

**SPEED SKATE NOVA SCOTIA  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
ATLANTIC SUPERSTORE COMMUNITY ROOM  
ANTIGONISH, NOVA SCOTIA  
May 8, 2010**

- 1. Roll Call:**  
Terri Dixon, Debbie Gowan, Sandra Taylor, Marina Hamilton, Tessa Burney, David MacDonald, Brent Thompson.
- 2. Tributes and Introduction of Guests:** Charlie Clements and John Thompson were unable to attend the meeting but were identified as the contacts for the Yarmouth Speed Skating and Inline Skating Association.
- 3. President's Address:** Terri Dixon read the President's report into the minutes; see Schedule "A" attached.
- 4. Minutes of the May 24, 2009 Annual General Meeting:** The minutes of the May 24, 2009 Annual General Meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Debbie Gowan and seconded by Brent Thompson that the minutes of May 24, 2009 be accepted as read. Motion carried.
- 5. Business arising from the Minutes:** It was identified that North Sydney and Cape Breton clubs have registered as True Sport clubs. Tessa Burney will follow-up with the Dartmouth club to have them register as a True Sport Club. Terri Dixon will place this item on the next executive agenda to determine the basis for registering the Branch with True Sport. Brent Thompson will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> representative for Dartmouth on the Nova Scotia Canada Winter Games Committee.
- 6. Officer/Directors Reports:**
  - a. Director of Athlete Development/Coaching:** As Neill Evans sent his regrets, Terri Dixon read the Director of Athlete Development/Coaching report into the minutes; see Schedule "B" attached.
  - b. Director of Competitions:** Marina Hamilton read the Director of Competitions report into the minutes; see Schedule "C" attached.
  - c. Director of Domestic Development:** No report presented.
  - d. Director of Officials:** David MacDonald read the Director of Officials report into the minutes; see Schedule "D" attached.
- 7. Financial Reports:** Sandra Taylor read the 2010 Financial Report into the minutes; see Schedule "E". Terri Dixon reinforced the importance of pursuing grants for funding. There was discussion regarding the non-Canada Games age eligible athlete camps. For the 2009/10 season Sandra Taylor will develop an email and send it to Club Presidents/ Club reps requesting that the names of non-Canada Games age eligible skaters and details of training camps they attended in the 2009-2010 season be submitted by June 30, 2010 for disbursement of funding set aside in the 2009-10 budget for this. Debbie Gowan moved that submission of names of non-CWG athletes who attend training camps during the 2010-2011 season be submitted to Sandra Taylor prior to March 31, 2011, seconded by Brent Thompson. Motion carried. It was moved by David MacDonald and seconded by Tessa Burney that the 2010 Financial Statements be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

**8. Ratification of the Annual Budget:** Sandra Taylor presented the Proposed 2010-11 Budget; see Schedule “F”. Provincial camps to be amended to “Athlete Development” and the amount will be changed to \$1100. It was moved by Brent Thompson and seconded by Debbie Gowan that the 2010-11 Projected Budget be approved with the amendment. Motion carried.

**9. Other Reports:**

**a. Cape Breton Club Report:** Debbie Gowan read the Cape Breton Club Report into the minutes; see Schedule “G”.

**b. Dartmouth Club Report:** Brent Thompson read the Dartmouth Club Report into the minutes; see Schedule “H”. Terri Dixon commented on one item raised in the report. Debbie Gowan had recommended to Speed Skate New Brunswick that Peter Steele be nominated for Speed Skating Canada’s Coaching Excellence Award. They have followed through with this and Speed Skate Nova Scotia has submitted a letter of support.

**c. North Side Blades Club Report:** Sandra Taylor advised that a report will follow. Membership is growing and is over 35 and parents want to be more involved. The club has indicated that it is considering hosting a developmental meet in the fall.

**10. Amendments to the Constitution:** The following motion was brought forward: “That Speed Skate Nova Scotia accepts and approves the written request of the Yarmouth Speed Skating and Inline Skating Association for membership into Speed Skate Nova Scotia beginning in the 2010-2011 skating season.” This was moved by Brent Thompson and seconded by Marina Hamilton. Motion carried.

It was moved that Article 11 Quorum be amended to read “The attendance of the majority of the existing executive members (50% plus one) shall form a quorum at all general meetings”. This was moved by Debbie Gowan and seconded by Brent Thompson. Motion carried.

**11. Amendments to the Rules and Regulations:** There were no amendments to the Rules and Regulations. Terri Dixon indicated that there will be significant changes coming to the Speed Skating Canada Policies and Regulations. This will necessitate a complete review of our own Policies and Procedures. It is possible that a Special Meeting may be called in the fall prior to the skating season to deal with these anticipated changes. Possible changes expected will deal with age class definitions, competition event rule changes, distance changes, track size changes, national championships qualifications, records, and implementation of mandatory safety equipment, i.e., eyewear.

**12. Election of Directors:**

**a. President** - Terri Dixon has one year remaining on her term.

**b. Vice-President** - Debbie Gowan has one year remaining on her term.

**c. Secretary** – Notices went out to the membership and there were no expressions of interest. This position remains vacant.

**d. Treasurer** - Sandra Taylor has one year remaining on her term.

**e. Director of Athlete Development** – Brent Thompson put his name forward for Athlete Development. There were no further nominations. Moved by Sandra Taylor and seconded by Tessa Burney to accept Brent Thompson as Director of Athlete Development. Motion carried.

**f. Director of Coaching** - Neill Evans has agreed to put his name forward for re-election. There were no further nominations. Moved by Sandra Taylor and seconded by David MacDonald. Motion carried.

**g. Director of Officials** - David MacDonald has agreed to put his name forward for re-election. There were no other nominations. Moved by Tessa Burney and seconded by Sandra Taylor. Motion carried.

- h. Director of Competitions** – Marina Hamilton has agreed to put her name forward for re-election. There were no further nominations. Moved by Brent Thompson and seconded by Sandra Taylor. Motion carried.
- i. Director of Domestic Development** – Tessa Burney has agreed to put her name forward for re-election. There were no further nominations. Moved by David MacDonald and seconded by Sandra Taylor. Motion carried.
- j. Club Representatives** – The following were named as being the Club Representatives:
  - Leona Farrell-Wadden – Cape Breton Speed Skating Club
  - Brent Thompson – Dartmouth Speed Skating Club
  - Laurolea Crane – North Side Blades Speed Skating Club
  - Yarmouth Speed Skating and Inline Skating Association – Terri Dixon will contact them to determine who they would like to name to this position.

### **13. Any Other Business:**

- Terri Dixon reminded that the SSC database needs to be updated to reflect current club information and also to review the Speed Skate NS website and notify Neill Evans of any changes to your club page.
- Brent Thompson brought forward a request from one of the membership that the Board pursue the possibility of hiring a full-time paid provincial coach. This will be added to the agenda of a future meeting to determine the direction the Board wants to proceed with this request for consideration.

### **14. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marina Hamilton  
Recording Secretary  
2010 AGM

SCHEDULE A - President's Report

SCHEDULE B - Director of Athlete Development/Coaching Report

SCHEDULE C - Director of Competitions Report

SCHEDULE D - Director of Officials Report

SCHEDULE E - 2010 Financial Report for the period ending April 30, 2010

SCHEDULE F - 2010-2011 Amended Annual Budget

SCHEDULE G - Cape Breton Speed Skating Club Report

SCHEDULE H - Dartmouth Speed Skating Club Report