

CUGA 2001 Annual General Meeting Minutes

May 19/2001 – Edmonton

1) Called to order – 7:05 PM

2) Reading of 2000 Minutes

Motion to Accept by: Michel Langois. Second Julie Munday– Carried

3) Reports

President – Submitted report (attached) Submitted Chief Referee Report (attached)

Vice President – Submitted Verbal Report

Treasurer Secretary – Submitted Report (attached)

Director at Large – Submitted Verbal Report

CMAS Liason – Vacant

Carol Rose – Provided CMAS update – 7th edition rules should be ready approx 2 weeks. CMAS would like all sport to be the same, rules / memberships / etc. Fall – Bi Annual meeting to take place mid November this year. Elections will be held for all positions.

Motion to accept report – Carried by all.

4) Old Business

Revenue Canada Status – Working on second appeal to Revenue Canada. Marg suggested contacting local MLA to resolve issues. Also recommended to send petition to Amateur Gaming MLA.

Darryl suggested posting this on the website and will look into this further.

Jacques Toupin put motion fourth to put letters to MLA / MP.

Seconded by Richard Andrade

Carried – none opposed.

2002 Worlds – Signed contract from CMAS and approved. CMAS to send mailing labels to us took 4 months. Cathy is now translating invite to federations (letter of intent). Responses will get packages about full details. Marg provided Worlds update status and a Q&A session.

CUGA restructure – Proposed new structure of President, Director of Training, Director of Communications, Director of, board of director of each province representative elected by members. Discussion on having each executive member fill one of these positions.

Motion put forward to accept Cathie's recommendation.

Second by Julie Munday. All in favour, none opposed. Carried.

Fee Restructure –Motion to move to \$10 per individual member – must be paid for CUGA sanctioned tournaments.

Second by Michel Langlois. All in favour, none opposed, 1 abstained. Carried.

Motion to restructure financial year to be added to bylaws and to coincide with new fee structure (Jan 1 to Dec. 31). All in favour, none opposed, carried..

New Business:

1. **Side Subbing** – Table to later date. All in favour. Carried.
2. **Team Selection Process** – Tabled to next meeting.
3. **Insurance** – Motion to have Jacques look into National insurance for CUGA. All in favour, none opposed. Carried.
4. **Nationals Categories** – Discussion on poor turnout at Nationals. Nationals currently only allowed to club teams made up of Canadian citizens.
Motion to open up Elite division and Women's' divisions to exhibition teams. Other non-Canadian teams can be invited and allowed to participate in round robin and finals but not be eligible for medals. All non-Canadian teams must still abide by the cut off date for that tournament. No non-Canadian team will displace a Canadian team, if all Canadian teams meet the deadline.
All in favour, carried.

Discussion on Mixed Division. Attendance has been dwindling. B division seems to have taken the Mixed divisions players. As CUGA is trying to keep in line with CMAS categories, it is proposed that the mixed division be retired.
Motion to – Retire Mixed Division at Canadian Nationals. All in favour, carried.

Juniors Divisions – Provided update to Youth Division – divisions to be determined by Executive and update provided to all members in short time. All in favour, none opposed, carried.
5. **Host City for Nationals 2002** – Motion for Guelph or Quebec City if not in Guelph. All in Favour, Carried.
6. **UW Rugby 2003 World Championships**– Not in USA any longer.
7. **Elections:**

President – Nominations – Margaret Francis All in favour, carried.
Treasurer – Nominations – Darryl Brambilla – All in favour, carried.
8. **Motion to adjourn meeting** by Darryl. Second: Richard.
Meeting adjourned at: 9:30 pm

2001 PRESIDENTS REPORT

Another year has come and gone and I can't believe how quickly the time went by. It seems like it was only yesterday we were at the Underwater Hockey Nationals in Quebec City.

Over the last year I have been working mainly on three separate items.

The first item is getting CUGA's status as an amateur athletic association, with tax receipt status.

I cannot tell in enough words how frustrating this task has been.

The original application was sent in early 1999 and now after two appeals, I feel we are not making any progress. The last appeal was sent in mid-January, and repeated phone messages and faxes to Revenue Canada has not even yielded a reply. We have one more avenue to explore, which I will bring up under old business, that the membership may get better results as a group. I urge the membership to make an effort to petition their MLAs and Revenue Canada to get this status for our organization.

The second area I have been dealing with is the upcoming 2002 World Underwater Hockey Championships. An update of what is happening will be covered under Old Business.

One of the benefits CUGA has so far received from this upcoming event is that we are now authorized to receive VISA payments. Members wishing to pay membership fees can now do so by VISA. Merchandise can also be bought using this method.

The third area has been updating the CUGA records and files.

We are now up to 3 filing cabinets full of information. I have weeded out most of the old files and records, but there is still a lot of information on file.

The membership needs to realize that we are required to have information on all CMAS recognized sports as part of our obligation as the recognized organization on CMAS's Sport Committee.

CUGA is primarily a Underwater Hockey membership, however we still must strive to provide support and information to any Underwater Sport group that wishes to join.

With the upcoming World Underwater Rugby Championships coming in 2003, we should make an effort to see this sport represented.

The job of President has been a demanding one. I spend an average of 2 hours a day running the office, sorting mail, keeping CUGA running. Cathie Pearson has volunteered to take on the job of the membership list which will free up some time. Thanks Cathie.

I would like to continue on in the role of President or if we restructure, the job of running the organization. I would like to see more members in each area take on the job of developing and organizing not only hockey but at least promoting some of the other sports as well. Also I would like to see more areas developing youth programs to ensure the future of our sports. The Kincardine and Calgary programs are going strong, and Edmonton has now started a youth program as well.

Best wishes for all our members for the future and good luck at all upcoming tournaments.

Margaret Francis
CUGA President

CUGA AGM 2001 – Treasurer Report

First, let me start off by apologizing that there have not been many update to the CUGA website since Feb of this year. I have been working abroad in the USA for the past 3 months off and on and just recently returned. There will be some full updates coming forward in the next couple of weeks. If anyone has any suggestions for website improvements or content they would like to see on there please let me know or email cugainfo@home.com.

Since our last meeting 8 months ago I have been working at getting a better understanding of how the CUGA accounts and funds have been structured in the past. Needless to say it was a challenge to figure this out but I have a much better understanding of how these accounts now work. Building on the previous treasurers records the 3 CUGA accounts now appear to be in order.

Main Account Status – Opening balance as of Jan 1/2000 - \$8921.91

Income:

Membership Dues - \$1285
Tournament Levees - \$1666 (to be transferred to Worlds 2002 account)
Interest \$2.71

Total Income (Year 2000) \$2953.71

Expenses:

Nationals 1999 Accounts Paid - \$5266.25
Year 2000 Trophy's - \$ 152.54
Medals for Nationals 2000 - \$ 402.33
CMAS Yearly Dues - \$ 445.96
Outstanding Accounts - \$1070.22 (Carried over from 1999 expenses / Nationals)
Misc Expenses - \$ 321.53
Bank Service Charge - \$ 2.25
Team Payments made to main account to be transferred to Team Account - \$550.00

Total Expenses: \$8211.08

Final Balance for Year 2000 - \$710.83 - ***Note this total is after one outstanding cheque to Sandra Macdonald – Refund for Worlds was \$167.09

Team Account – After expenses and deposits plus refunds the current balance is \$4.28.

2001 CHIEF REFEREES REPORT

The last year saw a large turnout for the level one course at Quebec City. This was our biggest level one class to date with 31 youth and adults taking part. Another course was taught to 20 youth in Calgary and congratulations to the 3 youth that passed their exams.

We have 5 more level one referees newly certified and we have 5 candidates for the level 2 that are close to completing their required games.

Level one clinics will continue to be run at tournaments, however if there are groups wishing to do clinics at other times, let me know and I will come out to do them in your area.

We will be needing lots of scorers/timers for Worlds and hopefully have some new level 3's to certify.

The new edition of the rules is still forthcoming, hopefully it will be ready in the next month.

Respectfully submitted

Margaret Francis

Chief Referee