



**CANADIAN CEREBRAL PALSY SPORTS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020
via ZOOM**

Present:

CCPSA Board members: Marie Dannhaeuser, Gary Vander Vies, Cornell Dover, Steve Dukovich, José Malo, Jacqueline Zonneville

CCPSA Staff: Peter Leyser, Jennifer Larson, Holly Janna, Heather Bonas, Diana Nunes

Boccia Canada Council: Adam Dukovich (Co-Chair, Athletes' Council), Alison Levine (Co-Chair, Athletes' Council), Eileen Bartlett (Chair, Participation & Development Committee)

Other: Ross MacDonald (SportAbility BC), Judi Cameron (SportAbility BC), Dorya Belal (athlete) Danik Allard (athlete), Stephanie Parker (Sport Canada), Tara Chisolm (Parasport Alberta), Alexandre Ferreira-Silva (incoming CCPSA Board member), Pierre Nadeau (AQSPC), Alex Ziegler (athlete)

1. Call to order/ Roll Call – 8:02 pm

2. Declaration of votes:

- Marie Dannhaeuser, Gary Vander Vies, Cornell Dover, Steve Dukovich, José Malo, Jacqueline Zonneville

3. Approval of Agenda:

- Motion to Approve Agenda: *Steve Dukovich*. Seconded: *Cornell Dover*. All in favour. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes from the Annual General Meeting on July 28, 2019:

- Motion to Approve: *José Malo*. Seconded: *Steve Dukovich*. All in favour. Motion carried.



5. Reports:

President (Marie Dannhaeuser):

- Recognized the CCPSA's COVID-19 response efforts including shutting down programs and training. Noted decisions were made in the best interest of people's health and safety. Commented on the new programming, specifically the *Conversations With* series and the *Boccia Canada Cup*
- Commended the Return to Train Committee work, and measures taken by CCPSA staff at the INS for training to safely return
- Highlighted the BC4 Pairs qualification for Tokyo Paralympics, Alison Levine achieving the number one world ranking in BC4, and Danik Allard qualifying for Tokyo in BC2 individual
- Noted the hosting of the Provincial Forum in April 2019 focussed on boccia development across the country with partners
- Commented on the Safe Sport work over the past year including establishing an Independent Third Party Safe Sport Officer, eleven policies developed in the areas of Safe Sport, Governance and workplace, and the initiation of Bullying, Abuse, Harassment, and Discrimination online education and establishing background screening checks
- Commended the increase in our social media online presence, the communications campaign around World CP Day in 2019, and webcasting with a bilingual announcer of the 2019 Canadian Boccia Championships
- Recognized the four new members of the CCPSA Hall of Fame:
 - Paul Gauthier, athlete category
 - BC3 Pair of Alison Kabush, Monica Martino, Paul Gauthier, team category
 - Debbie Kabush, Builder Category
- Thanked SportAbility BC for hosting the 2019 Canadian Boccia Championships
- Noted the new partnership this past year with Canada CP Network
- Commented on work being completed in the areas Concussions and Gender Equity, led by Francois Prince, PHD, University of Montréal

Treasurer (Cornell Dover):

- Reviewed the 2019-2020 Audited Financial Statements
- Noted in the *Basis for Qualified Opinion* section (page 1), as is standard with many charities, based on the fact the Auditor cannot verify the completion of donations made to CCPSA, they are providing a qualified opinion
- Within the *Other Matter* section (page 1), noted that although COVID did not impact the 2019-2020 statements, it may impact 2020-2021 financial year, of which CCPSA management will adjust and manage accordingly
- Noted a \$41,000 surplus in 2019-2020 as a result of:
 - Donations/fundraising above projections
 - Reduction in discretionary expenses



- Given the uncertain financial impact of COVID in 2020-2021 and beyond, particularly donations, commented favourable to have a surplus
- CCPSA have also accessed Sport Canada Emergency Funding for 2020-2021
- Some expenditures will lower in 2020-2021 i.e. events, given there are none in 2020, thus CCPSA will reallocate funding to other core strategic areas
- From CCPSA 2019-2020 Annual Report (page 26), referenced the breakdown of expenditures per core strategic pillars. Currently 40% of expenditures are focussed on High Performance and Participation & Development.
- Noted goal of CCPSA Board of Directors to identify revenue diversification opportunities

Boccia Canada Council (Gary Vander Vies):

- Began by noting CCPSA's vision, mission and values
 - i) Athletes Council:
 - Lance Cryderman replacing Brock Richardson as BC1 representative on Athletes' Council. Amber Rainshadow of British Columbia joined as Open athlete representative
 - With respect to Safe Sport and in light of COVID, noted importance to continue to do what's in the best interest of keeping everyone safe
 - Noted the importance of gender equality within boccia
 - ii) Participation & Development:
 - Participation & Development Grant program included clubs in 2019, in addition to Provincial Partners, and was based on 4 established project areas of eligibility for funding
 - Western Challenge, new event in 2019, held in conjunction with Provincial Forum focussed on boccia development
 - "Rule of two" implemented at National level
 - Training continued for referees and classifiers
 - iii) High Performance:
 - Athletes have returned to training at INS, however training individually, not as a team
 - Work completed on advancing the Podium Pathway
 - 6 BISFed events attended, 11 medals won

6. Elections:



- Marie Dannhaeuser noted Board Nomination Materials were sent out in July. No nominations were received for the President position, so Marie has agreed to stay on for an additional three months.
- Additional activity to secure a President is coming in the next couple of weeks
- Marie encouraged everyone to think through their contacts and request anyone interested in serving on the CCPSA Board to come forward
- Steve Dukovich, Director at Large, has agreed to serve for another two year term through to 2022 AGM
- Jacqueline Zonneville, Director at Large, term on the CCPSA Board ends today with the AGM
- Marie Dannhaeuser thanked Jacqueline for her tremendous contributions and commitment to the Board over the past two years
- Alexandre Ferreira-Silva has provided his nomination package to serve as a Director at Large for a two year term through to 2022 AGM. Motion to Approve: *Cornell Dover*. Seconded: *Steve Dukovich*. All in favour. Motion carried.
- Marie Dannhaeuser welcomed Alexandre to the CCPSA Board

7. Appointment of Auditors:

- Approval the Audit Firm of Parker, Prins, Lebano for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Motion to Approve: *Cornell Dover*. Seconded: *Gary Vander Vies*. All in favour. Motion carried.

8. New Business:

- Noted appreciation for opening-up AGM to wider audience
- Noted potential for full translation of AGM in the future

9. Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn meeting: *Cornell Dover*. Seconded: *José Malo*. All in favour. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned – 8:54 pm EST.