



**94th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017
TORONTO AIRPORT MARRIOTT HOTEL**

ITEM

1.1 CALL TO ORDER

The Annual General Meeting was called to order at 9:03 am by the President, Eric Martin. Mr. Martin thanked everyone for attending, introduced the head table including the parliamentarian Jim Lochrie who explained his role to the membership. Mr. Martin reviewed the voting procedure and requested anyone leaving the meeting early who wished to vote must hand ballots directly to scrutineers before leaving.

2.1 EXAMINATION OF CREDENTIALS

Members	C	E	H	NE	NW	W	TOTAL
#Clubs in Region	40	21	10	16	9	28	124
#Clubs Represented	19	7	4	10	4	14	58
#Reg. Comp. Swimmers	6163	1618	1027	789	381	3277	13,255
#Ballots to Distribute	102	42	25	25	13	71	278
#Ballots Distributed	65	18	12	16	8	43	162

2.2 A total of 162 ballots to 58 clubs were distributed and a quorum was achieved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3.1 MOTION: J. Holmes/S. Goodwin

The agenda be amended to include, immediately after approval of agenda a session for up to 40 minutes for the Board to answer questions of the membership.

DEFEATED

3.2 MOTION: K. Walker/

To approve the agenda with changes to include Ratification of Board of Directors Summary of Motions.

CARRIED

4.1 APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

Scrutineers are Paola Di Giovanni, Michelle Wrobel from Team Aquatic Supplies and Suzanne Paulins, Swimming Canada.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

5.1 MOTION: J. Hyslop/D. Taylor

To approve the 2016 Annual General Meeting minutes with the correction to the time of adjournment to 12:08pm.

CARRIED

6.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Report is included in the Annual Report. E. Martin thanked volunteers, coaches and staff. He was available for questions. There were no questions.

7.1 REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The report is included in the Annual Report. J. Vadeika returned full time from medical leave February 1, 2017. J. Vadeika reported on a successful conference and a very successful year of swimming. He remarked how enriching it was to have Kylie Masse and her coaches at the Hall of Fame and Awards presentations. J. Vadeika thanked the sponsors; Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport, Canadian Sport Institute Ontario, Team Aquatic Supplies and Nothers Signs and Recognitions as well as the volunteers, coaches, Board and staff. J. Vadeika gave additional thanks to the clubs who assisted with hosting provincial meets. J. Vadeika was available for questions. There were no questions.

8.1 **PRESENTATION OF AUDITED STATEMENTS**

The audited statements are included in the Annual Report. J. Jay was available for questions. There were no questions.

9.1 **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

MOTION: J. Jay/D. Chisholm

To approve James G. A. Gibbs of Willowdale, Ontario, as the auditor of Swim Ontario for 2017/2018.

CARRIED

COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD REPORTS

10.1 **FINANCE AND AUDIT**

Report is included in the Annual Report. J. Jay was available for questions. There were no questions.

10.2 **POLICY AND PLANNING**

Report is included in the Annual Report. M. Brown was available for questions. There were no questions.

10.3 **MASTERS SWIMMING**

Report is included in the Annual Report. E. Martin was available for questions. There were no questions.

10.4 **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

Report is included in the Annual Report. R. Hannah was available for questions.

10.5 After discussion from the membership regarding the requirement that the committee chair is to be a Director, it was agreed that the Terms of Reference would be reviewed.

COMMITTEES OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORTS

11.1 **SWIM ONTARIO COACHES COMMITTEE**

The report was included in the Annual Report. K. Anderson was available for questions. There were no questions.

11.2 **SWIM ONTARIO OFFICIALS COMMITTEE**

The report was included in the Annual Report. N. Parent was available for questions. There were no questions.

11.3 **SPORT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

The report was included in the Annual Report. P. Legault was available for questions. There were no questions.

11.4 **AWARDS COMMITTEE**

The report was included in the Annual Report. C. Yaremczuk was available for questions. There were no questions.

11.5 **REGIONAL DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The report was included in the Annual Report. C. Yaremczuk thanked all the Regional Chairs, Coaches and Officials Reps. There were no questions.

12.1 **PARTNERS REPORTS**

ONTARIO AQUATIC HALL OF FAME

The report is in the Annual Report. Rick Hannah thanked those in attendance at Hall of Fame ceremony and welcomed nominations for future inductees to the Hall of Fame.

13.1 **RATIFICATION OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

A request was made from the membership to remove two motions from the summary and vote separately. It was confirmed acceptable by the parliamentarian.

13.2 **MOTION:** J. Holmes/M. Lukings

To remove Motion 4.2 from June 6, 2017 meeting regarding approval of Nominations Committee TOR.

CARRIED

13.3 **MOTION:** C. Atkinson/K. Walker

To remove Motion 4.4 Sept. 6, 2017 meeting regarding electronic voting at 2018 AGM.

CARRIED

13.4 **MOTION:** K. Walker/C. Carol

To ratify business conducted by the Swim Ontario Board as amended.

CARRIED

13.5 **MOTION:** J. Cumming/K. Walker

To table the motion regarding Nominations Terms of Reference.

CARRIED

Clarification was requested by D. Leckie regarding confirmation that the TOR were not valid until the tabled motion was presented. E. Martin confirmed.

13.7 E. Martin reminded the membership that if they were leaving early, ballots must be given to scrutineers.

14.1 **SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS**

E. Martin clarified that there were no Service Recognition Awards to present at this time.

15. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

a-p) **NOTICE OF MOTION - BY-LAW CHANGES**

MOTION: J. Holmes/K. Walker

To approve all By-law changes presented in Notices of Motion a - p with 3 amendments to numbering and punctuation.

CARRIED

q) **NOTICE OF MOTION – NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

MOTION: M. Lukings/S. Goodwin

The recently enacted Nominations Committee Terms of Reference shall immediately and retroactively be rescinded and abandoned. All persons who submitted their candidacy for the 2017 AGM election for positions on the Swim Ontario Board of Directors shall be presented as candidates to the membership and shall have the same rights as the 6 candidates who were selected under the now rescinded and abandoned Nominations Committee Terms of Reference. This includes providing their biography to the membership, speaking to the membership at the AGM, and having their names appear on the ballots for selection by, or allowing their names to be written on the ballots by, authorized voters.

CARRIED

Lengthy discussion occurred regarding the motion.

MOTION: J. Holmes/K. Walker
To close the debate.

CARRIED

MOTION: J. Cumming/K. Walker
To remove Nominations Committee Terms of Reference from table.

CARRIED

Additional discussion occurred regarding the Terms of Reference of the Nominations Committee.

MOTION: J. Cumming/K. Walker
To accept Nominations Committee Terms of Reference as approved by the Board of Directors on June 6, 2017.

DEFEATED

As a result of the Nominating Committee Terms of Reference motions, all candidates that applied to be a director for the 2017-18 Board of Directors, would be permitted to stand for election and if not present, a representative be permitted to speak on their behalf.

r) **NOTICE OF MOTION – NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

MOTION: J. Holmes/K. Toderol
That Article VII, Committees 7.01 Committees of the Board (c) be amended by substitution to read: Nominations Committee is responsible only for ensuring a sufficient number of candidates are running so as to prevent acclamation. Mutatis Mutandis.

DEFEATED

Discussion occurred regarding the motion.

s) **NOTICE OF MOTION – NEW SECTION FOR NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

MOTION: J. Holmes/S. Goodwin
That Article IV, Governance, be amended by a new section to read: Section 4I05 Nominations The Nomination Committee shall offer a sufficient number of candidates to prevent acclamation, however, candidates may be nominated from the floor of the AGM provided they submit a nomination form to the Executive Director prior to the

commencement of the meeting. The form must state the candidate's name and qualifications, subject to the limitations set out in 4.02, and have the endorsement of five Members of at least two Regions.

DEFEATED

Discussion occurred regarding the motion.

t) **NOTICE OF MOTION – PROXY VOTING**

MOTION: J. Holmes/S. Goodwin

Proxy Voting that Article III, Meetings of Members, 3.17, Proxy Voting, paragraph 6, be amended by striking out the words "A proxy holder may only represent one Member" and inserting the words "A Proxy holder may represent up to (3) Members provided that the procedure for delivery of a proxy has been met."

CARRIED

Discussion occurred regarding the motion.

MOTION: A. Bernier/J. Jay

To add 250 km distance requirement to motion regarding proxies.

DEFEATED

u) **NOTICE OF MOTION – PROGRAMMING TASK FORCE**

MOTION: J. Holmes/K. Toderel

That a task force, comprising members from and appointed by this Annual General Meeting, conduct a complete, independent review of Swim Ontario's programming including, but not limited to: the Ontario Swim Academy, the Ontario Junior International, and all provincial competitions together with the financial implications of each, with an interim report published to the presidents of each member swim club by January 1, 2018 and a final report to the 2018 Annual General Meeting. See additional wording attached.

DEFEATED

Discussion occurred regarding the motion.

v-w) **NOTICE OF MOTION – OFFICIALS AND GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE**

J. Holmes withdrew Motion v & w. There were no objections.

x) **NOTICE OF MOTION – VOTING PRIVILEGES**

MOTION: C. Carrol/O. Macel

Voting privileges be modified as follows: "Each Club shall be entitled to a number of votes based on the number of paid up swimmers registered with Swim Ontario at the conclusion of the previous season (August 31) where this voting privilege can next be exercised.

'Mutatis mutandis'. To be implemented as soon as possible – in effect the meeting following the approval of this bylaw change. (Note the changes from the current by-law is the removal of the qualifier 'competitive'. It should no longer state 'competitive swimmers' but simply state 'swimmers').

CARRIED

Discussion occurred regarding the motion.

16.1 **ELECTIONS**

E. Martin turned the Chair over to J. Vadeika, Executive Director to assume the chair and run the election. He reminded the membership that should they need to leave early they must leave their ballots directly with the scrutineer. J. Vadeika provided for a five minute break.

J. Vadeika resumed the meeting. J. Vadeika provided clarification that candidates would be provided five minutes each to speak on their candidacy.

The following individuals stood for election to the Swim Ontario Board of Directors: Tym Barker, Wayne Dorrington, Jocelyn Jay, Paul Legault, Eric Martin, Anthony Moots, Mary Jane Smith, Dan Thompson. John Grootveld and Richard Kwinter withdrew from the election.

16.2 Tym Barker, Paul Legault and Dan Thompson were elected to the Swim Ontario Board of Directors for a 2 year term.

16.3 **MOTION:** R. Hannah/D. Taylor
To destroy the ballots.

CARRIED

17.1 **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: D. Shemilt
To adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.