

CALGARY SPEED SKATING ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING  
APRIL 20, 2009 – 6:30pm

**MINUTES**

**IN ATTENDANCE :** President – Blair Carbert  
Vice President – Mick Dilger  
Treasurer - Willie Dawidowski  
VP Volunteers – Tania Tam  
VP Equipment - Richard Hijnen  
VP Registration – Jonathan Graham  
VP Development - Gayle Fathoullin  
VP Officials – Bob Irvine  
Director of Programs – Shawn Holman  
Club Manager – Keltie Ross  
Club Assistant Manager – Megan Wotherspoon

Isabel Dilger	Alex Ianculescu	Donna Iwaniszyn
Adam Iwaniszyn	Tom Welling	Donna Welling
Werner Meyer	Petros Papazis	Laurits Skjolingstad
Blair Rudy	Louise Poelzer	Brad Bates
Kellie Jackson	Rhonda Hunter	Sean Hunter
Kam Kiland	Sylvie Tanguay	Sean Ireland
Vaughn Thibault	Rukhsana Ali	Barb Dilger
Sarah Ali	Hilary Graham	Dave Quan
James Carss	Brian Sulzer	Eric Towers
Aletta De Rooij	Ian Towers	Ron Johnston
Tony Messer	Jack Walters	Colleen Cuthbert
Preston Smith	Nolan Messer	Sharon Zorman
Wayne Morrison	Lachlan McLeod	Gail McLeod

**ABSENT:** VP Competitions - Laura Irvine  
VP Skaters - Rejean Lavoie

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

2. Declaration of Quorum

Quorum declared for the Annual General Meeting

3. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved

Approval of Minutes of 2008 Annual Meeting

The 2008 minutes are unavailable at this time and will be dealt with at a later date

4. Special Presentation – Olympic Oval Update

Kam Kiland, Sean Ireland and Sylvie Tanguay with the Calgary Olympic Oval were invited to the CSSA AGM to speak to the membership about the recent economic issues facing the facility and its operation. Some of the main points relayed to those in attendance:

- Oval staff are currently planning a full skating season that will run until March 2010
- Ice pass fees for the new season will increase, approximately 14%
- Changes to Oval ice passes are currently underway; the plan is to charge a flat fee for the full season; the pass would tentatively let Oval staff know how many times a member skates per week and on what days
- The Club should expect possible decreases in how much ice time we get, but the changes have yet to be made/confirmed
- There will be no Link ST program this season, while the Link LT program will continue. Abby Ennis will coach
- The Oval program will add a fourth group and all of these programs will be run by the Oval this season
- Funding; 2/3 of the Oval funding comes from WinSport Canada, 1/3 provided by the University of Calgary. Staff now waiting to see what the year's returns will be and whether the facility will have the 5% needed to allow the Oval to run as it has in previous years

Some of the membership voiced concerns with the proposed plans for the proposed flat fee ice passes. Some members worried the new passes eliminated a certain level of

flexibility needed by master's skaters. Oval staff said they would revisit the pass plan to see if they could make changes to accommodate skater's needs.

Board members Blair Carbert and Mick Dilger thanked Kam, Sean and Sylvie for coming out to speak at the AGM, and reminded members that CSSA understands the Oval's need to make changes such as fee increases, and the Club aims to continue to support the Oval, the staff, and their goal to successfully run the facility.

5. Reports (written Reports provided):

a. President

Blair spoke briefly about his time as President with the Club and thanked everyone for their hard work and assistance during his time on the Board

b. Vice Chair

Mick went over the positions of the Board and what each position is responsible for.

c. Director of Skating Programs

Shawn touched on the need for membership growth and getting parents out to assist with coaching duties. CSSA currently depends on competitive skaters to coach, but this does not always work out for the Club as these skaters have their own skating and academic commitment to fulfill.

d. Treasurer

Willie explained CSSA is in good shape, money-wise, at this time, also mentioning the importance of the Casino fundraising and these funds make a huge difference.

e. Registrar

Shawn and Jonathan did a brief unveiling of the new Club logo that Retired graphic designer David Quon created for the Club, explaining why this look was chosen, the choice of colors, etc.

f. Vice-Chair, Competitions

Laura Irvine was unable to attend the AGM due to medical reasons.

g. Vice- Chair, Development

Gail thanked all the members that worked with the Club's development committee this year, and helped out with all the tasks they took on

h. Vice- Chair, Equipment

Richard did not have any new information to report

i. Vice-Chair, Officials

Bob Irvine did a quick overview of the Officials portfolio and says the Club is building a good base of officials in Calgary and in Alberta

j. Vice- Chair, Skaters

Rejean Lavoie was unable to attend the AGM.

k. Vice- Chair, Volunteers

Tania Tam thanked everyone for their assistance during her time on the Board

I. Club Manager

Anyone that would like a copy of the report, please contact the Club at [calspeed@ucalgary.ca](mailto:calspeed@ucalgary.ca)

6. Election of Board:

a. Chairman/ President

- Blair called for nominations, Sharon Zorman nominated Mick Dilger
- Jo-Ann Johnston seconded the nomination
- Mick Dilger by acclimation is named Chairman/President

b. Vice-Chair/ Vice-President

- Blair called for nominations, Mick Dilger nominated Bob Irvine
- Brian Sulzer seconded the nomination
- Bob Irvine by acclimation is named Vice-Chair/Vice-President

c. Vice-Chair, Treasury/ Treasurer

- Blair called for nominations, Shawn Holman nominated Willie Dawidowski
- Gail Mcleod seconded the nomination
- Willie Dawidowski by acclimation is named Vice-Chair, Treasury/Treasurer

d. Vice-Chair, Registry/ Registrar

- Blair called for nominations, Richard Hijnen nominated Jonathan Graham
- Tom Welling seconded the nomination
- Jonathan Graham by acclimation is named Vice-Chair, Registry/Registrar

e. Additional members (up to 7), including individuals expected to serve in the roles of:

i. Competitions Vice-Chair

- Mick Dilger nominated Preston Smith
- Brad Bates seconded the nomination
- Preston Smith appointed Competitions Vice-Chair

ii. Development Vice-Chair

- Ron Johnson nominated Brian Sulzer
- Willie seconded the nomination
- Donna Welling nominated Kellie Jackson
- Gayle Reddick seconded the nomination
- Brian withdraws his nomination, agrees to sit on the development committee
- Kellie Jackson by acclimation named Development Vice-Chair

iii. Officials Vice-Chair

- Gail McLeod nominated Sharon Zorman
- Blair Rudy seconded the nomination
- Sharon Zorman named Officials Vice-Chair

iv. Skating Vice-Chair

- Mick Dilger nominated Sean Hunter
- Dennis Bymack seconded the nomination
- Sean Hunter named Skating Vice-Chair

v. Equipment Vice-Chair

- Tom Welling nominated Richard Hijnen
- Blair Rudy seconded the nomination
- Richard Hijnen returns to Equipment Vice-Chair position

vi. Volunteer Vice-Chair

- Gayle Reddick nominated Louise, Louise declined
- Jonathan Graham nominated Gail McLeod
- Donna Welling seconded the nomination
- Gail McLeod named Volunteer Vice-Chair

7. Appointment of two volunteers to review financial statements of the Association

- Ron Johnston agrees to assist with financial review in 2009/10
- Tom Welling agrees to assist with financial review in 2009/10
- membership approves

8. New Business

- Blair Carbert mentioned that AASSA currently working to fill two key positions

-AASSA has a Membership Development committee and needs a Marketing Vice-President. Anyone interested in either of these areas were asked to speak to Blair or Mick Dilger

-Blair and Mick reiterated the need for members to continue to volunteer and get involved, as well as the need to encourage parents of younger skaters to become more involved in the Club

-Preston Smith brought up the issue of skating fees for the coming season, but this issue has not been discussed by the Board at this time. The issue will be discussed later this spring/summer by CSSA once the AASSA AGM is held.

9. Adjournment

- Mick motions for adjournment
- Gayle seconds

