

## 2002 CUGA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

SATURDAY MAY 19, 2002  
UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH

### 21 MEMBERS PRESENT

Cathie Pearson, Margaret Francis, Gilles Duchesne – Executive Present  
Darryl Brambilla - Absent

1. CALL TO ORDER  
Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm  
Alisdair Galbraith volunteered to take minutes in Darryl's absence.
2. 2001 MINUTES  
2001 Minutes were read.  
Alisdair motioned they be accepted. Jeff Stanhope second. Passed.
3. PRESIDENT/CHIEF REFEREE REPORT  
Report was read. Attached to minutes
4. VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT  
Verbal report was stated.
5. DIRECTOR AT LARGE REPORT  
Verbal report was stated.
6. TREASURERS REPORT  
No report, however balance is attached.
7. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. REVENUE CANADA

we now have Revenue Canada Amateur Athletic Status.  
Thank to Margaret for hard work over last 2.5 years getting  
CUGA registered.  
need to move our year end report until June 30 to fit filing  
requirements

Motion by Margaret  
“that year end be changed to whatever is needed by  
Revenue Canada for tax statement”  
Alisdair second      Passed

Alisdair suggested CUGA develop clear guidelines on what  
is acceptable for donations

Suggestions include:

CUGA tournaments

### CUGA Sanctioned events

Avoid individual benefits

Adele Ingram moved that CUGA executive research what can be solicited as CUGA donations.

Terry Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeff amended deadline October 1, 2002. Margaret amended that guidelines must be within Revenue Canada rules.  
Passed

### B. 2002 WORLD UNDERWATER HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS UPDATE

- Worlds is in 2 months.
- Fundraising and volunteer commitments has been the biggest challenge.
- Budget is approximately \$325,000. Have raised slightly over half at this point. Looks like we will be 50,000 short at end of Worlds. Almost all fundraising done by Calgary clubs. Little response from other Canadian groups. Call for volunteers.
- Adele from the CUHC says their group will not donate much cash as originally estimated.
- Deadline was March 1, but teams still trying to register, 40 + teams registered from 14 countries.
- Discussion was held on fundraising. A catalog will be printed in PDF format for concession goods.

### C. CUGA RESTRUCTURING

Margaret stated that we need to look at restructuring of CUGA. Highly recommended that we need to look at a person to run office, its almost a full time job at this point, plus with CUGA being scattered across Canada, it is almost impossible to do different clerical jobs such as banking, mail outs, faxes, etc from different locations across Canada. Suggested we have an Executive Director and a Director from each Province or region for the board. We should have a director elected

or appointed for each recognized discipline as they become active.

Cathie Pearson suggested we have a President, Director of Training, Director of Communications, Director at Large.

Jeff moved that we come up with a restructuring plan by end of 2002. Alisdair second. Passed

#### D. FEES

Fees were lowered last year to \$10.00. Has made collection easier and has increased revenue slightly. Margaret stated we may have to re-examine fees when insurance is purchased.

#### E. INSURANCE

Jacques Toupin was supposed to find insurance from last year. No report has been submitted. Margaret has been researching insurance for Worlds. Can get a yearly policy for between 1500 and 3000. This would cover liability for hosting events and directors liability. Should cover at least 4 CUGA sanctioned events such as Easter and Nationals, Fundraising activities on behalf of CUGA, and at least 3 other events such as clinics. Alisdair moved we obtain above insurance on behalf of Worlds, then find funding to cover for future years. Adele second. Passed

#### E. SIDE SUBBING FOR UNDERWATER HOCKEY

A discussion was held on side subbing. This will be voted on as a rule change at the upcoming Rules meeting at UWH Worlds. Don ? moves to support side subbing as an alternative to end subbing. Adele second. Passed

#### F. TEAM SELECTION

CUGA has received some complaints on how teams have been selected and lack of information or set standards for fair tryouts.

Currant policy is that the top 3 teams finishing in a category at the 1<sup>st</sup> Nationals after Worlds pick a

selector. The 3 selectors have been setting standards. The womens team is fairly well organized, however the other teams have not been. There is no provision for getting selectors for the Masters divisions as there is no Masters divisions at Nationals.

Cathie suggested we have deadlines for selection procedures with respect to costs/timelines.

Don moves to change selectors to be chosen from Nationals held 2 years prior to Worlds (ie: 2004 selectors chosen from 2002 Nationals.)

Amended by ? that all 3 selectors must be from 3 different provinces unless a suitable candidate is not available. The top 3 teams finishing at Nationals still get to choose a selector, they however must be chosen from different provinces.

Terry Brown 2<sup>nd</sup>                      Passed                      1  
Abstention

Alisdair moved that if a selector is challenged, CUGA will rule on whether to accept that selector.

Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup>.                      Passed                      1 Abstention

Cathie moved that selectors must publish to the CUGA net and website a plan of selection process within 4 months after selectors are picked. Selectors must be picked within 4 months of the required Nationals. Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup>

Passed                      1  
Abstention

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### A. SITE OF 2003 HOCKEY NATIONALS

Vancouver has expressed interest.

Calgary will be the back up.

Quebec City has expressed interest as the alternative backup and has volunteered to host 2004 Nationals.

Motion by Alisdair that Vancouver will be the site of the 2003 Nationals if they accept nomination, with Calgary, then Quebec City as the alternatives. Amended that host city must follow CUGA guidelines to be accepted.

Adele 2<sup>nd</sup>                      Passed

### B. JUNIOR AGE DIVISIONS

A heated discussion was held on what age groups should be. Adele suggested we should have U21, U17... U9. We should be able to pick what suits us best.

Margaret stated that we are obligated to follow CMAS rules for our sanctioned tournaments, such as Nationals, however local groups can pick what age groups meet their needs. Our Nationals cannot support the current CMAS standards, therefore we have picked the most popular division to be represented at Nationals. Currently CMAS has Men U21, Women U21, U19, U15. Plus CMAS states to have a category, there must be at least 3 teams in that category to be official.

This rule proposal will be brought up at Worlds. It is suggested that the Canadian youth groups suggest what they would like to see as a divisions, and submit to CUGA executive before Worlds 2002.

#### C. SINGLE LENS MASK PROPOSAL

A discussion was held on the problems with severe injuries from players using single lens masks at UWH tournaments. Pucks are being lofted higher and with more velocity and the single lens glass masks have no protection. 2 incidents occurred this weekend already. Incidents like these may cause higher insurance rates and may cause severe eye damage.

Alisdair moved that we ban single lens masks from sanctioned tournaments and propose the same rule change at the upcoming Worlds. Terry 2<sup>nd</sup>. 12 for, 6 against, 3 abstentions. Passed

#### D. KEITH LIPSMAN MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR UNDERWATER HOCKEY

Need to get standards set for this award. Need nominations in advance of Nationals. The BC group should be involved in the process of setting standards.

#### E. TROPHIES

Trophies are being damaged again. Need repairs again. Repairs are costly. \$50.00 damage deposit is required. Montreal has damaged Open A trophy, will be approached to fix.

## F. CLUB TEAM RULES/TEAMS AT NATIONALS

Need to clarify what is considered a club team. Several complaints from groups stating their players are leaving to play with stronger teams.

Suggested that a player must play with their home team at Nationals unless their team is not entered. Then the player may play with the next closest team, Provincial team, Open team in that order of availability.

Need to enforce Club team only policy. No more "National" teams using Nationals as a training forum.

Clinics can be set outside of National competition for this purpose. CUGA executive to set standards and to be implemented with 2003 Nationals.

Passed

## G. ELECTIONS

2 Positions up for elections  
Vice President, Director at Large

Vice President nominations

Alisdair nominated Cathie Pearson.

Acclaimed

Director At Large Nominations

Cathie nominated Jeff Stanhope.  
Gilles Duchesne declined to run for another term.

Jeff Stanhope by Acclamation.

## H. ADJOURNMENT.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.