

Wheelchair Basketball Canada
Annual General Meeting
Minutes

September 21, 2022
1:00 PM EST via teleconference

Kathy Newman welcomed everyone to the AGM teleconference call and outlined the protocol that would be used during the meeting.

1 Call to Order & Welcome (1:03 PM EST)

1.1 Roll Call

BCWBS – Sian Blyth (2)

WSA – Jen Sales (2)

MWSA – Peter Tonge (2)

ONPara Network – Doug Hannum (2)

ParaSport Québec – Anne-Renée Thibeault (2)

Parasport New Brunswick - Sally Hutt (2)

Parasport and Recreation PEI - Tracy Stevenson (2)

Board Director – Mike Longo (1)

Board Director – Jessica Vliegenthart (1)

Treasurer – Michel Papillon (1)

President – Kathy Newman (1 – in case of a tie)

Non-Voting:

WBC Staff:

Executive Director - Wendy Gittens

Program Manager – Sean Liebich * Minutes

Communications Manager – Dhiren Mahiban

Event Manager – Michele Dion

High Performance Director – Jeff Dunbrack

Other:

Ingrid Moatti – Parasport Quebec

Regrets:

Board Director – Thomas Soulliere

VP Athlete Rep – Tara Llanes

Total number of votes = 18

2 Agenda

- 2.1 Additions to Agenda
No additions were made
- 2.2 Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Accept the agenda as presented.

Moved: Jen Sales

Second: Anne-Renee Thibault

Carried

3 Minutes

- 3.1 Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Accept the 2021 AGM minutes as presented.

Moved: Peter Tonge

Second: Doug Hannum

Carried

- 3.2 Business Arising from Minutes
No business arising from minutes.

4 Reports

- 4.1 Remarks from President

Kathy acknowledged the hard work and congratulated the Senior Men's and Women's teams who qualified for the 2022 World Championships. The U23 Men's National Team just got back from Thailand where they competed in the U23 World Championship and had a great learning experience. She congratulated both the Men's and Women's 3X3 teams from the Commonwealth Games, where our Women won gold and the men a silver medal. It has been a great competitive season for our National team programs.

Kathy spoke to the 3 motions that WBC has put forward for consideration at the upcoming IWBF World Congress. The three motions speak to the following:

1. Ensuring that IWBF conducts a governance review
2. Conduct research around minimal disabilities
3. Review bidding and hosting policies of IWBF

She noted that the 2022 World Championships in Dubai have been postponed to June 2023 due to FIFA World Cup and the government cancelling all other events.

Kathy spoke to recent changes on the Board of Directors. Ed Byers stepped down from the board and has shifted to a staff role on contract in partnership development for both WBC and the 2026 World Championships. Carrie MacKay has stepped down for personal reasons.

Kathy was pleased to announce the appointment of Jessica Vliegenthart to the board to fill one of the vacant positions and the board was reviewing and evaluating needs to determine if the second vacancy would be filled.

2026 World Championships

The Steering committee is active and had its first official meeting. Sub committees are being developed and finalized. Fund development plan and business plan are in development to be submitted by the end of the year. Currently working on branding around event.

Wheelchair Basketball Week

Thanks to all those involved - 15 clubs, all PSOs are engaged for the event September 26-Oct 2. Excited for future opportunities to leverage the concept.

Kathy thanked and acknowledged the staff, Board and PSOs for all the hard work completed in the year.

5 Finance and Administration

Michel spoke to the audited financial statements. He noted cash is lower than previous year due to investment. Covid relief funding was received and had to be spent by end of fiscal. Sport Canada money was carried over from previous fiscal as well. Result is a surplus for the organization. Difficult to compare 2022 to 2021 due to covid pandemic and differences in operations.

5.1 Appointment of Auditors

MOTION: Retain the firm of Ouseley, Hanvey, Clipsham and Deep LLP as the auditors for 2022-2023.

Moved: Jen Sales Second: Sally Hutt

Carried

MOTION: Accept Finance Report

Moved: Doug Hannum

Second: Sally Hutt

Carried

6 New Business

No new business

7 Closing

Kathy thanked everyone for attending the call.

MOTION: To adjourn 2022 AGM.

Moved: Jen Sales

Second: Peter Tonge

Carried