**2020 CNCR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Minutes – June 24, 2020**

1. Call Meeting to Order and Opening Remarks – Called to order at 7:13 p.m. PDT
2. Reading of the Notice of Meeting
3. Reports as to Quorum

-21 participants appearing online in the Teams Meeting

6 board members, nine clubs, 6 guests – quorum was reached.

1. Minutes of the Extra Ordinary General Meeting, January 17, 2020

Motion to approve the minutes as presented in the meeting package – Tamara Ward, seconded by Amanda Thomas, no one opposed or abstaining - Carried.

1. Motion to Amend the Agenda with Flexibility to Change – Amanda Thomas, seconded by Tamara Ward, no one opposed or abstaining – carried.
2. Reports – provided in the meeting package
   1. Chairman - Carol Giesbrecht
   2. CNCR Competition Advisor - Marilyn Kreuzinger
   3. CNCR Competition Registrar - Cheryl Walters/Tanya Hardy

Cheryl was unable to attend and provide a report. Asked if there were any questions from the call regarding registration – no questions

* 1. CNCR Competition Technical Advisor - Marilyn Kreuzinger

Will be revisiting the competition manual and updating based on feedback from the last year. Will be adding some more detail back into the competition manual.

* 1. Coaches Rep - Cynthia Mederios
  2. Data Specialist Rep - Jeanien Carmody-Fallows
  3. Fundraising Rep - Tamara Ward
  4. Judges Bureau & Stats Rep - Angela Kang
  5. Judges Training Rep - Angela Kang
  6. Liaison - North Area - Gail Weber
  7. Liaison - South/Central - Gail Weber
  8. Liaison - West Area - Cynthia Mederios
  9. Skaters Development Rep - Amanda Thomas
  10. Synchro/Adult Rep - Andrea Tarkington
  11. Team Leader Rep - Gail Weber
  12. Thin Ice Rep - Cynthia Mederios
  13. Website/Facebook/Archives Rep - Jeanien Carmody-Fallows/Amanda Thomas/Cynthia Mederios
* No questions regarding any of the reports as presented in the meeting package.

1. Confirmation of Actions Taken by the Executive

* No questions

1. Finance
   1. Financial Statement to March 31, 2020 - Cheryl Walters

Motion to accept the financial statements as presented in the package by Tamarea Ward, seconded by Marilyn Kreuzinger, no one opposed or abstained – carried.

* 1. Clubs owing Test Fees - Angela Kang

No clubs owe test fees

* 1. Motion to Pay Meeting Expenses by Amanda Thomas, seconded by Marilyn Kreuzinger, no one opposed or abstained – carried.

1. Correspondence - Carol Giesbrecht
   1. Skate Canada AGM highlights

* **Safe Sport** - Skate Canada is updating its policies and procedures in the coming weeks and it is important that clubs follow these in the Fall.
* The new policy was passed by the board and will be rolling out this summer and will include training. The new policy includes important changes in regarding how clubs deal with issues, particularly around reports of abuse and how a club responses. The Section will be updating their policies to accept Skate Canada’s policy.

Clubs just need to follow the new policy and the accompanying procedures.

* **Ice Summit 2021**

Encouraged clubs to plan for the Ice Summit in 2021, where the focus will be on SafeSport.

* **Economic Loss Due to Covid-19**

Important to take note that Skate Canada mentioned this. Skate Canada will be tightening their budget and expect that all clubs, section, etc will feel the impacts due to Covid-19, with reduced registrations, reduced competition participation, reduced fundraising, and should consider in budgeting for next year.

1. New Business
2. CNCR Competitions - Carol Giesbrecht

There is still a lot of uncertainty with upcoming season. Right now, the Region is planning for a normal season until we are told differently.

Klahowya was supposed to be in Prince Rupert Dec 4-6, 2020, but is unable to. Snow Valley will instead host this year, and Prince Rupert will rotate in at a later date.

1. CNCR Scholarship Recipient - - Carol Giesbrecht

Happy to announce the recipient of the $350 scholarship for a graduating skater is

* Beverly Smetanik from the Quesnel Figure Skating Club
* Lynne Dunn will send an address to Carol to follow up with presentation information to get the scholarship to Beverly.

1. CNCR Awards - Carol Giesbrecht

* CanSkate Award Recipient – Kenzie Lafond – Mile Zero Figure Skating Cub
* Program Assistant Award Recipient – Sophie Stevens, Ft St John FSC
* STARSkater Award Recipient – Emma Stevens – Ft. St. John FSC

1. BC/YK Section Representative - Hilary Quick

**COVID Updates**

* Quick poll to see when CNCR clubs will be returning to the ice:
  + Kitimat – Aug 17, Mile Zero – end of Aug, Smithers – Aug 6 (depending on covid safety plan and hockey school), Terrace - August 24,
* Larger centers around the province are not getting ice until the fall – September or October
* Clubs really should consult with the Return to Ice Safety Plan, available on the Section website
  + ViaSport amalgamated and presented a single plan to Bonnie Henry for approval, then provided the plan back to sporting groups to develop specific plans for their sports groups.
  + Section will continue to amend and adapt the plan as things change.
* Section recommends taking the Section’s Plan and take it to a meeting with the city to discuss the plan and what additional steps are needed. Suggest getting this done sooner rather than later.
* The plan is not recommending CanSkate or junior academy programs at this time, but focus on getting StarSkate and above back on ice and deferring assessment days until later.
* Masks and PPE– advice is to follow instructions of the facility
* Competitions – still waiting for more guidance from Provincial Health Officer. Not expecting anything until fall, and with reduced participants, officials, & observers.
* Skate Canada Challenge will be the first large event expected to proceed, and Skate Canada has modified the event such that there will be no minimum score required to attend the event.
* WAIVER – clubs should have waivers and use them to remove liability for illness related to Skating activities. The Waiver from Skate Canada has been modified to meet BC legislation. There will be some expectations to have waivers signed and stored – being built into the common platforms
* Star 6-Gold Training – encouraging officials to get the training completed this summer and to get Coaches to complete the training. – Singles will be out by the end of June.
* The Fall will not be the same. Be prepared for reduced numbers in Canskate and other programs. Section is really focusing on how we encourage registrations in Canskate. Clubs really need to consider their revenues streams and reduce spending where possible.
* Clubs really need to make sure the understand all the policies and procedures related to COVID and be ready to implement.
* Phase 3 – non-essential travel is now ok. Section is following VIASPORT guidance on opening up activities. Expect sessions to have reduced numbers on the ice. Demonstrating that the policies and procedures in place for skating are working, will lead to opening more sessions.
* SMITHERS – the town wants a specific safety plan that uses the Section’s plan and VIASPORTs guidelines. – it may be that the plan has to be adapted to the Smithers Rink, and use as much as needed from the Section’s plan.
* Cynthia – it may be that the facility will allow for more skaters on the ice and more observers in the stands vs what is recommended from the Section – notes the Section is providing guidelines and not rules – the final call is with the Facility
* Cynthia – CanSkate – right now, clubs are being told that they can’t run CanSkate.
  + Working on different ideas to get canskate of the ground

-skate Canada is working on a plan to get Canskate back on the ice – planning to get Canskate back on the Ice for September, barring any critical health changes

-use the summer to get skaters, parents used to the new procedures

-concern that the 50 people maximum will really limit the CanSkate program in the fall. The facility will have to follow the provincial requirements for capacity and that will impact numbers.

Skate Canada is developing plans for CanSkate, CanPower and StarSkate Programs.

* Cynthia-would the Section consider another townhall for the clubs later this year.
  + Section is at day 8 with 25 clubs skating
  + Will learn from those clubs and then adapt plans, policies, procedures further for roll out
  + There is a plan to do videos to show what it is like with the adapted procedures
  + SECTION – is planning additional townhalls – particularly with the coaches
* Kertis – expecting changes to the numbers registered in each session and how the sessions are delivered.
  + The guidelines will consider the limited numbers under the COVID procedures and requirements and how clubs can deliver these programs
* Hilary is participating in a weekly meeting with skating reps from across Canada. Every province is implementing different rules for getting back on the ice. BC is following the directions from the Provincial Health Authority and direction from ViaSport in developing their guidelines
* Cynthia- what about coaching courses
  + Skate Canada is looking at ways to deliver online learning for coaches and officials (judges and data specialists) – look for more information soon.
  + Lynne – if coaching courses go online – would there be an opportunity to have larger groups – Hiliary – yes – look for it to be more
* Events and Assessments – may be looking at opportunities to provide them virtually.
* SummerSkate – ViaSport has said no competitions now. However, Section is exploring opportunity to hold a simulation event for the higher-level skaters
  + First step to getting on the ice is – getting used to being on the ice and getting back to normal training, and then training towards competitions
* AGMs – question around guidance on AGMs. Gaming has made a number of changes and is not requiring AGMs for gaming grants. Discussed the Societies Act and relaxation of its requirements.
  + Section has advised that clubs hold off unless it is needed in the bylaws.
* Hiliary is happy to answer questions by emails.

1. Question & Answer Period
2. Next Meeting – SAGM– Tentatively scheduled for January 15, 2021 @ 8:15pm in Williams Lake.
3. Adjournment – 8:39 p.m.