



CFF Board of Directors Meeting Minutes July 9, 2023, 11AM EST

1. Roll Call and Introductions

Yann Bernard – President

John French – Vice President

Kelly Grieves – Treasurer (joined at 11:32 a.m.)

Chris Kalantzis - Secretary

Luc Theriault

Judit Blasko (regrets)

Alexanne Verret (regrets)

David Howes (regrets)

Igor Gantsevich (regrets)

New Brunswick – Annette LeBlanc

Ontario – Francesco Sabatini

Saskatchewan – John Shurniak

2. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by John French, seconded by Luc Theriault to approve the Agenda.
Motion approved.

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No declarations of conflict of interest.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes: April 2023

It was moved by John French, seconded by Luc Theriault to approve the Previous Minutes.
Motions approved.



5. Update from President

Yann Bernard provided an update. Included Ukraine, the Francophone fencing alliance, European fencing politics regarding Russia and events in Europe.

6. E-votes

6.1. Approval of 2023-2024 Operational Plan

The Board held an e-vote to approve the 2023-2024 Operational Plan.

6.2. The CFF considers the \$50,000 payable to Mr. Jackson Wang, who has never claimed the amount and had promised to donate the same amount, to be removed from our payable accounts and dedicated to a fund for the preparation of our athletes for the upcoming Paris Olympics. This donation was recorded in the minutes of the October 27, 2019 meeting under agenda item 8.1. By reallocating these funds, we can not only fulfill Mr. Wang's intended donation but also support our athletes in achieving their full potential at the Olympics.

The Board held an e-vote to approve the above.

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

8. New Business

8.1. Executive Director Report

Yann Bernard provided a summary of the written report. Some highlights included that the audit is underway. Membership has gone up and is better than pre-pandemic at almost 5,000 which has never been seen before in Canada. Good numbers at Nationals in Longueuil. Thanks to Luc Theriault. Bids are out for next season's Canada Cups. Canada Winter Games have moved from Yukon to Quebec. We have applied to be a part. Safe Sport issues discussed as well.

The PSOs had an opportunity to ask questions.

8.2. High Performance Director Report

Yann Bernard provided a summary of the written report. Noted good results from international events.

8.3. Finance Report



Kelly Grieves noted there was nothing additional to report on.

Luc Theriault reported that the Nationals was a financial success.

Yann Bernard thanked David Howes for his key contributions to the success and organization of the CFF.

8.4. Approval of Finance and Audit Committee TOR

It was moved by Kelly Grieves, seconded by John French to approve the Finance and Audit Committee TOR. Motion approved.

8.5. 2023 AGM

Yann Bernard noted that the date for the 2023 AGM is September 17, 2023. The AGM will be virtual.

It was moved by Luc Theriault, seconded by John French to fix the date and place of the AGM as above. Motion approved.

8.6. Gender Equity Committee recommendations

Yann Bernard reported on the Gender Equity Committee recommendations.

The Board wishes to thank the Gender Equity Committee members for their work on this.

8.7. Committee Updates

Coaching Development Committee: Luc Theriault reported on the work of the committee.

Medical Committee: No updates.

Finance Committee: Kelly Grieves provided a brief update.

Parafencing Committee: Yann Bernard noted that the committee has not been meeting.

Competitions Committee: Yann Bernard provided an update on the work of the committee.

Governance Committee: Yann Bernard provided an update on the work of the committee.

9. Update from Provinces



British Columbia: Yann Bernard provided an update for the PSO.

Saskatchewan: John Shurniak provided an update for the PSO.

Ontario: Francesco Sabatini provided an update for the PSO.

New Brunswick: Annette LeBlanc provided an update for the PSO.

Next meeting dates

The next meeting will be decided through email.