

AGM Minutes

Saturday January 28th 2023
Greek Community Centre, Victoria, BC
AGM Business Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

The President of the Board of Directors, Bernie Olanski, welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked the organizers. He called the meeting to order at 17:36 EST. President Olanski confirmed the voting delegates present online and described the voting procedures.

Athletes Committee (3 votes)

- Molly Carlson & Caeli McKay

Coaches Committee (3 votes)

- Isabelle Cloutier

Officials Committee (3 votes)

- Jayne McDonald

Provincial Representatives (1 vote each)

- Alberta: Brent Grisdale
- British Columbia: Marie-Pierre Lavoie
- Manitoba: Brandon Christopher
- Newfoundland & Labrador: Mike Blackmore (online)
- Nova Scotia: Claude Cormier (online)
- Ontario: Patti Kennedy
- Quebec: Stephane Lortie
- Saskatchewan: Norm Wiens

2. APPROVAL OF 2021 AGM MINUTES

Moved by Pascale Beaudry and seconded by Jayne McDonald to approve the minutes of the 2021 AGM. Motion carried.

3. DIVING PLONGEON CANADA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Bernie Olanski noted his report in the AGM materials. He thanked everyone for their commitment during this transitional post-COVID year to adapt and keep things progressing. Bernie expressed pride in Mitch Geller, Penny Joyce, the DPC staff and all of the participants across Canada and stated that he believes DPC is a jewel in the Canadian Sport system.

4. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER AND CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Penny Joyce and Mitch Geller shared highlights from the report as presented in the AGM materials. Penny echoed Bernie's sentiment that it was a year of transition due to various uncertainties. She thanked the provincial section representatives for their ongoing participation. Penny thanked Alberta Diving and Dive Calgary for their efforts to co-host the Canada Cup Grand Prix which was one of the only international contests at this level in the world this season. Also unique this year, was hosting the Junior Festival at the outdoor pool in Montreal. Penny shared that DPC continues to have a strong online and social media presence due to its in-house and contracted broadcasting capabilities and the increasing popularity of some high-profile athletes. DPC continues to be a leader in shaping and hosting of events and has a strong relationship with the new leadership at World Aquatics (formerly FINA).

Penny addressed the need to improve the national registration system, identify appropriate supports to the clubs in their effort to recruit new participants, the requirement to focus on Safe Sport initiatives such as reviewing policies and procedures and our relationship with the Office of the Sport Integrity Commissioner.

Mitch Geller highlighted the groundbreaking results at World Championships despite having a short preparation period. He thanked and congratulated the team leader Mary Carroll, the coaching staff and especially the athletes who attended the Commonwealth Games. Aside from the numerous medals, it was the team's composure and fantastic atmosphere that were noted as major successes in Birmingham.

DPC continues to be a leading nation in High Diving. Not only are Canadians featured and competing well in the Red Bull series, but we anticipate podium performances at the AQUA World Championships. And although not in this fiscal year, we hosted the world's first ever Junior World Invitational in conjunction with the World Junior Championships.

Mitch acknowledged Andree Pouliot-Deschamp for her dedication to strategic thinking and delivery of DPC's national junior development program. Together with the coaches, our junior divers continue to prove they have the tools and skills to deliver high quality diving and we are very proud of their performances at the World Junior Championships we hosted in December.

Penny thanked DPC funders and partners for their continued support and stability they provide to us: Government of Canada, Sport Canada, Canadian Olympic Committee, Canadian Olympic Foundation, Tourism Montreal, City of Montreal, Tourism Calgary, Speedo, CBC, Radio Canada and RDS.

Mitch thanked the board of directors for work over the last year and their professional approach to governance. He closed by sharing that we are entering a critical phase in 2023 that is leading towards the final countdown to the 2024 Olympics in Paris.

5. APPROVAL OF BYLAW REVISIONS

In addition to policy review, Bernie highlighted that the board updated the DPC By-Laws so they more accurately reflect the Articles of Continuance and the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act. The Act allows the board to update and enact bylaw changes throughout the year and then have them ratified at the upcoming AGM. Of note, they changed the number of directors from five to six and as a result invited Alex Despatie to join the board. Alex accepted this appointment.

Bernie referenced the previous, red-lined and new versions that were provided in the AGM materials. There was no discussion nor any concerns.

Moved by Marie-Pierre and seconded by Brent Grisdale to approve the bylaw changes as presented. Motion carried.

6. PRESENTATION OF 2022-2023 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Board member Scott Sinclair joined the meeting via Zoom and expressed his thanks to Penny, Kathy Hare and all the staff who contributed to the DPC financial statements and the audit process.

He highlighted that Baker-Tilly expressed a clean opinion on the statements and that DPC is in a healthy financial position. We had an increase in revenue of \$733,000 and a decrease in expenses of \$644,000. This excess in revenue over expenditures of \$110,000, is reflective of hosting more events, increased participation overall, the decrease in Covid wage and program subsidies and general spending responsibility.

There were no questions or comments.

7. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Moved by Isabelle Cloutier and seconded by Stephane Lortie to re-appoint Baker-Tilley as the auditor for the 2022-23 fiscal year. Motion carried.

8. REPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair of the Nominations Committee, Rodd McCormick acknowledged the members of the Nominations Committee: Claire Marentette, Heather Turner, Celina Toth, Barb Bush and Isabelle Cloutier.

There were two positions open for election and the new position that was added as a result of the bylaw change. The Nominations Committee recommended Bernie Olanski be named as President, and that Scott Sinclair and Alex Despatie fill the other 2 open positions.

9. ELECTION OF DIVING PLONGEON CANADA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022-2023

Bernie Olanski, Scott Sinclair and Alex Despatie were elected to the board by acclamation.

10. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

Bernie referred to the reports in the AGM materials. There were no comments, supplementary information, or questions.

11. REPORTS FROM PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

Bernie referred to the reports in the AGM materials. There were no comments, supplement information, or questions.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

Alberta Diving presented the following motion, which was read aloud by Bernie Olanski: "Considering that since 1996 of the 20 Olympic Diving Medals won by Canadians, 19 were won by divers living in their own hometown, that divers wishing to remain in their own home diving program be given all of the same rights and considerations for carding membership on national teams, etc. as divers in The DPC designated training centers."

The President of Alberta Diving, Brent Grisdale, shared the association's rationale for the motion. President Bernie Olanski made a few comments in response and suggested that, because the motion was operational in scope it was not an appropriate matter for this forum. Notwithstanding his concerns regarding the forum, the President agreed to place the motion before the meeting.

A Point of Order was brought forward from the voting members concerning the fact that there was discussion on the motion, before it was seconded.

President Olanski called for a seconder. Although there were no seconders physically present in the meeting room, the motion was seconded by Claude Cormier, who participated in the meeting virtually via Zoom.

The President provided an opportunity for further discussion on the motion. There being no further discussion, he called for a vote.

2 votes in favour, 15 votes opposed. Motion denied.

13. CLOSING REMARKS

Bernie thanked the staff by name for all their hard work and for hosting extraordinary events throughout the year. He gave a special thanks to the financial support personnel and the organizers of the AGM.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Brent Grisdale to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 EST.