



**ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE ANNUELLE DE LA FCE / CFF AGM  
Dimanche, 23 août 2020 / Sunday, August 23, 2020**

**Time: Aug 23, 2020 10:30 AM America/Toronto**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Lucie Hamelin (Chair)  
Yann Bernard (CFF Board)  
Dmitry Balashov (CFF Board)  
Kelly Grieves (CFF Board)  
John French (CFF Board)  
Luc Theriault (Board nominee)  
Chris Kalantzis (Board nominee)  
David Howes: Executive Director  
Kathy Hare – Financial Manager  
Benjamin Manano – High Performance Director  
Wendy Yano: New Brunswick  
Sally Goodwin: New Brunswick  
Jean-Yves Pelletier: Quebec  
Maxime Brinck-Croteau: Ontario  
Kristina Han : Ontario  
Francesco Sabatini: Ontario  
Mike McDonnell: Ontario  
Howard Simmons : Ontario  
Fidelia Ho : Ontario  
Sean Rathwell: Manitoba  
Sue Pitura: Saskatchewan  
Andrew Rushleau: Alberta  
Taras Feculak : Alberta  
Lynn Seguin: Chair – Para-fencing Committee



**Regrets:**

President Wang did not attend the meeting.

1. Bienvenue par le président - Welcome by the President

Lucie Hamelin (Chair) opened the meeting on behalf of the absent president and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

It was agreed that the meeting would be recorded.

The meeting is the first using Zoom and Lucie explained the process for running the meeting

2. Nomination d'une secrétaire d'assemblée - nomination of AGM Secretary

Motioned by Quebec, seconded Manitoba to appoint John French as secretary

Motion Approved

3. Appel et vérification du nombre de voix - Roll call and Credentials

Roll call was performed. The eligible votes for the AGM were confirmed as follows:

New Brunswick : 1 vote

Quebec : 3 votes

Ontario: 4 votes

Manitoba: 1 Vote

Saskatchewan: 1 vote

Alberta: 1 vote

4. Adoption de l'ordre du jour - Agenda adoption

Motioned by Alberta, seconded by Saskatchewan at adopt the agenda as circulated, motion approved.

5. Adoption du procès-verbal de L'AGA de 2019 – Adoption 2019 AGM minutes

Motioned by Quebec, seconded by Alberta at approve the 2019 AGM minutes as circulated, motion approved.



6. Questions découlant du procès-verbal - Business arising from the minutes

- 1) It was moved last year that sanctions be communicated to provinces. There were two sanctions this year, and the provinces were notified as per request from last year. It was recommended to communicate this process to membership.

Action: David Howes to prepare communication to members

- 2) \$5 membership – discussion around this issue is still ongoing

7. États financiers de 2019/2020 - Financial statements 2019/20

Kathy Hare presented the Financial statements with an accompanying explanation to the members.

Questions from members included:

- 1) No breakdown of restricted vs unrestricted funds. Concern that money is flowing from restricted to unrestricted. Requests breakdown. Kathy responded that Sport Canada funds are restricted and cannot be carried over. No other funds are restricted and would require a board motion to do so.
- 2) Question re: IOC scholarships funds not flowing through to athletes. Historically this may have been the case but will not be the case going forward
- 3) Request re: what would be required to use CPA audit guidelines. Kathy will review and respond.
- 4) Was the Financial group satisfied with auditors? Kathy responded that it is the first time she has worked with this company and in a virtual manner. Kathy was somewhat surprised at the lack of questions around financial controls but otherwise there were no obvious concerns.
- 5) Question re: plans to address the financial deficit, the following points were used to answer the question
  - a. Financial processes improved
  - b. Weekly meeting of financial committee
  - c. Priorities established for payment of debts
  - d. Demonstrating fiscal responsibility
  - e. Restructured organization to reduce costs
  - f. Plan in place to regain financial confidence based around reducing costs, increasing revenue, increased oversight of financial procedures and proper diligence, including monthly updates to the members.



- 6) Question from AB re expanding revenue streams. Lucie explained some of the revenue streams that have been considered and the challenges met thus far. Kellie reiterated the importance of the “proof of confidence” document. Some new streams are in place, such as the apparel agreement and a pending small sponsorship agreement from Interpodia.
- 7) Question re: Mr. Wang’s commitment to some of the hosting events (specifically to sabre grand prix). Event is on budget assuming Mr. Wang provides the funds he committed.

8. Approbation du rapport des vérificateurs - Acceptance of the Auditor’s report

It was motioned by Alberta, seconded by Ontario, to accept the Auditors report.  
Motion approved.

9. Nomination des vérificateurs - Appointment of the Auditor

Motioned by Alberta, Seconded by Saskatchewan to explore other options for the audit next year, and to examine the costs of the current audit.  
Motion Approved

10. Rapports des associations provinciales et territoriales (Déposés) - Branch Member Reports (Accepted as tabled)

Branch reports were accepted as tabled.

11. Présentation ANP/ OTP Presentation

Chris Lindsay was scheduled to give a presentation but was not available

12. Rapports du conseil d'administration - Report of the Board of Directors

Presented as circulated by Dmitry Balashov

13. Ratification des décisions du conseil d'administration - Ratification of Business of the Board of Directors



It was motioned by Manitoba, Seconded by Alberta, to ratify the business of the Board of directors for the 2019\_20 year, while formally noting the absence of the president for the AGM and previous board meeting.

Motion Approved

#### 14. Rapports des membres du personnel - Staff report

Staff reports were included in the AGM package. Accepted as presented.

Questions included:

- 1) Are there considerations for pulling back on HP programs. Benjamin Manano provided detailed answer re: plans for the next while.
- 2) Is the PUSH program and accompanying video available for members. Benjamin Manano will arrange a demonstration of the video and program for the provinces.

#### 15. Élection/ratification des administrateurs – Election/ratification of Officers

- President/President
- 3 administrateurs (un mandat de 2 ans chacun) - 3 Officers (2 year terms)
- 1 administrateurs (un mandat de 1 an) - 1 Officers (1 year term)

Proposed by Alberta, seconded by Manitoba, to proceed with a single vote to confirm board as per nominations, motion approved.

Candidates gave a brief overview of their experience

Motioned by Saskatchewan, seconded by Alberta that:

Given that we have received one nomination for the position of President of the Canadian Fencing Federation, We move that the members of the CFF acclaim **Yann Bernard** as president, effective today and for a two year term ending on the date of the AGM 2022.

Motion Approved.

Motioned by Ontario, seconded by Alberta that:

Given that we have received one nomination for each of the following positions of director of the Canadian Fencing Federation, We move that the members of the CFF acclaim the



following candidates, effective today and for a two year term ending on the date of the AGM 2022:

**Dmitry Balashov**

**John French**

**Luc Theriault**

Motion approved

Motioned by Ontario, seconded by Alberta that:

**Given that** we have received one nomination for the position of director of the Canadian Fencing Federation, We move that the members of the CFF acclaim **Chris Kalantzis**, effective today and for a one year term ending on the date of the AGM 2021.

**Motion Approved**

16. Approbation des nouveaux statuts - Approval of the new bylaws

Motioned by Quebec, seconded by Alberta, to approve the by-laws as presented. Motion approved.

17. Emplacement de L'AGA de 2021 - 2021 AGM location

The format of the 2021 AGM to be determined based on subsequent events. May utilize Zoom. The third weekend in August was conformed as a suitable date.

18. Autres questions – Other Business

Date of next board meeting to be determined

19. Ajournement – Adjournment

Motioned by Ontario, seconded by QC, meeting adjourned at 1:43PM EST.