



**Sport North Annual General Meeting  
November 28, 2020  
Via Zoom**

**IN ATTENDANCE – MEMBERSHIP**

Aurora Horse - Kimberly Riles  
Canada 55+ Games – Joan Hirons  
Cross Country Skiing – Shawne Kokelj  
Mackenzie Regional Recreation Association – Jessica VanOverbeek  
NWT Athletics – Kenzie MacDonald  
NWT Basketball – Rami Ayache  
NWT Biathlon - Kandace Groenewegen  
NWT Bowling - Trisha Nauman/Lillian Crook  
NWT Broomball – Valerie Pond  
NWT Curling – Janie Hobart  
NWT Gymnastics – John Tram  
NWT Hockey – Kyle Kugler  
NWT Judo - Heather McCagg-Nystrom  
NWT Karate - Calvin Pittet  
NWT Snowboarding – Andrew Goodwin/Max Rossouw  
NWT Soccer – Alex Godfrey  
NWT Softball – Paul Gard  
NWT Speed Skating – Jody Pelligsey  
NWT Squash – Jeff Hipfner  
NWT Swimming – Jane Mooney  
NWT Table Tennis – Thorsten Gohl  
NWT Taekwondo - Kevin Cull  
NWT Tennis – Slavica Jovic / John St. Louis  
NWT Volleyball – Christina Carrigan  
NWT Wrestling – Steven Baryluk  
Special Olympics NWT – Lynn Elkin

**IN ATTENDANCE – SPORT NORTH BOARD**

Chantal Steitzer  
Colin Pybus  
Dave Shears



## **FINANCE REPORT**

- Janie Hobart, NWT Curling questioned why the core funding is so much less than what was budgeted for.
  - Tyler Rentmeister, SNF Staff indicated that MACA has discontinued the legacy grant from when Sport North had several lottery booths. The agreement made in 2016 was for an additional \$101,000.00/year as legacy funding. It was decided mid fiscal year that they would cancel that funding.

***Motion AGM03-20 "To approve the financial statements as presented."***

***Moved by: NWT Table Tennis***

***Seconded by: NWT Wrestling***

***Carried***

## **PRESIDENTS ADDRESS**

Les Skinner, read his Presidents Address to the Membership.

## **APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP FEES**

***Motion AGM04-20 "To maintain the \$100.00 Sport North Membership Fee."***

***Moved by: Cross Country Skiing NWT***

***Seconded by: NWT Tennis***

***Carried***

## **AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS**

No proposed amendments were submitted.

## **ELECTION OF SNF DIRECTORS**

- The election/voting rules were reviewed, and the following candidates were nominated:
  - Colin Pybus
  - David Shears
  - Glenn Tait
  - Alex Godfrey
- The following Delegates were elected to the SNF Board for a 2-year term:
  - Colin Pybus
  - David Shears
  - Glenn Tait
  - Alex Godfrey

Shawne Kokelj, Cross Country Skiing NWT questioned what the Federation was doing at the Board level to ensure equal gender representation on the Board, as all the newly elected candidates are Male. Sport North should be a leader in this area.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### ***Multisport Games Committee***

- NWT Soccer requested additional information on the Multisport Games Committee. We provided direct questions with Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) but have not yet had a response, they did provide the table of contents for the Games Manual.

- Sport North created an Arctic Winter Games (AWG) Review Committee that will tackle specific issues around the AWGs. December 9<sup>th</sup> is the first meeting and will continue to meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday. An update will be provided to the Membership in May.
- Paul Gard, NWT Softball would like the Multisport Games Committee to discuss/consider a multisport Summer Games. Softball does not have the luxury of school sports and does not participate in AWGs.
- The AWG International Committee (AWGIC) indicated that they would advise all participating contingents about the status of the 2022 AWG by March 2021. Moving it to 2023 would mean 3 major games in one fiscal year.

#### *Executive Director Position*

- It has been a seamless transition with Bill Othmer stepping in as the Acting Executive Director. The current job description is being updated and will be completed by December 31, after which it will be posted nationally. It is our goal to have the Executive Director in place for the next AGM.

#### *Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation (SPAR)*

- Janie Hobart, NWT Curling indicated that they were concerned about the submission of the SPAR Policy to the MLAs, and felt the process used to create the document was flawed. There was a lack of consultation, the number of interviewed people was very small.
- Sports need to lobby the MLAs and Standing Committee to not accept this policy as is. It is important that the GNWT hears from us.
  - Bill Othmer, SNF Staff indicated that the Partners met with the Standing Committee and we did convey to them very clearly the issues with the document. Written documents have also been provided to the Minister and the Standing Committee. We did receive a response from the Minister, but we have not heard back from the Standing Committee yet.

#### **NEXT AGM**

The next AGM is scheduled for May 15, 2021 if it is in-person, if it is virtually, it will be May 29, 2021.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Les Skinner, Sport North Board thanked everyone for their time and feedback.

***Motion AGM05-20      "To adjourn the Sport North AGM."***

***Moved by: NWT Softball***

***Approved by unanimous consent***