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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held May 29 – 30, 2010
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1. Welcome

at 10:01am on May 29, 2010, Graham Wilkins, President, welcomed delegates to the Ontario Speed Skating Association's (OSSA) 2010 Annual General Meeting and called the meeting to order.

2. Confirmation of Delegates

Jackie Deschenes, Executive Director, conducted a roll call of the clubs and voting delegates present. There were thirty-nine (39) club delegates and five (5) voting directors. Twenty-three (23) votes were needed to have a majority on any subsequent votes.

3. Agenda

MOTION AGM-10-01: Moved by Don Clarke, seconded by Rocky Lamontagne, that the agenda previously distributed and printed on page three of the reports package for the 2010 OSSA Annual General Meeting be approved.
Discussion regarding adding new items at new business. Website will be reviewed between items 8 & 9.

Motion Carried.

4. Minutes – 2008 OSSA Annual General Meeting

MOTION AGM-10-02: Moved by Don Clarke, seconded by Denis Bergeron that the minutes of the 2009 OSSA Annual General Meeting held on May 23 – 24, 2009 be accepted with corrections noted.

Motion Carried.

The number of present delegates was revised to include forty-two (42) club delegates and five (5) voting directors. Twenty-four (24) votes were needed to have a majority on any subsequent votes.

5. Vice President Finance and Administration Report

- Review of financial statements

MOTION AGM-10-03: Moved by Will Wallace, seconded by Ray Kuntz that the financial statements be accepted.

Motion Carried.

MOTION AGM-10-04: Moved by Steve Arnold, seconded by Ross Campbell that Graham Mathews be our auditor for the 2010-2011 season.

- Discussion regarding changing our auditor for future just for a change, possibly investigate a different partner working on our file for the sake of a change.
- If we tender the service of audit, would we expect the price to be around \$8000, or more along the lines of \$4500. We believe that industry standard is likely around \$8000.
- Investigate other PSOs to determine what they pay for audit service.

Motion Carried.

- Reviewed Vice President Administration and Finance report.
 - Highlighted Gross Profit chart
 - Reviewed major revenue sources of OSSA.
 - Base funding decrease
 - Membership fee increase
 - Reviewed membership totals
 - Push to register more associate members was well received – our clubs responded significantly.
 - Reviewed the high number of special events skaters registered by Kingston. This was done to improve their membership numbers which serves them when working with the City of Kingston for facility rentals as well as their standing when applying for a Trillium Grant, which they intend to do.



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- Question regarding base funding and the impact of our membership numbers on our funding totals. The base funding grant used to be awarded based on performance, now it is based on participation and even if we increase beyond 5000 members our base grant would not increase by much.
- We will now review the various amendments and changes proposed.
 - Club Fees
 - Proposing increases in most categories.
 - The most significant increase would be the one to the competitive skaters, which would result in approximately \$10,000 more revenues to the Association.
 - The fee for Associates was not changed, nor was the fee for Special Event members.
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MOTION AGM-10-05: Moved by Steve Arnold, seconded by Gail Bouchette that the new fee schedule, Annex A4, be accepted as presented.

- Discussion regarding the maximum entry fee per individual for a two day meet fee is not high enough. Some feel it should be 75% - 100% more than the one day fee. Rationale, the sanction fee is higher, the check in fee is higher, the ice costs are doubled, plus the HST change will impact that as well.
- Clubs should recognize that this is not a money making venture, but a benefit to our skaters. In response there was a comment that clubs don't try to make money, but it is important not to lose money.
- Some clubs don't feel they could do a one day meet on \$40 fee and break even.

Motion amended by Ron Richards, seconded by Bill Allen, that the maximum entry fee for a two day meet be increased to \$80 and the maximum entry fee for a one day meet be \$50 . Amendment Carried.

Motion amended by Jacky Shoebridge, seconded by John White to add a new meet fee category for a special trials type two day meet for a maximum of 64 skaters with a maximum entry fee of \$125. Amendment Carried.

- Further discussion regarding the increased check in fee from last year and how it would support the officials, did that occur? Yes.
- Discussion regarding the recreational skater fee, only \$5 of \$70 goes to SSC. Ottawa would like to see a lower recreational fee, perhaps \$20.

Motion Carried.

MOTION AGM-10-06: Moved by Steve Arnold, seconded by Ron Richards that Independent Associate member category be added.

- Discussion regarding pointing these individuals to their local club.

Motion Carried.

MOTION AGM-10-07: Moved by Steve Arnold, seconded by Ray Kuntz that the High School Program member category be added.

- Discussion regarding pointing these individuals to their local club.

Motion amended by Rocky Lamontagne, seconded by Ron Richards that it be changed to student member.

- This will be stipulated that this is for a full time student

Motion Carried.

MOTION AGM-10-08: Moved by Leslie Derro, seconded by Desmond P. that an Introductory member be added under the SSC recreational category and a fee of \$25 be charged where the maximum amount of time that this type of member can participate is 8 weeks.

- Discussion to clarify that this is the fee to register the member with OSSA; you can charge the person more.
3 opposed



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Motion Carried.

MOTION AGM-10-09: Moved by Valya Roberts, seconded by Dave Stewart that terms of office listed in 11.01.2 be updated to reflect two year board terms. This motion was withdrawn.

MOTION AGM-10-10: Moved by Don Clarke, seconded by Mariskia Vergeer that the expense claim guidelines but amended to state that all expenses not submitted within 30 days may not be reimbursed.

Motion amended by Gail Bouchette, seconded by Doug Flynn that it be changed to state that OSSA reserves the right not to reimburse expenses not submitted within this time frame.

Motion Carried.

MOTION AGM-10-11: Moved by Dave Stewart, seconded by Ron Richards that notice of member meetings must be given not less than ten days prior to the meeting with no maximum on the number of days notice.

Motion Carried.

Break until Sunday.

Resume Sunday 9:25am.

The number of present delegates was revised to include forty-five (45) club delegates and five (5) voting directors. Twenty-six (26) votes were needed to have a majority on any subsequent votes.

MOTION AGM-10-11: Moved by Valya Roberts, seconded by Ron Richards that an individual will cease to be a board member if three meetings are missed consecutively.

Motion Carried.

MOTION AGM-10-12: Moved by Stephen Arnold, seconded by Denis Bergeron that Annex A1 be updated.

- Discussion regarding who/what is secretary
- Staff job descriptions should be in the information manual
- There was criticism that publishing the change in job title was not done well.

Motion Withdrawn.

MOTION AGM-10-13: Moved by Ron Richards, seconded by Don Clarke that appeals must be received with a deposit of \$250.

Motion Carried.

MOTION AGM-10-14: Moved by Bill Allen, seconded by Doug Mason that the OSSA office be located in the Province of Ontario in a location to be determined by the sitting President and OSSA Board and confirmed by the membership.

Motion amended by Stephen Arnold, seconded by Ron Richards, to read that the head office of the association shall be in the Province of Ontario.



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Motion Carried.

MOTION AGM-10-15: Moved by Ron Richards, seconded by Cheryl Wilson that new clubs cannot be created within a certain distance from another club.

Discussion:

- How do you define the centre point of the radius – from the arena.
- Need to really digest, study and think about this.
- Wouldn't be a problem in Ottawa, would be a problem in Durham.
- Perhaps cannot create without permission of the existing club to allow for differences in urban density.
- More clubs equals more members?

Withdrawn.

MOTION AGM-10-16: Moved by Doug Mason, seconded by Cheryl Wilson, that a new club may not be sanctioned without the prior approval of the OSSA Board of directors, with input from the existing area clubs.

Motion Carried. (2 opposed)

Note that this is to be an interim measure, and that OSSA must create more rules around new club sanctioning.

MOTION AGM-10-17: Moved by Don Clarke, seconded by Allen McGuire that the board of directors to develop a set of sanctioning criteria to become the terms for affiliation to be voted on at the next AGM.

Motion Carried.

MOTION AGM-10-18: Moved by Desmond Preudhomme, seconded by Paul Pickard that the masters championship format be changed per the amendment provided.

Discussion:

- Dave Stewart agrees that this is an issue, need to fix it up, but there will be a lot of LTPAD changes as well. The amendment as proposed will create a lot of problems for meet coordinators, would like to review with them and let the technical committee come up with a set of rules and publish them in the technical bulletin for the 2010-2011 season.

Motion Withdrawn.

MOTION AGM-10-19: Moved by Will Wallace, seconded by Paul Pickard that a masters championship format will appear in the next technical bulletin, after consultation with meet stakeholders and masters skaters

Motion Carried.

It was proposed that a new board member position be created, VP Coaches and Officials development, responsible for representing LT skaters & Masters as well as the coaches and officials. After some discussion the group agreed that a trial run over the next season should be completed.

It was also proposed that the technical committee adds two vice-chairs, one each to represent long and short track. Again, after discussion the group agreed that this should occur on a trial basis over the next season.



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There was discussion of a Motion put forward by Sault Ste. Marie regarding the long track season.

6. Approval of Club Reports

MOTION AGM-10-20: Moved by Ross Campbell, seconded by Ron Richards that club reports be accepted.

Discussion:

- Brief review of coaching courses being offered this summer and fall. Review of challenge process. Note about Making Ethical Decisions exam not being written, not sure who did or didn't do and what SSC is going to do about re-training and if SSC is going to enforce this rule. May affect a lot of our long standing coaches.

Motion Carried.

7. Statistician's Report

MOTION AGM-10-21: Moved by Beth Wismer, seconded by Valya Roberts, that 08-09 records be accepted.

Motion Carried.

MOTION AGM-10-22: Moved by Don Clarke, seconded Jacky Shoebridge, that 09-10 records be accepted. Correction for the 60-69 ages for masters & spelling of Quinte.

Motion Carried

8. Marketing Report

- Merchandise discussed a lot, will work with new coordinator to help with merchandise sales.
- Increase the profile of the person in this role.

MOTION AGM-10-23: Moved by Ron Richards, seconded by Gail Bouchette that the marketing report be accepted.

Motion Carried.

9. Development Report

- Report in the AGM document
- Meeting yesterday for development was great
 - Good website
 - Better communication
 - Educational materials
 - Protocols out more quickly
 - Club excellence program

MOTION AGM-10-24: Moved by Ross Campbell, seconded by John White that the development report be accepted.

Motion Carried.

9.a Review website

- Ensure age calculator is added.
- Meets/clinics/results on the main home page.
- Past protocols & records.
- Email the site to presidents and send suggestions.



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- Accept pictures where possible.
- True Sport logo

10. Technical Report

- Report in AGM document – one error where it was stated that CDC was not clear in their direction.
- Reviewed most recent competition bulletin
- 5000 emails down to 1000 emails.
 - Pee Wees removed, mostly positive response
 - Mini meet concept was a success.
 - Regional championships run as age class, great success
 - We don't spend enough time on long track.
 - Coaching and officials, many upgrades. Clinics in August for our coaches.
 - Officials symposium, \$200/club offered.
 - LTPAD – single biggest impact on our Association competition proposal we've ever seen.
 - If they change the rules for their regional championships we need to change how we select athletes.
 - Further questions, please email.
- Reviewed discussions for next season. This doesn't necessarily take into account potential LTPAD changes.
 - Build on successes of 27.1. Add more details
 - Platinum competition series like the OWG format. In it will be for OWG, CWG trials and in off year just to have a trials. 32 males and females, eligibility established at beginning of each season based on whether meet is OWG/CWG/ON Trials. Combine with Bronze mini meet to make good use of ice.
 - Gold competition series – O'cup. Scored on 3 of 4, reformat to skate 3 distances and relays. Age group adjusted based on 09-10 numbers. Warm ups at 8, race at 9. Reinstigate junior age category. Increased max number of skaters to 206 plus out of province. No byes to O'cup meets for out of province meets other than recognized ranking meets. No byes for family/school trips. Eligibility for gold series at start of season based on ranking from previous season and meets prior to the entry deadline for the O'cup. Reviewed proposed age groupings.
 - Silver competition – regional series – registration maximums to be set on one-day meets. O'cup skaters discouraged from competing at these meets to increase opportunities for non-O'cup skaters. Mixed gender ability senior and junior relays where possible. Equal E/W distribution, max 165 skaters for 1 day meet, regional priority for registration. Warm up at 8, race at 9, end by 16:30. Mixed gender ability relays for junior & senior.
 - Bronze – mini meets – intro to racing, training for officials & volunteers, eligible for sanction, 4-6hrs. O'cup skaters discouraged.
 - Reviewed Provincial ST Champs, & qualification for Canadian ST Champs.
 - Meet officials – ODC to make use of meets for upgrade opportunities. Reviewed qualifications for officials for each level of meet.
- Next steps – wait for SSC. We need to wait for their AGM to find out their resolutions before we can finalize our bulletin.
- A new draft calendar is ready, but again, we are waiting for SSC.
- We don't expect in Province meets to change very much. It will just be selection meets for national events that may be affected.
- The technical bulletin PPT will be available via website.
- A new draft calendar is going to be available shortly and posted online.
 - Requests that clubs confirm ice time and consider hosting regionals December 4th weekend.
 - Brampton offered to host the Dec 4 meet.

MOTION AGM-10-25: Moved by Valya Roberts, seconded by Paul Pickard that the technical report be accepted.

Discussion:

- Quest for Gold: need more transparency, Relayed timing issues. Discussed issues related to posting the qualifying meets in advance of the season. Ensure the membership knows that the criteria is locked down before September, though we aren't able to post it until the following summer.

Motion Carried.



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11. President's Report

- Is on pages 20 & 21 of the AGM Report
- Discussion has been captured with all of the various reports presented already.
- Two initiatives in the past year have had a really good impact and start:
 - Seven high school program clubs. More clubs interested in joining next year. Goal is to have 12 clubs next season.
 - TODGP: group of kids at AGM, reason to be training in the summer, having a group of coaches & managers working with them, gives them an idea of what the Association is about and reminds the Association of our purpose.

MOTION AGM-10-26: Moved by Gail Bouchette, seconded by Will Wallace that the President's report be accepted.

Carried.

12. New Business

- Don Clarke – online protocols, need to be more posted in a more timely fashion. Look for a solution to this problem – email distribution list, meet coordinators can post directly on the website possibly, or staff know to check and post Sunday night. Should always be in same document format, ie: PDF versus Word/Excel. Can we improve the format of the protocol, not really, it is the way it is.
- Doug Flynn – circulated a flyer for the Kitchener-Waterloo camp, for beginners ages 5-12. Patti Walsh is the contact.
- Would like a facebook page updated, James Browne.
- John White – Gloucester – President's meeting earlier this year. Would like to review two items from that meeting:
 - Would like to increase the profile of OSSA for all abilities and ages. Would like to see a formal OSSA camp reinstated.

MOTION AGM-10-27: Moved by John White, seconded by Janet Mason, that the OSSA board take a leadership role in the operation of training camps and make it clear to the membership that the hosting of summer or other camps is open to any member club and that the question of who and where will be determined each year prior to the AGM. That the OSSA board will lead the facilitation and organization of these camps in conjunction with the hosting club, and with the help of the technical, officials, and coaching committees to provide instruction at camps, clinics to be held in conjunction to camps, and monetary assistance to the hosting club in the form of a grant in the range of \$1,000 - \$3,000 depending on the requirement. Also, additional support for coaches and officials, will be provided to help cover the costs of facilitators, travel and accommodation arrangements. OSSA will market the camps.

Discussion:

- entry fee for an event should cover the costs of that event. Do a better job to ensure that the membership is paying for the service they use.
- Will: Under technical committee – idea taken there and report back to the membership on how they can make that work.
- In Gloucester is a fragmentation of coaching products. Too many competitors like Calgary Oval and Sue Ellis camp. Gloucester needs 80 skaters or they will lose money.

Motion Carried (20 opposed).

13. Elections

The number of present voting delegates was revised to include forty-two (42) club delegates and zero (0) voting directors. Twenty-three (23) votes were needed to have a majority on any subsequent votes.

President: Graham Wilkins earned a majority of votes over Patti Pokol.

Vice President Technical: Dave Stewart was elected by acclamation as Jacky Shoebridge declined to run.

Development: Valya Roberts was elected by acclamation.

Marketing: Roger Buxton was elected by acclamation.

Finance: Stephen Arnold was elected by acclamation.

MOTION AGM-10-28: Moved by Ron Richards, seconded by Alex Perrie that the elected candidates be named to the OSSA Board of



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Directors.

Motion Carried.

MOTION AGM-10-29: Moved by Don Clarke, seconded by Rocky Lamontagne that the ballots be destroyed.

Motion Carried.

14. Adjournment

MOTION AGM-10-30: Moved by Don Clarke, seconded by Gail Bouchette that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion Carried.



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Attendees - Ontario Speed Skating Association Annual General Meeting (V) = Voting Delegate

Name	Club	May 29	May 30	Name	Club	May 29	May 30
Bill Allen	Newmarket	(V)	(V)	Brian McGregor	Durham	(V)	(V)
Mike Allen	Barrie	(V)	(V)	Allen McGuire	Gloucester	(V)	(V)
Stephen Arnold	OSSA	(V)	(V)	Joanne Mitchell	Ottawa	(V)	(V)
Nick Beck	Markham	Absent	(V)	Allan Moss	Oakville	(V)	(V)
Denis Bergeron	Gloucester	(V)	(V)	Rhonda Mulcahy	Newmarket	(V)	✓
Sarah Beynon	Barrie	(V)	(V)	Mark O'Donnell	Oakville	(V)	(V)
Gail Bouchette	Ottawa	(V)	(V)	Matt O'Donnell	Oakville	(V)	(V)
Damian Brown	OSSA	(V)	(V)	Dave Ord	Brampton	(V)	(V)
James Browne	Milton	(V)	(V)	Alex Perrie	Kitchener-Waterloo	(V)	(V)
Roger Buxton	Markham	(V)	(V)	Paul Pickard	Quinte	(V)	(V)
Ross Campbell	Ottawa	(V)	(V)	Patti Pokol	Brampton	Absent	(V)
Don Clarke	Kitchener-Waterloo	(V)	(V)	Desmond Preudhomme	Toronto	(V)	(V)
David Conroy	Bancroft	(V)	(V)	Valerie Reilly	Cambridge	(V)	(V)
Dale Coolidge	Clarington	✓	✓	Ron Richards	Clarington	(V)	(V)
Chris Coons	Lakefield	Absent	(V)	Valya Roberts	OSSA	(V)	(V)
Lucille DeHaitre	Gloucester	(V)	(V)	Laurel Rockwell	Gloucester	(V)	(V)
Leslie Derro	Ottawa	(V)	(V)	Tom Shires	Ottawa	✓	✓
Jacqueline Deschenes	OSSA	✓	✓	Jacky Shoebridge	Kitchener-Waterloo	(V)	(V)
Don Ego	Newmarket	Absent	(V)	Dave Stewart	OSSA	(V)	(V)
Kathleen Ehrenberg	Cambridge	(V)	(V)	Cindy VanLierop	London	✓	✓
Doug Flynn	Kitchener-Waterloo	(V)	(V)	John VanLierop	London	✓	✓
David Hickman	Cambridge	(V)	(V)	Mariska Vergeer	Cambridge	(V)	(V)
Ray Kuntz	Kingston	(V)	(V)	Will Wallace	Toronto	(V)	(V)
Rocky Lamontagne	Ottawa	(V)	(V)	John White	Gloucester	(V)	(V)
Jack Lapum	Peterborough	Absent	(V)	Gary Witney	Markham	✓	Absent
Pierre Lavallee	Kingston	(V)	(V)	Graham Wilkins	OSSA	(V)	(V)
Barb LeBlanc	St. Lawrence	(V)	(V)	Cheryl Wilson	Clarington	(V)	(V)
Anne Marie Malcolm	Brampton	(V)	(V)	Beth Wismer	Quinte	(V)	(V)
Doug Mason	London	(V)	(V)	Laura Woodall	Quinte	(V)	(V)
Janet Mason	London	(V)	(V)				