

Wheelchair Basketball Canada
Annual General Meeting
Minutes

September 20, 2015
Courtyard Marriott Hotel
350 Dalhousie Street
Ottawa, ON

Steve Bach welcomed everyone to the AGM, and thanked them all for their hard work on the previous day during the Competition Review. He also commented on the benefits of the face to face meeting, after the previous year's teleconference AGM.

1 Call to Order & Welcome

1.1 Roll Call

Saskatchewan. Andrea Muir (2)

Alberta. Joe Sask (2)

Nova Scotia. Ben Marston (2)

Ontario. Laura Wilson (2)

Quebec. Marc Antoine Ducharme (2)

Manitoba. Cameron Bell (2)

British Columbia. Sian Blyth (2)

New Brunswick. Barry Wishart (2)

VP Marketing/Communication. Kathy Newman (1)

VP Finance/Administration. Donald Royer (1)

VP High Performance. Sharron St Croix (1)

VP Domestic. Christina Jones (1)

VP Technical. Trevor Kerr (1)

President. Steve Bach (1 – in the case of a tie only)

Executive Director. Wendy Gittens

Programs Coordinator. Ryan Lauzon

Marketing/Communications Manager. Courtney Pollock

High Performance Manager. Paul Zachau

Regrets

Prince Edward Island. Tracy Stevenson

VP Athlete Rep. Tara Feser

Total number of votes = 21

2 Agenda

2.1 Additions to Agenda

No additions were made

2.2 Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Accept the agenda as presented. Moved: Donald Royer. Seconded: M.A. Ducharme

3 Minutes

3.1 Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Accept last year's AGM minutes as presented. Moved: Ben Marston. Seconded: Sharron St Croix

3.2 Business Arising from Minutes

No business arising from minutes.

4 President and Vice President Reports

4.1 President – Steve Bach

Steve spoke to the great legacy that has come out from the TO 2015 Para Panam Games. Sport equipment that will primarily go to the Academy, tremendous volunteer support and most importantly, the qualification of both of our teams for the Rio 2016 Paralympics.

4.2 VP High Performance – Sharron St. Croix

Sharron offered her congratulations to the teams for qualifying for Rio. She also thanked the staff for their ongoing hard work, and Wendy for her continued leadership.

4.3 VP Athlete Representative – Tara Feser

Tara was unable to attend the meeting. Her report was submitted on-line.

4.4 VP Domestic – Christina Jones

Christina thanked Ryan for his work in putting together the AGM weekend and the Competition Review. She also reminded the group that all of the work we've put in this weekend will only be effective with good leadership, that she expects this group will display.

4.5 VP Technical – Trevor Kerr

Trevor's report was submitted in advance, and he was pleased to have already received feedback from the membership.

4.6 VP Marketing and Communications – Kathy Newman

Kathy said good bye to Jody. Welcome to Murray and congratulations to Courtney.

4.7 VP Finance and Administration – Donald Royer

4.7.1 Audited Statements

Donald presented the audited statements. Some of the funds are internally restricted, meaning the Board has earmarked them for specific reasons.

He highlighted the primary difference between 2014 and 2015 in the budget being the hosting of Women's World Championships. He also noted that we are in a surplus position this year after posting a small deficit last year

Steve Bach reminded membership that our telemarketing revenues have been steadily declining from a range of \$250 - \$400K in year's past to a total of about \$50K now.

4.7.2 Appointment of Auditors

MOTION: Retain the firm of Ouseley, Hanvey, Clipsham and Deep LLP as the auditors for 2015-2016.

Moved: Donald Royer. Seconded: Trevor Kerr.

5 Nominations to the Board of Directors

5.1 Nominations Report

Wendy Gittens reported that there were no nominations received for the positions up for election, and that the 3 incumbents were prepared to have their names stand for VP Technical, VP Domestic, VP Finance & Administration.

6 Member Reports

6.1 Newfoundland – No report submitted.

6.2 PEI – The report was submitted on-line in advance.

6.3 Nova Scotia – Ben reported on the good work of Steve Sampson with the Minis and Juniors. The report will be submitted.

6.4 New Brunswick – Barry spoke to the successes of the province with an athlete being selected for the Academy; Karen Ferguson being named the Chair of the Classification Committee and the good work of Sabrina and Dave Durepos. The report will be submitted.

6.5 Quebec – The report was submitted on-line in advance. Marc Antoine Spoke to the number of teams playing in the province and also reminded the group about Donald Royer having won the Volunteer of the Year award for sport in Quebec.

6.6 Ontario – The report was submitted on-line in advance. Laura spoke to the chaotic year for OWSA with the SAO going bankrupt. Positive changes are coming though, and a 2nd staff person (Josee Matte) has been hired).

6.7 Manitoba – The report will be submitted. Cameron noted that the 2 Canada Games coaches are very committed to carrying on, which is good news for the province. Things are definitely improving.

6.8 Saskatchewan – The report was submitted on-line in advance. Andrea congratulated her teams for their best performances (Canada Games – 2nd place, Women's – 3rd place). She also expressed thanks to Joelle Buckle for her work with the Mini program which will have 45 kids playing this season.

6.9 Alberta – The report was submitted on-line in advance. Joe congratulated the Canada Games team for the Bronze medal in Prince George.

6.10 British Columbia – The report was submitted on-line in advance. Sian reported that Simon Cass would be the new Provincial Coach, while Makiko Harada will take over as Regional Coach.

MOTION: To receive the reports as presented. Moved: Cameron Bell. Seconded: Barry Wishart

7 Notices of Motion

There were none presented.

8 Elections

MOTION: To acclaim Trevor Kerr, Donald Royer and Christina Jones. Moved: Marc Antoine Ducharme. Seconded: Joe Sask

9 New Business

Steve reported on some international news. He explained that he was the VP for IWBF and the Competitions Officer for the America's Zone. Anne Lachance was the Classification officer and Maureen Orchard was the Treasurer for the America's Zone.

As the Competitions Officer, he wanted to report on the following plans.

Oct/Nov 2016. U23 Men's Qualification Tournament. Location TBD

March 2017. Para Panam Youth Games. Sao Paolo. 3v3 or 5v5, for Men and Women. Countries may enter one format but not both.

May/June 2017. AZ Club Tournament. Colombia. Details regarding able-bodied players (from Canadian clubs) appears to be confirmed as OK.

August 2017. America's Cup. Colombia. For Men and Women.

Commonwealth Games. It appears 2022 will be the first acceptance for wheelchair basketball, playing 3 on 3.

FIBA. IWBF will be moving their office into the House of Basketball in Mies, Switzerland. FIBA will provide cash, VIK and a part-time staff person to help with IWBF's operations.

Development Committee. A committee at IWBF will be re-established for at least the next 4 years to assist with supporting development initiatives around the world.

Expert panel of coaches. Will also be assembled at the IWBF to offer assistance in developing coaches.

Donald mentioned that a book was going to be published on the history of Paralympic sports entitled: From Stoke Mandeville to Sochi.

10 Closing

Steve Bach thanked everyone for their contributions and participation.

MOTION: To adjourn the AGM. Moved: Trevor Kerr. Seconded: Andrea Muir.