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Annual General Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 17th, 2021

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Present:

Board Members/RFANS Staff	Guests/RFANS Members
Bill Cruickshank	Adam Clarkson
Bob Quigley	Allison Watson
Bud MacInnis	Angie Tavares
Jennie Greencorn	Ashley Simms
Kevin Bennett	Brad Taylor
Lana McMullen	Jacques Bellefleur
Paul MacDonald	Jared Bishop
Paul Taljaard	Joel Dawe
Robin Norrie	Kathie Wheadon
Shannon Jarvis	Kelly Cunningham
Shauna Moulton	Larry Anthony
Paul Carroll	Megan Burgess
Emily MacKay (Summer Intern)	Shane Rogers
	Stephen LeBlanc

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Jennie Greencorn, Executive Director of RFANS asked attendees to enter their full name and organization in the question/chat box to confirm quorum while waiting for all attendees and panelists to arrive.

Quorum was confirmed by attendee's name submissions.

Bob Quigley, Acting President of the Board of Directors for RFANS welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting. AGM called to order at 1:06pm.

Jennie explained how to use the raise hand icon for motions and voting.

2. Agenda

Bob Q: Proposed agenda:

- Presentation from Brad Taylor (Technical Director of Hockey Nova Scotia)
- Presentation of Voting Credentials/Identification of Voting Delegates
- Approval of Past Minutes
- Presentation of Annual Report and Government Report
- Financial Report
- Ratification of the Acts of the Board of Directors for the Previous Year
- Election of Officers and Directors

- Other Business
- Adjournment

Motion to approve the Agenda as presented

Motion by: Paul Taljaard

Seconded by: Shane Rogers

Motion passed

3. Presentation from Brad Taylor (Technical Director of Hockey Nova Scotia)

Bob Q welcomed Brad Taylor from Hockey Nova Scotia.

Brad Taylor acknowledged the integral partnership between RFANS and Hockey Nova Scotia that developed over the past year and a half due to COVID-19.

Brad gave a brief review of Hockey Nova Scotia's steering committee and Return to Play Plan (Rebound Plan 2.0). Thanked Sport Nova Scotia, the province of Nova Scotia (CCH), and Halifax Regional Municipality for help, support, guidance, and direction. COVID-19 allowed everyone to work together more closely and become more efficient. Acknowledged partnerships with arenas, facilities, and RFANS and importance of communication.

4. Presentation of Voting Credentials/Identification of Voting Delegates

Voting Members

1. Antigonish Arena - Bud MacInnis
2. Aquatic Design & Engineering - Jamie Lopes
3. Berg Chilling Systems Inc. - Paul Taljaard
4. BMO Centre/RBC Centre - Bill Cruickshank
5. Cape Breton Regional Municipality - Paul MacDonald
6. CIMCO - Stephen LeBlanc
7. Dalplex - Kathie Wheadon
8. GFL - Newport Recreation Centre - Shane Rogers
9. Halifax Regional Municipality - Shauna Moulton
10. Membertou Sport and Wellness Centre - Paul Carroll
11. Municipality of East Hants - Adam Clarkson
12. St. Francis Xavier University - Kevin Benjamin
13. St. Mary's RecPlex - Mallory Fraser
14. Town of Amherst - Allison Watson
15. Town of Kentville - Kevin Bennett
16. Town of Lunenburg - Kelly Cunningham
17. Town of Quispamsis - Chris Lawrence
18. Town of Truro - Shannon Jarvis
19. Zatzman Sportsplex - Lana McMullen

5. Approval of Past Minutes

Members received the 2019/2020 AGM minutes by email prior to the AGM for review.

Bob Q: Asked if there was any questions or comments on the documents. There was no questions or feedback on the past minutes.

Motion to approve past minutes

Motion by: Bud McInnis
Seconded by: Shannon Jarvis
Motion passed

6. Presentation of Annual Report

a. Review of Annual Report

- i. Bob Q – RFANS has seen significant changes in the past year with Brittany Hunter, former Executive Director resigning after her tireless efforts to raise the Association’s profile. Jennie won the second search and will bring her wealth of knowledge and past experience to the role. Despite the challenges of COVID-19, RFANS has stepped up to support facilities, provided advocacy and education on behalf of the sector, and strengthened its partnerships with CCH, PSOs, and PROs. RFANS engaged in consistent communication with members and government through town halls, presentations, and successful webinars to provide recognition to non-profit facilities who need support to re-open.

b. Government Report

- i. Robin Norrie – partnership that RFANS has with the sector and members is critical. RFANS has stepped up as a sector lead and strong voice for facilities in the province. Acknowledged the work of Brittany Hunter and commended Jennie for coming in seamlessly to continue the efforts. Thanked Paul MacDonald for help, support, and leadership. Complimented RFANS for efficient board meetings, good decisions, and being an organized organization.
“And when this has passed, may we say that love spread more quickly than any virus ever could.” - Dr. Strang, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Nova Scotia

7. Financial Report

Bob Q:

- We have completed our financial year ending 2020/2021. Members received the financial report by email in advance of this meeting and the report is on the screen.
- Despite the effects of COVID-19, RFANS continues to show a strong balance sheet and Bob Q commends past boards for being fiscally responsible.
- A COVID-19 grant from CCH put RFANS in the black despite losing revenue from lack of coursing - only two courses were offered over the past year, both virtual.

Motion to approve Financial Report

Motion by: Paul MacDonald
Seconded by: Shauna Moulton
Motion passed

8. Ratification of the acts of the Board of Directors for the previous year

Motion to approve the ratification of the acts of the Board of Directors for the previous year.

Motion by: Paul Carroll
Seconded by: Paul MacDonald
Motion passed

9. Election of Officers and Directors

With Jennie Greencorn’s resignation as President to become the Executive Director, Bob Q’s role changed from Vice President to Acting President. Bob stepped down from position as Vice President to run for the position of President.

List of positions up for election are:

- President (1-year term)
- Secretary (2-year term)
- Treasurer (2-year term)
- Highland Region Representative (2-year term)
- Cape Breton Region Representative (2-year term)
- South Shore Region Representative (2-year term)
- Member at Large (2-year term)
- Vice President (1-year term)

Jennie reminded attendees to use question box to submit a nomination and hand raise icon to vote.

President (1 Year Term): Bob Quigley has nominated by Bud MacInnis for the position of President.

Jennie asked for any other nominations for the position of President.

With no other nominations Bob is elected by acclamation as President.

Vice President (1 Year Term): As Bob Quigley stepped down from the position of Vice President, this position became available. Bill Cruickshank has resigned from his position as South Shore Regional Representative and has been nominated by Bud MacInnis for the position of Vice President.

Jennie asked for any other nominations for the position of Vice President.

With no other nominations Bill is elected by acclamation as Vice President.

Secretary (2 Year Term): Lana McMullen has reoffered for the position of Secretary.

Jennie asked for any other nominations for the position of Secretary.

With no other nominations Lana is elected by acclamation as Secretary.

Treasurer (2 Year Term): Bud MacInnis has been nominated by Bill Cruickshank for the position of Treasurer.

Jennie asked for any other nominations for the position of Treasurer.

With no other nominations Bud is elected by acclamation as Treasurer.

Highland Region Representative (2 Year Term): Angie Tavares has been nominated by Jeff Myers for the position of Highland Region Representative.

Jennie asked for any other nominations for the position of Highland Region Representative.

With no other nominations Angie is elected by acclamation as Highland Region Representative.

Cape Breton Region Representative (2 Year Term): Paul Carroll has reoffered for the position of Cape Breton Region Representative.

Jennie asked for any other nominations for the position of Cape Breton Region Representative.

With no other nominations Paul is elected by acclamation as Cape Breton Region Representative.

South Shore Region Representative (2 Year Term): With Bill Cruickshank's resignation as the South Shore Representative, this position is now vacant. Kelly Cunningham

has been nominated by Bill Cruickshank for the position of South Shore Representative.

Jennie asked for any other nominations for the position of South Shore Region Representative.

With no other nominations Kelly is elected by acclamation as South Shore Region Representative.

Member at Large (2 Year Term): Steve LeBlanc has been nominated by Jared Bishop for the position of Member at Large. Scott Preston has nominated himself for the position of Member at Large.

Jennie asked for any other nominations for the position of Member at Large.

Short bios for Steve LeBlanc and Scott Preston were posted for attendees to read.

Jennie conducted a vote.

Scott Preston was elected as Member at Large.

The new list of RFANS Board Members:

- President – Bob Quigley
- Vice President – Bill Cruickshank
- Past President – Paul MacDonald
- Secretary – Lana McMullen
- Cape Breton Region Representative – Paul Carroll
- Fundy Region Representative – Shannon Jarvis
- Central Region Representative – Shauna Moulton
- Valley Region Representative – Kevin Bennett
- Member at Large (Corporate) – Paul Taljaard
- Treasurer – Bud MacInnis
- Highland Region Representative – Angie Tavares
- South Shore Region Representative – Kelly Cunningham
- Member at Large – Scott Preston
- NS Department of Communities, Culture & Heritage – Robin Norrie
- Executive Director – Jennie Greencorn

Jennie thanked returning board members and new members who have agreed to sit on the board.

10. Other Business

Bob Q asked if there were any questions or business to address?

There were no questions or new business.

11. Adjournment

Bob Q:

Wrapped up the AGM and thanked participants/members for all their attention.

AGM adjourned at 1:45pm.

Reminded members if they have any questions, to feel free email or call RFANS at any time.

RFANS looks forward to continue working with, and for, the organization in the upcoming year.