



**98th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday September 28, 2021
ZOOM MEETING**

ITEM

1.1 CALL TO ORDER

The Annual General Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by the President, Anne Bell. A. Bell welcomed everyone. Meeting and voting processes were explained to membership.

2.1 EXAMINATION OF CREDENTIALS

Nicole Parent provided a report on the registered attending voting members and conducted a roll call. N. Parent confirmed that there were 35 delegates and at least 3 members from each of the 6 regions attending. A. Bell read Article 3.09 of the Swim Ontario by-laws and declared a quorum for the meeting.

There were 79 ballots distributed.

3.1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was circulated to all members in advance of the AGM. A. Bell asked for additions or revisions to the agenda and hearing none, she declared the agenda approved.

4.1 APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

Per the Swim Ontario Bylaws, the Board of Directors appointed Jason Robinson to act as the independent voting scrutineer for the meeting. J. Robinson also serves as Parliamentarian to assist the Chair and the members in following Robert's Rules of Order.

5.1 APPROVAL OF 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

A copy of the minutes from the October 25, 2020 Annual General Meeting was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting. A. Bell asked for any corrections to the minutes and hearing none declared the minutes of the October 25, 2020 minutes approved.

6.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President's Report was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting and was available for questions.

The President's Report was received by the membership with no questions.

7.1 REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The CEO report was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting and provided some additional comments. This week we honour the past, live the moment and celebrate, prepare and embrace for tomorrow. The first virtual conference is underway with great content and impressive cast of presenters. He encouraged club members to join the Conference and to watch the pre-recorded Virtual Awards Ceremony along with

the Paralympic and Olympic Recognition video presentation and Hall of Fame inductions of Murray Drudge and Kevin Thorburn. D. Boles referenced the 7 operating committees and 3 board committees made up of about 60 people who are all part of the greater leadership circle and stewards of our organization. We are very fortunate to draw upon their expertise. He gave a big thank you to the Committee members, Board and Staff. As we move forward, with the intent of the pandemic in our rear view mirror, we will continue in a strategic manner to Engage, Inspire and Empower you and your clubs, delivering meaningful webinars and President Information sessions. Be safe, Stay Well, see you all on the deck soon!

The CEO Report was received by the membership.

8.1 **PRESENTATION OF AUDITED STATEMENTS**

The Auditor's Report (Financial Statements) for the 2020-21 fiscal year was shared with the membership in advance of the meeting. The auditor, Aaron Reilly of Reilly Back LLP was present and provided an overview of the audited statements.

The Audited Statement was received by the membership and questions were answered.

9.1 **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

MOTION: D. Richer/J. Hyslop

To approve Reilly Back LPP as the auditor of Swim Ontario for financial year ending March 31, 2022.

CARRIED

10.1 **COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD REPORTS**

The following Board Committee reports were circulated to the members in advance of the meeting:

Finance and Audit
Policy and Governance
Nominations

Reports were received by the membership with no questions.

11.1 **COMMITTEES OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**

The following CEO Committee reports were circulated to the members in advance of the meeting:

Swim Ontario Coaches Committee (SOCC)
Swim Ontario Officials Committee (SOOC)
Sport Development
Masters
Awards
Regional Chair Committee
Swimming Community Experience Committee

Reports were received by the membership with no questions.

12.1 **PARTNERS REPORTS**

ONTARIO AQUATIC HALL OF FAME

The Ontario Aquatic Hall of Fame report was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.

The report was received by the membership with no questions.

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

MOTION: Trent Peden, Perth Stingrays/ David Iwanyszyn, NWN

Be it resolved that the business conducted by the Swim Ontario Board of Directors on behalf of the Swim Ontario members, from the date of the last Annual General Meeting to this date, be approved by the members of Swim Ontario.

CARRIED

14.1 **NOTICES OF MOTION**

The Board of Directors submitted formal Notice of Motion to the members regarding changes to the Swim Ontario By-Laws. D. Shemilt provided a background summary of the process taken to re-write the By-Laws. The Policy & Governance Committee recruited additional committee members and hired outside legal assistance with Board approval and feedback was received from stakeholders through town hall meetings and regular Board meetings. He thanked Leslie Carter, Katie Osborne, Mike Brown, Ula Ubani, Robert Giggey, Carlos Sayao and staff for their contributions.

Carlos Sayao presented the major updates to the By-Laws by referencing the material changes document that was circulated to members, specifically highlighting the proposed changes to the voting formula, board size, and quorum for the AGM. Anne Bell thanked D. Shemilt and C. Sayao for the presentation of the By-Laws. Questions were received from members.

MOTION: D. Shemilt/R. Giggey

Be it resolved that the current Swim Ontario By-Laws be repealed, and the new Swim Ontario By-Laws as presented to the members are adopted, effective at the conclusion of the 2021 Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

15.1 **ELECTIONS**

A. Bell asked Robert Giggey, Chair of the Nominations Committee to take the floor and conduct the elections for the Swim Ontario Board of Directors. R. Giggey confirmed there were 2 Board positions with 3-year terms and provided instructions for the voting process. The following three candidates stood for election to the Swim Ontario Board of Directors: Scott Hall, Andy Mitchell and Janet Morrison.

15.2 R. Giggey congratulated Janet Morrison and Andy Mitchell who were each elected to serve a 3-year term.

15.3 R. Giggey directed the scrutineer to maintain in confidence the vote and to erase all electronic ballots and voting results from the Simply Voting platform.

15.4 A. Bell thanked R. Giggey for conducting the elections. She thanked all the candidates and thanked outgoing Director David Shemilt for his service on the Board.

16.1 **ADJOURNMENT**

A. Bell circled back to a general question asked previously by a member. D. Boles to set up a meeting to discuss.

A. Bell stated that we had concluded all matters of business on the agenda and declared the meeting adjourned. She thanked everyone for participating.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.