



**BC HOCKEY
ANNUAL CONGRESS
Penticton Lakeside Resort, June 10, 2023**

Minutes of the BC Hockey Annual Congress Annual General Meeting (AGM) held June 10, 2023 in the East Ballroom at the Penticton Lakeside Resort, 21 Lakeshore Drive W, Penticton, B.C.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

CHAIR OF THE BOARD STEPHANIE WHITE

Chair Stephanie White welcomed members to the 104th AGM of BC Hockey and thanked the Penticton Indian Band for hosting the meeting on their land. The Chair acknowledged all the Indigenous peoples and Nations across B.C. for the opportunity to play and enjoy hockey on their lands. The Chair also recognized the venue staff for their efforts in hosting the BC Hockey Delegates.

Chair White recognized and congratulated the BC Hockey Championship teams of the past year for their achievements and noted pleasure to have a number of special guests joining the AGM, including Life Members Bill Ennos and Frank Lento, past Chair Bill Greene, and volunteer Coordinators:

- Female Hockey: Jen Loewen
- Minor Hockey Discipline: Byron Rice
- Minor Hockey Operations: June McKenzie
- Indigenous Liaison: Ryneld Starr
- Adult Male: Trevor Bast
- Championships: Sherry Wakelin
- Commissioner POE and BCEHL: Fred Zweep
- Chief Medical Officer: Dr. Michael Conrad
- Harassment Ombudsperson: Dr. Frank Fowlie.

The Chair led members in acknowledging the Appeal Committee, and extended appreciation to Committee Chair Andrew Pendray and members Mark Bakken, Jean-Benoit Deschamps, and Chad Rintoul for their efforts on behalf of all members.

The Chair acknowledged the Auditor from Wiseman and Mills, Christopher Smith, and Legal Counsel Nick Mosky, from Waddell Raponi.

Chair White shared that one year prior, during very challenging times, it was recognized there was an opportunity to do things differently. In the summer, one individual asked how they could help. That individual was Jen Loewen who was invited to participate on the Nominating Committee to ensure efforts continued to have a strong, vibrant Board. Although Jen Loewen was not present, her efforts as the Nominating Committee Chair were appreciated, as were those of members Harold Bloomenthal, Mike Rispin, Krista Strand, and Jacquelyn Novak-Nayyar. Jacquelyn Novak-Nayyar would be presenting during the elections later in the AGM.

The Chair thanked all members who put forward their name to be considered for the Board and shared a story of being recognized as the new Chair two years prior by two gentlemen, which gave her a belief in herself and thanked helped propel her to be here today.

The Chair thanked the Board of Directors for its year of service and recognized the service of each



Board members over the 2022-23 hockey season:

- Haleigh Callison
- Chuck Campbell
- Anita Cote
- Randy Henderson
- Andrew Jakubeit
- John MacMillan
- Neil McNabb
- Steve Phipps.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE WORK GROUP REPORT

ANDREW JAKUBEIT– BC HOCKEY

On behalf of the Credentials Committee Work Group, Andrew Jakubeit and June McKenzie, the membership credentials for the AGM were reported as follows:

Minor and District Associations	386
Junior and Senior	3
Board of Directors	9
Total:	398 votes

MOTION

It was MOVED (Sherry Wakelin) and SECONDED (Carrie Olsen)

To adopt the report of the BC Hockey Credentials Committee Work Group as presented.

CARRIED

FINANCIALS

JEN CHEESEMAN – CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

With reference to an overhead presentation titled “BC Hockey Financial Report Year Ending March 31, 2023”, Jen Cheeseman, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), summarized the year end financials. An outline was provided noting reasons for the Organization concluding with a deficit of 343K compared to its budgeted deficit of \$886K. Jen referenced variances from the Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Operations compared to the prior year. She also explained why deficits will be planned for the next few years and reviewed the 23-24 budget which will have a deficit of 662K.

Chuck Campbell indicated for the last time he would address the AGM as the Chair of the Finance Committee and thanked the Finance Committee for its work: Board Directors John MacMillan, Neil McNabb, and Haleigh Callison as well as local resident Doug Arnett.

NEIL MCNABB– BC HOCKEY – RESOLUTIONS

Neil McNabb informed there would be several motions and five resolutions considered at the meeting, and introduced Brandon Gallacher, Data on the Spot (DOTS), to discuss the voting process.

Brandon Gallacher noted that credentials were emailed to individuals from DOTS. An example of what the email would look like was displayed and reviewed. An example of what the voting online would look like was displayed, with arrows showing how to login and enter the password following which a ballot would open in a blue link. Weighted votes could be cast to the maximum number of weighted votes allowed.



Neil McNabb brought forward motions for consideration, which would not be considered on the resolutions ballot.

MOTION

It was MOVED (Lawrence Smyth) and SECONDED (Chuck Campbell)

As per Bylaw 908, to approve the BC Hockey 2022-2023 audited financial statements as presented.

CARRIED

MOTION

It was MOVED (Melanie Earland) and SECONDED (Lawrence Smyth)

Under Bylaw 903, to appoint Wiseman & Mills as the Auditors for BC Hockey for 2023-2024.

CARRIED

MOTION

It was MOVED (Lawrence Smyth) and SECONDED (Melanie Earland)

To adopt the 103rd BC Hockey Annual General Meeting minutes as circulated.

CARRIED

MOTION

It was MOVED (Charlotte Johnson) and SECONDED (Allen Wales)

To adopt the Coordinator and Director reports from the 2022-2023 BC Hockey Annual Report.

CARRIED

MOTION

It was MOVED (Nick Santorelli) and SECONDED (Mike Rispin)

Under the requirement of the *New Societies Act*, to ratify the Board of Directors activities for 2023-2024.

CARRIED

NOTICES OF MOTION – RESOLUTIONS

Neil McNabb thanked the Resolutions Committee for their efforts, and acknowledged individual members:

Bill Ennos, Michael Marson, Lawrence Smyth, Lynn Eng, Grant Zimmerman, Cameron Hope, Sean Raphael, and Julie Dobell.



A member inquired about the possibility of considering the five resolutions in one in order to save time; however, given that four of the resolutions required 75% in favour to be passed, and one did not, it was recommended to consider the resolutions individually.

MOTION

It was MOVED (Lawrence Smyth) and SECONDED (Jordan Emmerson)

To consider the resolutions as a block.

DEFEATED

RESOLUTION 2023-01

NEIL MCNABB

Neil McNabb introduced the distributed Notice of Motion. The subject matter of the Resolution was to revise regulation 7.2 to enable the Chief Executive Officer to determine and/or change the venue of a series, to streamline the process for determining Championship venues in the event that this is required.

Q & A RE RESOLUTION 2023-01

There were no questions/comments regarding Resolution 2023-01.

RESOLUTION 2023-01

It was MOVED (Terry Rolston) and SECONDED (Chris Ford)

To revise regulation 7.2 to enable the Chief Executive Officer to determine and/or change the venue of a series, to streamline the process for determining Championship venues in the event that this is required.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2023-02

Neil McNabb introduced the distributed Notice of Motion. The subject matter of the Resolution was to approve changes to the Bylaws necessary to change the terms of Directors, including the Chair, from two (2) years to three (3) years. The intention, if passed by the Voting Members, is that the terms of Directors including the Chair for 2023, shall be determined on the basis of Bylaw 523.2023.

Q & A RE RESOLUTION 2023-02

There were no questions/comments regarding Resolution 2023-02.

RESOLUTION 2023-02

It was MOVED (Lawrence Smyth) and SECONDED (Harbs Bains)

To approve changes to the Bylaws necessary to change the terms of Directors, including the Chair, from two (2) years to three (3) years. The intention, if passed by the Voting Members, is that the terms of Directors including the Chair for 2023, shall be determined on the basis of Bylaw 523.2023.

DEFEATED

RESOLUTION 2023-03

Neil McNabb introduced the distributed Notice of Motion. The subject matter of the Resolution was to revise Bylaw 211 to align with a change made to Hockey Canada Bylaws 10.2 and 10.3.

Q & A RE RESOLUTION 2023-03

There were no questions/comments regarding Resolution 2023-03.



RESOLUTION 2023-03

It was MOVED (Al McCulloch) and SECONDED (Lawrence Smyth)

To revise Bylaw 211 so that the Bylaw aligns with a change made to Hockey Canada Bylaws 10.2 and 10.3.

DEFEATED

RESOLUTION 2023-04

Neil McNabb introduced the distributed Notice of Motion. The subject matter of the Resolution was to clarify affiliation procedures for Minor Hockey Associations that registers players from more than one (1) Minor Hockey Association.

Q & A RE RESOLUTION 2023-04

There were no questions/comments regarding Resolution 2023-04.

RESOLUTION 2023-04

It was MOVED (Charlotte Johnson) and SECONDED (Melanie Earland)

To clarify affiliation procedures for Minor Hockey Associations that registers players from more than one (1) Minor Hockey Association.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2023-05

Neil McNabb introduced the distributed Notice of Motion. The subject matter of the Resolution was to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to continue with a cleanup of BC Hockey's Bylaws and Regulations to make them more clear, consistent, concise, and easier to read without changing the intent of said Bylaw and or/Regulation in a material way.

Q & A RE RESOLUTION 2023-05

There were no questions/comments regarding Resolution 2023-05.

RESOLUTION 2023-05

It was MOVED (Tanya Spafford) and SECONDED (Steve May)

To authorize the Chief Executive Officer to continue with a cleanup of BC Hockey's Bylaws and Regulations to make them more clear, consistent, concise, and easier to read without changing the intent of said Bylaw and or/Regulation in a material way.

CARRIED

ELECTION REPORT

JACQUELYN NOVAK-NAYYAR, TOA CONSULTING

Jacquelyn Novak-Nayyar provided self-introductions, and on behalf of Nominating Committee Chair Jen Loewen, and members of the Committee: Harold Bloomenthal, Krista Strang, and Mike Rispin, provided the election report.

The Nominating Committee identifies who is leaving the Board and tries to fill any vacancies. The Chair of the Board, Stephanie White, will remain in the position, entering the second year of a two-year term, and is therefore declared Chair of the BC Hockey Board of Directors. 12 nominations were received for the four Director positions available on the Board. A profile on each candidate was created to share the candidates' credentials and personal video address. In alphabetical order, the 12 candidates, were:



- Mark Burgin
- Haleigh Callison
- Kevin Creery
- Jaci Edgeworth
- James Fonnyadt
- Brad Klock
- Scott Millard
- Jamey Paterson
- Amer Sidhu
- Rupa Sohal
- Matt Stewart
- Bryan Ford

In accordance with the process outlined in Bylaws 531 to 535, the 2023 AGM needs to elect four Directors for a two-year term. The process will take place on one ballot unless there is a tie.

Jacquelyn Novak-Nayyar read aloud the directions on page 10-11, noting that any ballots containing greater than the four available positions, would be spoiled. Members were asked to log in and select their top four candidates. It was confirmed the ballot was now open.

Given that several members did not cast their vote by the time the ballot was closed, it was asked to re-open the ballot. It was agreed to do so, which reset the results of the vote to zero. Members were asked to again vote for the four Board Director positions.

Jacquelyn Novak-Nayyar recognized BC Hockey Board Chair Stephanie White, and Board members entering the second of their two-year terms, Steve Phipps, Neil McNabb, Randy Henderson, and Anita Cote, and welcomed newly elected Board Directors to the stage:

- Haleigh Callison
- Mark Burgin
- Brad Klock
- Jaci Edgeworth.

Members applauded all candidates for having put their name forward.

MOTION

It was MOVED (Mike Rispin) and SECONDED (Lawrence Smyth)

To destroy the voting ballots.

CARRIED

Chair Stephanie White acknowledged and thanked the Board Directors who would be leaving the Board following the AGM, including Chuck Campbell, having served the eight-year maximum tenure; Andrew Jakubeit, having served the eight-year maximum tenure; and John MacMillan, who was not seeking reelection, and who served on the Board for five-years. Each of the individuals provided departing comments.

CONCLUSION

The Chair indicated there have been some significant changes at the Hockey Canada level, many of which would trickle down to BC Hockey. It was important to have strong conversations about governance, and to discuss the issues, to move the organization forward in a progressive manner, which was essential to our survival and how we manage and maintain transparency, equity, and fairness.



It was noted that the 2024 AGM was scheduled to take place at the Penticton Lakeside Resort and Conference Centre, June 7-8, 2024, and feedback was invited on this year's event in order to improve future events.

MOTION

It was MOVED (Johanna Swanson) and SECONDED (Sheryl Williamson)

To now conclude the 104th BC Hockey Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED
(Time 2:06 p.m.)