking place, thereby temporarily suspending the payment, with no fees being collected from the membership. During the review, U SPORTS will continue to make payments on previous moneys owed.



Members of the Finance Committee (Dr. Joanne MacLean (Committee Chair), Jennifer Brenning, Pierre Arsenault, Katie Spriggs, Nancy Walker and John Olfert), National Office staff, and Kirsten Giles (KPMG representative) were commended for their many contributions to the committee, over the course of the 2020-21 fiscal year.

8. Appointment of Public Accountant (54 Yes, 0 No)

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

9. Confirmation of Directors (55 Yes, 0 No)

ON MOTION MADE by Beth Ali (University of Toronto), seconded by Scott Barker (Ontario Tech University), and unanimously carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the directors of the Corporation are hereby confirmed as follows:

Joanne MacLean
John Richard
Graham Carr
Geoffrey Phillips
Curtis Atkinson
Steven Murphy
Christine Stapleton
Peter Ricketts
John Olfert

10. Presentation of Committee Reports

Committee Reports from the 2020-21 season were presented by representatives of the Athletic Financial Awards; Eligibility; Equity, Diversity and Inclusion; International, Sport; and Medical Committees. Each report provided a high-level overview on the year's successes, challenges, and strategic priorities for the coming 2021-22 season. It was noted that all final reports were uploaded to the U SPORTS website (usports.ca), under the "HQ" section, and specifically within the "2021 Annual Meeting" tab.

Dr. Benoit-Antoine Bacon thanked all committee members and U SPORTS support staff for their many contributions to U SPORTS Governance, throughout the 2020-21 season.

11. Other Business

Dick White thanked outgoing Board Chair, Dr. Benoit-Antoine Bacon for his leadership and commitment to the Canadian university sport system.



12. Adjournment of Meeting

ON MOTION MADE by Karla Karch (Mount Royal University), seconded by Peter Hellstrom (Laurentian University), and unanimously carried **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the annual meeting held on June 10, 2021, be hereby adjourned.

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SCHEDULE "A" –
LIST OF ATTENDEES

First Name / Prénom	Last Name / Nom de Famille	School / École
Kevin	Dickie	Acadia University
Dave	Trudelle	Algoma University
Matt	McBrine	Bishop's University
Russ	Paddock	Brandon University
Meliissa	Krist	Brock University
John	Ryan	Cape Breton University
Jennifer	Brenning	Carleton University
D'Arcy	Ryan	Concordia University
Tim	Maloney	Dalhousie University
Tom	Warden	Lakehead University
Peter	Hellstrom	Laurentian University
Lindsay	McAlpine	MacEwan University
Geoffrey	Phillips	McGill University
Mark	Alfano	McMaster University
Karen	Murphy	Memorial University of Newfoundland
Pierre	Arsenault	Mount Allison University
Rob	Godfrey	Mount Royal University
Vito	Castiglione	Nipissing University
Leslie	Dal Cin	Queen's University
Darren	Cates	Royal Military College of Canada



Louise	Cowin	Ryerson University
Scott	Gray	Saint Mary's University
Leo	MacPherson	St. Francis Xavier University
Micheal	Eagles	St. Thomas University *
Curtis	Atkinson	Thompson Rivers University
Deborah	Bright-Brundle	Trent University
Jeff	Gamache	Trinity Western University
Martine	LeBlanc	Université de Moncton
Manon	Simard	Université de Montréal
Jean-Pierre	Boucher	Université de Sherbrooke
Daniel	Méthot	Université du Québec à Montréal
Isabelle	La Vergne	Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières
Julie	Dionne	Université Laval
Katie	Spriggs	University of Alberta
Gordon	Hopper	University of British Columbia
Tom	Huisman	University of British Columbia Okanagan
Ben	Matchett	University of Calgary
Scott	McRoberts	University of Guelph
Neil	Langevin	University of Lethbridge
Gene	Muller	University of Manitoba
John	Richard	University of New Brunswick
Loralyn	Murdoch	University of Northern British Columbia
Scott	Barker	Ontario Tech University
Susan	Hylland	University of Ottawa





Jane	Vessey	University of Prince Edward Island
Lisa	Robertson	University of Regina
Adrienne	Healey	University of Saskatchewan
Alicia	Hurley	University of the Fraser Valley
Beth	Ali	University of Toronto
Nick	Clarke	University of Victoria
Roly	Webster	University of Waterloo
Mike	Havey	University of Windsor
Dave	Crook	University of Winnipeg
Christine	Stapleton	Western University
Peter	Baxter	Wilfrid Laurier University
Jennifer	Myers	York University

Let “ * ” represent an institution that acted only as observer.

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