

CUGA 2003 AGM – Minutes

Location: Victoria BC

- 1) Meeting called to order at 8:45 PM
- 2) Accept 2002 Minutes – Motioned by Adele / Second by Richard – All in favor (passed)
- 3) **Reports**
 - **President** – Written report provided
 - **VP** – Cathie has worked on assisting the executive with trying to restructure CUGA, furthered communications and has also taken on the roll of training (technique) director. She has also tried to develop a new baseline for team selection process realizing that the current selection process does not work well with all categories of players. More info to be provided via the website shortly. She has also been working with Alisdair with regards to the Level 1 Coaching Program.
 - **Treasurer** – Darryl has not had a lot of time over the past year to work on the duties of the treasurer and has had to rely heavily on Marg to assist. The books have now been balanced up to 2002 for all 3 accounts (Worlds, CUGA Main, CUGA Team). Reported on current status of CUGA’s financial statement. Motion to accent financial statement by Peter / Second by Julie – All in favor (Passed)
 - **Director At Large** – Jeff has worked on getting better communication with the CUGA executive and we now host online meetings usually once per month over MSN Messenger. Jeff has worked with Darryl / Luke to try and get further updates to the website on a timely basis. Jeff helped organize and run Nationals 2002 in Guelph and all proceeds (approx \$4000) went towards Worlds debt.
 - Motion to accept all reports – Heather / Second Julie. All in favor (Passed).
- 4) **Old Business**
 - **Revenue Canada / Tax Policy** – Marg reported on current Tax status / policy. Donations to CUGA must be made to CUGA or to a specific “TEAM” (i.e. – Canadian Men’s Elite) in order to receive a tax deduction. Donations cannot be made directly to “players”. Concerns were made that a “team” should also be considered possibly as an individual club (i.e. Vancouver Club / Saskatchewan Club). Therefore a Motion was made by Adele to have CUGA executive develop a policy for Income Tax / Donation purposes. Second by Alisdair, all in favor (Passed). Details are to be posted on website once provided by executive. A second motion also made by Adele that a Tax Donation Receipt will be issued for donations of a minimum of \$25 or greater. Amendment made by Peter that donations below \$25 could obtain a tax receipt if they sent in a self addressed stamped envelope. Motion / Amendment Adele / Peter – Second by Greg, all in favor (Passed).
 - **2002 Worlds** – Marg provided update - Been There / Done That – SURVIVED (Barely). Recommends that if Canada ever hosted Worlds again that a minimum

level of funding be set at \$300,000 for revenue and an army of volunteers setup ahead of time. Debt currently stands at approx \$19,000. The debt was approximately \$76,000 at the end of Worlds and the bulk of this debt to date has been paid down by the local Calgary Club / volunteers that have worked bingo's / fundraisers. Darryl encouraged all other teams from Canada to assist in paying down the remainder of the debt by hosting any sort of fundraiser they could think of (tournament / car wash / poker game, etc).

- **Restructure** – As per the constitution provided to Revenue Canada we cannot restructure the organization at this time unless the constitution is also updated. Therefore executive members have simply taken on additional roles where needed.
- **Fees / Insurance** – Members present were notified that CUGA has a very comprehensive insurance policy that could be extended to member clubs. Our current insurance costs are approx \$3,350 a year. After a lengthy discussion it was suggested that all clubs that require insurance coverage would pay an additional surcharge over the cost of the regular CUGA membership (which was decided to be kept at \$10). The surcharge would be \$15 per member and all members of the club must be CUGA members and pay the insurance surcharge (\$15) to be able to use the insurance for their clubs. Details have been requested to be put on the website as well.
- **Rule Changes 2002** – Marg briefly went over the Worlds Rules changes that were introduced at the 2002 Worlds. Jerrilin questioned why countries did not find out about the rule changes sooner. Marg informed the membership that Rule Change Proposals are to be submitted and published 4 months before Worlds however this policy has not been closely followed in the past. It was recommended that this issue be brought up to the attention of CMAS to try and enforce this moving forward. As well, it was requested that rule change proposals be published to the membership when available so that the CMAS representative for Canada could make a decision on new rule proposals based on the views of the membership.
- **Team Selection Policy** – After a lengthy discussion a motion was proposed for CUGA to create a committee comprised of former Worlds Team Canada Captains to create and vote on a new policy for Team Selection Process moving forward. Motion – Jerrilin / Second – Heather – All in favor (Passed).
- **Trophies** – We have been having more and more problems with the costs for repairs of trophies over the years and also problems with deposits made by previous teams to pay for damages. Motion to retire existing trophies and move to new plaques. Amendment to include histories from trophies on plaques. 18 For / 16 Against – Passed. CUGA may not have funds to immediately replace all trophies so a staggered process will be used by replacing one at a time when funds are available. Until such time the trophies will only appear at Nationals moving forward and be kept with CUGA – not return home with the winning team – to further preserve the trophies.
- **Club Team Rules** – There was concern that Nationals has gone away from promoting clubs of bringing a team of players of their own members. It was

expressed that many people have “jumped ship” and joined other teams over the years because no formal policy has been in place. Various people felt that this was not acceptable and did not promote good club attendance at Nationals as a result. Others felt that this was a natural process to have the stronger players develop their skills with other players of their caliber. A motion by Mel was to ensure that all players at Nationals are Canadian Players (unless an exhibition team but cannot compete for medals if non-Canadian) and did not matter what team they were on. Second by Jerrilin – 19 in favor, 7 Opposed – Passed.

5) **New Business**

- **Nationals Hosting** – 2004 in Quebec City, 2005 in Calgary – Dates to Be Determined. Lengthy discussion about concern for Juniors that more difficult for them to attend when not in a province hosted where a Junior team resides. Motion by Jim to have every 2nd Nationals held in province with Junior Team representation. Amendment by Alisdair that hosting will be held in a province with Junior Representation will not be any greater than every 2 years. All in favor, 1 Opposed. Passed.
- **Rule Changes for 2004** – Motion by Jerrilin to send out rule change proposals to general membership ASAP before Worlds. Second by Kathy. All in Favor – Passed.
- **2004 Worlds** – No info to date, tentatively around March 24th 2004.
- **Policy on Team Accounts** – CUGA executive has put a policy in place to prevent problems moving forward with Worlds Teams Members attending the World Championships. The policy was developed due to problems with members receiving refunds in a timely fashion, costs that were not accounted for and caused multiple delays. The policy is to be posted on the website for members to review. Motion by Blair to have policy voted on by general membership via email / website. Second by Nick. All in favor / Passed.
- **Team Account Status** – Team Accounts have been balanced and a number of players still owe money back to the team account, some members will receive refunds. Due to the large number of people still owing money it has caused delays in refunds to many people. Requested by all to have posted on the website people who are to receive refunds / owe money. CUGA executive also indicated that members who owe money will not be able to play in other CUGA sanctioned events until accounts have been cleared. If members refuse to pay then possibly Small Claims Court action would need to be looked at after a period of time to be determined by the executive.
- **Policy for Meetings** – Needed to have a decision on what was considered a “Quorum” to have an official CUGA meeting. Motion by Blair to have 10% of registered membership (including proxies – each member can hold 2 proxies). Second by Richard – All in favor, 1 Opposed. Passed.
- **Coaching Program** – Alisdair gave 5 minute presentation on Level 1 Coaching program. Details to be posted on Website at a later date.
- **Auditing of CUGA Books** – Tabled until 2004 AGM.

- **Juniors Division** – The current policy to have an official division at Nationals is a minimum of 3 teams in a division. The representative of the respective Junior clubs have requested that this be changed to accommodate the Junior division due to the smaller representation to allow a minimum of 2 teams in any division. Motion by Adele to have minimum team representation changed to 2 teams, second by Wendy. 5 for, 14 against – Failed. Second Motion to have a minimum of 2 teams only in Junior Divisions and Junior teams to bear all costs in that division only if 2 teams present. 10 in favor, 9 against. Passed.

6) **Elections**

- **President** – Heather (Vancouver) Nominated and Accepted – All in Favor – Passed.
- **Treasurer** – Jeff Stanhope (Ontario) Nominated and Accepted– All in favor – Passed
- **Director At Large** - Craig (Vancouver) Nominated and Accepted – All in Favor – Passed.
- **Remaining Directors** – Margaret Francis – Past President, Cathie Pearson – Vice President.
- **Meeting Adjourned:** 11:45 PM

Margs Notes:

Names of participants:

Heather = Heather Lindholm Vancouver

Darryl = Darryl Brambilla Calgary

Craig = Craig Young Vancouver

Cathie = Cathie Pearson Quebec City

Adele= Adele Ingram CUHC

Richard = Richard Andrade Montreal

Wendy = Wendy ? CUHC

Blair = Blair Armstrong Vancouver

Jerrilin = Jerrilin Spence Vancouver

Kathy = Kathy Armstrong Vancouver

Peter = Peter Dittman Vancouver

Jeff = Jeff Stanhope Hamilton

Julie = Julie Munday London

Greg = Greg Mackeowen Vancouver

Nick = Nick Adams Vancouver

Marg = Marg Francis Calgary

