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**2024 SKATE CANADA: ALBERTA-NWT/NUNAVUT
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
June 8, 2024**

MINUTES

1. WELCOME

Mary Moran, as Chair, welcomed the members attending the Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Annual General Meeting, in person and virtually.

An introduction on the voting system was provided to the voting delegates and a brief overview of what has happened during the 2023-2024 season. The Chair also thanked clubs, coaches, parents, officials, and volunteers for their dedication to the success of the sport in our Section.

The Chair acknowledged the Section Board of Directors and the Section office staff and thanked everyone for their contributions.

2. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:12 am.

3. READING OF NOTICE OF MEETING

The Chair read the Notice of Meeting.

4. REPORTS AS TO QUORUM

Total Registered Votes: 61

Observers: 29

Motion: That the observers be allowed a voice in the proceedings of the meeting.

Moved by: Rhonda Danyluk, representing the Whitecourt Skating Club

Seconded by: Brenda Hart, representing the Beaumont Skating Club

Carried

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion: To approve the Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Annual General Meeting Agenda for June 8, 2024, as presented.

Moved by: Leslie Keen, Board Director

Seconded by: Bonnie Smyl, representing the St. Paul Figure Skating Club

Carried

6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: That the Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Annual General Meeting minutes of June 10, 2023, be approved as presented.

Moved by: Ashling Kelly, representing the Red Deer Skating Club

Seconded by: Kara Slemko, Board Director

Carried.

7. SKATE CANADA REPORT

The Chair thanked everyone for their participation in the recent Skate Canada Ice Summit and Annual General Meeting. Congratulations was recognized for Brenda Hart for being acclaimed to the Skate Canada Board of Directors as Director West for another term. An update on Skate Canada initiatives was provided.

8. CHAIR REPORT

The Chair provided an update to the members on the work that the Board of Directors achieved throughout the 2023-2024 season.

The Chair provided an overview of the Board Standing Committees.

Board Standing Committees are:

- Finance and Risk Management Committee
- Membership Relations Committee
- Governance Committee
- The Nominating Sub-Committee and the Executive Director Review and Advisory Sub-Committee operate under the Governance Committee

9. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

Alison Bonney – Gregson, Chair of the Governance Committee presented an update about the Association Bylaws.

In February 2024 a request for proposed amendments to the Bylaws was advertised to the Membership. As per Article 12, any member of Section may have submitted bylaw proposals, amendments, or repeals in writing to the Executive Director a minimum of ninety 90 days in advance of the Annual General Meeting at which they are to be considered. Additionally, and as per Article 12, Section members had until 52 days prior to the Annual General Meeting to respond, via written submission to the Executive Director of the Section, to any such proposed amendments.

There were no submissions received to the Executive Director, and the Section's Governance Committee also did not have any proposed amendments to bring forward at this time.

Alison provided an overview of some of the changes that were recently made to the Skate Canada Bylaws to be inline with the Canadian Sport Governance Code. The Section's Governance Committee will be reviewing the Section Bylaws in the coming months to proactively align with the Canadian Sport

Governance Code and best practices, with the intention of bringing forward proposed amendments to the membership for consideration at a Special Meeting to be held in the Fall.

10. PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Tammy Finnerty, Chair of the Finance and Risk Management Committee presented the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending March 31, 2024.

11. APPROVAL OF AUDITORS

Tammy Finnerty, Chair of the Finance and Risk Management Committee requested the Membership to appoint an auditor for the 2024-2025 season.

Motion: To approve that Coyle and Company are approved as the Auditors for Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Moved by: Tammy Finnerty, Board Director

Seconded by: Travis Hillier, Board Director

Carried

12. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Rod Garossino provided a report on behalf of the Membership Relations Committee.

13. OPERATIONAL REPORTS

Lisa Hardy, Executive Director, provided reports on behalf of the Section Operating Committees.

An overview of all Section Board and Operational Committee Reports was provided and will also be distributed to the membership in the 2023-2024 Annual Report.

14. Skate AB I NT I NU CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

Lisa Hardy presented the locations of the Championship events for the 2024-2025 Season:

2025 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Sectional Championships
October 31 - November 3, 2024
Edmonton, Alberta

2025 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut StarSkate and Adult Championships
March 21-23, 2025
Calgary, Alberta

15. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

In accordance with the Section Bylaws, applications were called for the election of Directors in March 2024. Applications closed on May 11, 2024. Nominating Sub-Committee Chair, Monique Moore, advised the Delegates as to the election procedures.

15.1 Region Representatives

Monique Moore announced the Region Representatives for the 2024-2025 season.

Calgary Region – Diana Peters
Central Region – Andrea Phagoo
South Region – Allie De Beer
Northeast Region – Bonnie Smyl
Peace Region – Wanda Langell
Edmonton Region – Jackie Hampton
Northwest Region – Jennifer Ferguson
Northwest Territories Region – vacant

15.2 Region Coaching Representatives

The Region Coaching Representatives were announced for the 2024-2025 season.

Calgary Region – Melissa Butler
Edmonton Region – Antoinette Hempel-Baker
Northwest Region – Patricia Forseille
Peace Region – vacant
Northwest Territories Region – Kami Harney
South Region – Charlotte Sugimoto
Northeast Region – Kimberely Mercier Buchta
Central Region – Jennifer Shigematsu

15.3 Election of Directors

The following categories were available for election:
Director Coaching, 2-year term (1 position available)
Director Regions, 2-year term (1 position available)
Director, 2-year term (3 positions available)

Election Category 1 – Director Coaching

One nomination was received for Director Coaching, Lynne Koper was acclaimed to the position.

Election Category 2 – Director Regions

There were two nominations received for the Director Regions position, and accordingly will hold an election for this position. The candidates, in alphabetical order are:

Ashley Brant
Diana Peters

As per the election policy and procedures, each candidate was given an opportunity to provide a speech, followed by the vote. Members were allowed to submit questions for the candidates through the Section website until June 4.

The following candidate was elected to the position of Director Regions: Diana Peters

Election Category 3 – Director (3 positions available)

There were a total five nominations received for the Director positions, and accordingly will hold an election for this position. The candidates, in alphabetical order are:

Ashley Brant
Rod Garossino
Jennifer Keliher
Renee McIntosh
Diana Peters

With Diana Peters being elected to Director Regions, her name is now removed from the Director ballot, which leaves four candidates for three Director positions.

As per the election policy and procedures, each candidate was given an opportunity to provide a speech, followed by the vote.

The following candidates were elected to the positions of Director:

Rod Garossino
Jennifer Keliher
Renee McIntosh

15.4 Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut Board of Directors:

The Board of Directors for 2024-2025 were announced.

Chair – Mary Moran
Director - Tammy Finnerty
Director - Rod Garossino
Director – Leslie Keen
Director – Jennifer Keliher
Director – Renee McIntosh
Director – Kara Slemko
Director Coaching – Lynne Koper
Director Regions – Diana Peters

16. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

17. BOARD OF DIRECTORS RETIREMENTS

The following Board of Directors were recognized for their dedication: Alison Bonney-Gregson, Travis Hillier and Jaci Zalesak.

18. CLOSING REMARKS

The Chair thanked the membership, volunteers, and staff for their commitment to the Section and our sport.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Alison Bonney-Gregson moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 am.