



## Board Meeting 19 Apr 2020

Name and Electoral Constituency	Position	Initials	Attendance
Russell Campbell, Athlete West Representative	Director	<b>RC</b>	Absent
Matthew Doherty, Athlete East Representative	Director	<b>MD</b>	Absent
Celine Freeman-Gibb, Athlete Central Representative	President	<b>CFG</b>	Present
Danny Frame, Athlete East Representative	Director	<b>DF</b>	Present
Elizabeth MacDonald, Women's Representative	Secretary	<b>EM</b>	Present
Kyle E. MacDonald, Supporter at Large	Treasurer	<b>KM</b>	Present
Bryan MacLean, Athlete Lightweight Representative	Director	<b>BM</b>	Present
Kevin Robinson, Master's Representative	Director	<b>KR</b>	Absent
Christoph Wand, Retired Athlete Representative	International Rep, Past Treasurer	<b>CW</b>	Present
Justin Wishart, Athlete West Representative	Director	<b>JW</b>	Absent
Rob Young, Open Representative	Vice president, Past President	<b>RY</b>	Present
Vacant, Athlete Central Representative	Director	<b>N/A</b>	N/A

Note. N/A, not applicable

Meeting called to order: 8:16 PM AST

- Motion to adopt the meeting agenda:
- Motioned by **CW**
- Second by **RY**
- Motion adopted

Ratify Minutes:

- February meeting corrections to be completed:
  - Surnames added to agenda section, remove Padric Moore and Norm Little. There are 12 Board positions: 11 elected members and 1 vacant position.
  - The time/ time zone to be corrected to the minutes.
  - Remove MSC and replace with motion carried.
  - Motion to accept the changes to the minutes: **BM**
  - Seconded by **CW**
  - Motion carried.
- March meeting corrections to be completed:
  - Surnames added to agenda section, remove Padric Moore and Norm Little.
  - Motion to accept the changes to the minutes: **CW**
  - Seconded by **BM**



- o Motion carried.

Treasurers report:

- Account balance as of Nov 2019: \$ 6,059.16
- Minus invoice number 2020-0395 from Loney and Associates: \$ 495.95
- Closing balance: \$ 5,563.20
- Outstanding/future expenditures:
  - o \$20.00 to **CW** for reincorporation 2019
  - o \$20.00 to **KM** for reincorporation 2020
- **CW** motioned to assign a check to himself to cover the reincorporation 2019 fee. **CW** is no longer the treasurer but has signing authority. The board unanimously voted in favor of **CW** to assign a check to reimburse the reincorporation 2019 fee.
  - o Motioned by **EM**
  - o Second **BM**
  - o Motion carried

Championship Update:

*Note.* Prior the initiation of the board meeting, both the Montreal Highland Games (MHG) and the Campbell River Highland gathering had cancelled their games resulting in the cancellation of CSAF sanctioned championships. This is due to the ongoing COVID-19 global pandemic. Many other games across Canada were cancelled for the same reason with the cancellation list continuing to increase.

- Open Championship: cancelled.
- Amateur championship: cancelled.
- World open championship (Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games): cancelled.
- World Lightweight (men and women) Championship (Moncton Highland Games): cancelled.

Other Business:

- CW to table a motion CSAF not accept any other championship bids within the 2020 season.
  - o Motioned by **CW**
  - o Second by **CFG**
  - o Motion carried. Topic to be tabled for the next meeting.

Discussion:

- Open discussion on possibly allows a championship to occur, possible by a games that runs later in the calendar year. This could happen pending the course of the virus (COVID-19), the status of the global pandemic and the travel restrictions within Canada. At this point in time most Canadian provinces



- have closed borders meaning only essential personnel can travel province-to-province. The late season could offer opportunity to host a championship.
- What would CSAF recommend if games submit a bid to host a CSAF championship? If a bid were to come forward tomorrow, we would preferably wait until the next meeting to discuss the details of the bid and the current COVID-19 status within Canada.
  - How to handle the 2021 invites?
    - Currently, CSAF 2021 Championship Invites require a minimum of 5 games. However, CSAF does not have a contingency policy for exceptional circumstances.
    - **BM**: CSAF could stick the same formality as this may be better. If no games occur within 2020 there could be a later cut off-date for qualifying for invites.
      - i.e.: Fugus hosted the CSAF Women's Championship and had a cut off date July 15<sup>th</sup> weekend to qualify for an invite.
    - There is precedent for this based off previous CSAF sanctioned Canadian Championships. Additionally, CSAF could opt to carry over the 2019 ranking or could carry over rankings from a set time period (i.e.: 18 months).
    - Once CSAF comes to a consensus, the decision will be promptly communicated to the highland game's community.
  - Back yard games: not valid for results to be submitted to the CSAF website. If back yard games results are submitted, they will be removed. If there are no valid games run in 2020, there should be no values submitted into the database.

#### Cancelling Games Discussion:

- Business in communities are not in good shape, sponsorship may not happen at all. A lot of games rely on their sponsors for funding and support. In 2020, if a games is going to run, the festival/board members need to be confident in the event proceeding.
- Would the results/values from 1–2 games be representative for rankings in the CSAF database?
  - Not necessarily but the database does not exclusively serve purely for ranking athletes. CSAF serves as a historical record of games and results.
  - **RY**: Turn off the rankings but allow the games to submit results.
- Motion to turn off the CSAF rankings. Valid games that run in the 2020 season can have results submitted to the CSAF website but no athlete ranking list will be generated.
  - Motioned by **RY**
  - Second by **BM**
  - All in favor: unanimous vote
  - Motion carried
- Motion for **RY** to communicate CSAF update over Facebook: turn off rankings, remind our community about resisting the urge to submit results from back



yard games, and update on CSAF to give our regrets to the cancelled games (MHG and Campbell River). CSAF would also like to thank the games for their bid submissions.

- Motioned by **CW**
- Second by **KM**
- Motion carried
- No outstanding topics for discussion

**Next meeting in 5 weeks: 24 May 2020 at 7 PM (EST)**

- Motion to adjourn at 8:07 PM (AST)
  - Motioned by **CW**
  - Second by **EM**
  - Motion carried