

2018 Speed Skate Nova Scotia Annual General Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2017- 10:30am

3rd Floor Classroom, Sport Nova Scotia- 5516 Spring Garden Rd., 4th Floor, Halifax, NS B3J 1G6

Attendees: Greg Milton, Pierre Clement, Bert Losier, Monica Lloyd, Paula Arruda, Lisa Gannet, Sheila McGinn, Brent Thompson, Emma Thompson, Stephen Raftery, Merrel Moorhead,

1. Call to order 10:34am
2. Approval of minutes from the June 25th, 2017 AGM
 - a. Henk Kwindt's name to be amended for correct spelling
 - b. 7. Appointment of Directors to be amended to:
 - i. Lisa, Bonnie, Henk, Greg, Paula, Kevin, Dawn, Bert, Pierre

Minutes approved as amended

3. Reports:
 - a. Board report

Presented by Greg Milton, summary of the annual report that was submitted to Speed Skate Canada. The report is available for official records.

Coach Highlights: Julia Loparco was recipient of a CAAWS WiSE fund grant, Todd Landon and Cassidy Bradley attended SSC events as coaches for SSNS athletes.

Challenges: Safety at the oval, movement for an ice hockey surface to be put in the centre of the oval.

Goals for next year: Increase the number of skaters, new club and on-going club support.

- b. Treasurer report & Financial Statement

Presented by Pierre Clement, report is available for official records.

Key Points: In the absence of a consistent treasurer there has been a bit of confusion with regards to the financials since 2015. With the assistance of an outside person Pierre worked to reconcile the Financial Statements.

Sport Nova Scotia has been brought on as accountants for SSNS and will be taking care of the financial reporting going forward.

Unclear on fees with regards to SSC fees.

Treasurer is available to take questions and inquiries with regards to the Report.

Sheila emphasized that the financial reports need to be submitted to Joint Stocks within 2 weeks of the AGM. Pierre will be doing this.

Feedback due to Pierre by June 3, 2018. Pierre will then submit to Joint Stocks

- c. Budget 2018-2019 - Fiscal Year is April 1-March 31
 - i. Budget can be set by the Board of Directors. Greg would like to see a financial committee set up so that a budget can be proposed for next season. Goal would be to have a budget proposed prior to the start of the season.
- d. Committee Reports
 - i. Club and Membership Development committee – Presented by Sheila and Stephen

Not a formal committee. Steve and Sheila did however assist with Colchester SSC to start-up their club. Bridgewater Club is tentative and very much pre-startup stage. Bill Gregory is located outside of Bridgewater and is keen to start a club. The difficulty with the Bridgewater club would be access to ice time. The Northside Blades reached out for assistance, as they were having difficulty with membership and funding. They have gone from 6 members to 15. The club is now incorporated and they are working towards getting access to a better facility with Sheila's assistance.

Membership statistics would be helpful going forward if it is provided to the Board.

HRM has access rules and priorities in their Community Access plans to assist Speed skate with getting/keeping ice time – Sheila mentions that there may be a way that SSNS as an association can go to the province to assist with equity and ice time in the communities outside of HRM (using a similar tool)

- ii. CWG Committee - Presented by Bert

CWG In Red Deer 2019. Selection Criteria document has been created and is available online as well as sent to all of the clubs. Coach/Manager teams have been chosen and responsibilities have not been finalized as 3/4 of the chosen candidates are not certified to the level required for CWG. Once finalized the committee will make the information public.

- iii. Sport Development Tool – Ad Hoc Committee was set up to do this with Janice, Paula and Eric attending the meeting on May 13th with Sport Nova Scotia, Canadian Sport Centre Atlantic and Communities Cultures and Heritage (NS Government) representatives.

- e. Club reports – each club is given the opportunity to touch on highlights
 - i. HRSSC – Save the Date for Oct 27/28 for meet (Club would be okay with using this as a possible CWG qualifier)
 - ii. NSBSSC – no one present
 - iii. NSMSSC - no comments
 - iv. Speedy Kids – Weather cooperated this year and allowed the club to host all planned meets. “Crazy about corners” programs was very successful and are looking to double this for next year.
 - v. VSSC – New pads and bumpers are exciting, and are looking to add new ice time on Saturdays in the fall.
 - vi. DCSSC – Highlight March 2 a one-day development level meet

4. New Business

- a. Safety issue at Emera Oval – Greg

SSNS representatives have been in talks with the city and landscaping should be done this year, this is an on-going issue and this may need to be thought of from a different perspective. CWG legacy ended 2016, and SSNS is working with HRM to trying to get a new legacy put in place to maintain SSNS times on the oval and access.

- b. Hockey ice surface at Emera Oval - Paula

SSNS has been monitoring the progress of the group that is lobbying for the hockey ice surface on the oval. Representatives of SSNS have attended a few meetings regarding the planning of this and it appears that the group is making in-roads with HRM, and is on the radar for the Commons Master Plan. SSNS is in the process of drafting a letter to the head of planning of the Master plan, with an official statement outlining the speed skating concerns (safety, debris, crossing, Zamboni, capacity of facilities, construction, visibility issues, noise etc.) as well as outlining the other options that speed skate feels are more appropriate for example neighborhood rinks. Draft letter will be finalized and this needs to be sent out as soon as possible. Once this is done we should share this with the clubs and membership and have them endorse it and have them also send to their councilors and planning committee as well.

Website is www.hockeyontheoval.ca if anyone wants to stay updated.

- c. Chip timing system – Greg

Has been purchased from NSMSSC and a call will be put out for people interested in learning how to work the system and how to put in the loops on the ice surface at the oval. Storage of the system will be something the board will sort out at a later meeting.

- d. Call for club representatives to committees – discussion on how this should work going forward. Directors should put a call out to the membership and work to build their committee, the director will report to the board.
 - i. Finance Committee (intention is to be mainly the board)
 - ii. Coaching Committee (intention to be made up mostly of coaches)
 - iii. Official Committee
 - iv. Competitions Committee
 - v. Club and Membership Development Committee

5. Appointment of directors

- a. Eric Michaud (HRSSC)
- b. Paula Arruda (HRSSC)
- c. Donna Marie Marinelli (NSBSSC)
- d. Sheila McGinn (NSMSSC)
- e. Greg Milton (NSMSSC)
- f. Bonnie Whyte (SKOP)
- g. Lisa Gannett (SKOP)
- h. Stephen Raftery (AVRSSC)
- i. Monica Lloyd (AVRSSC)
- j. Bert Losier (DCSSC)
- k. Pierre Clement (DCSSC)
- l. Jon Bateman (CSSC)
- m. Josh Bateman (CSSC)

Motion to appoint the list of directors- Brent, 2nd by Paula. Unanimously Approved

6. Immediately following the AGM there will be a meeting of the new Board of Directors to elect the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer

7. Adjournment 12:21pm