

**2006 CANADIAN UNDERWATER GAMES ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
JUNE 10, 2006
MONTREAL, QUEBEC**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Called to Order at 6:30 pm

B. ROLL CALL

Executive Present:

William Litchfield President

Jeff Stanhope Vice President

Martin Tanguay Director at Large

Margaret Francis Treasurer

Not Present:

Heather Lindhom Past President

Role Call and Proxy Voting

- a good portion of time taken verifying memberships and proxies.

C. MINUTES OF 2005

Motion to accept:

Passed

D. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

PRESIDENT – Verbal report given by Will Litchfield.

VICE PRESIDENT – Verbal report given by Jeff Stanhope

DIRECTOR AT LARGE REPORT - Verbal report given by Martin Tanguay

TREASURER – Report given by Margaret Francis, included was update on accounts and budget. Attached to Minutes.

CMAS Liason, Chief Referee and Worlds Update Reports also given by Margaret Francis. Attached to Minutes.

PAST PRESIDENT – no report.

All verbal reports to be submitted in writing and attached to minutes.

E. PAST BUSINESS –No past business discussed. Participants wanted to move towards motions.

F. NEW BUSINESS –

Voting began on motions submitted on internet:

1. ELIGIBILITY FOR CANADIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Motion 1A: Any player competing in Canadian National Championships must:

- a.) be a member of CUGA, and
- b.) have resided in Canada for a period of no less than 6 months in the 12 months prior to the Championships or be Canadian Citizens.

- **PASSED**

Motion 1B: All players competing at Canadian Nationals must:

- a.) be a member of CUGA, and
 - b.) be a Canadian Citizen; or Permanent Resident; or have Landed Immigrant Status
- ANY team comprised entirely of players meeting the above requirements is eligible to compete (in the appropriate category) at the Canadian National Championships. Teams with any players that do not meet the residency requirement must be entered as exhibition and are not eligible for medals.

Previous Rule/Policy:

This is to clarify the following motion passed at the 2003 AGM:

... to ensure that all players at Nationals are Canadian Players (unless and exhibition team but cannot compete for medals if non-canadian) and did not matter what team they were on. As well as the discussion at the Executive meeting of April 7, 2005:

"discussed required nationality status to play at Nationals and decided that Landed Immigrant status was sufficient."

Rationale/Background:

- greater clarity on definition of "Canadian players"
- allows for greater participation at our Championships while maintaining the integrity of the Canadian nature of the event.

- **DEFEATED**

Motion 1C:

All players competing at Canadian Nationals and for Canada at the Worlds Championships must: Be Canadian Citizens or Landend Immigrants.

Rationale/Background:

-in efforts for underwater hockey and other underwater sports to be recognized as a viable sport we should follow the example of all recognized sports. Sport Canada follows the IOC guidelines that to compete for Canada you must be a Canadian citizen. This is our "Canadian Championships", why would we allow other nationalities to compete?

- **TABLED UNTIL CMAS RULES COMMITTEE DECISION MADE, DECISION WILL BE BASED ON WHAT WORLD RULES ARE.**
- Note from Margaret: added after Hockey Commission rules decision.
"To be eligible to play for a country at Worlds, you must be a citizen or have resided in that country for no less than 3 years"

2. ELIGIBILITY FOR CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAM MEMBERSHIP

Motion 2A: Any player competing on a Canadian National Team must:

- a.) be a member of CUGA, and
- b.) meet all residency/nationality requirements of CMAS.

In the absence of official and documented requirements from CMAS, eligibility for National Team membership will be the same as that for players in the Canadian National Championships.

- **PASSED**

Motion 2B: Any player competing on a Canadian National Team must:

- a.) Be a member in good standing of CUGA, and
- b.) Meet CMAS regulations for nationality requirements

In the absence of an official ruling on participant eligibility by the host organization of the championships CUGA will adopt the International Olympic Standards regarding Nationality and residency for the competition.

Previous Rule/Policy:

There is currently no documented rule/policy

Rationale/Background:

- greater clarity on definition of "Canadian"
- in the absence of any CMAS rule, the application of the eligibility requirements for Nationals is a simple and consistent approach.
- to ensure Canadians represent Canada at international competitions

- **DEFEATED**

3. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

Motion 3A: All games are 2 x 15 minutes half with a 3 minutes break

Previous Rule/Policy:

There is currently no documented rule/policy

Rationale/Background:

- To have the Canadian National Championship follow international standards

- **DEFEATED**

Motion 3B: All Players may play in one division only.

Previous Rule/Policy:

Female players may play in the women's division in addition to one other division

Rationale/Background:

- N/A

- **DEFEATED**

Motion 3C: One junior division - U19

Previous Rule/Policy:

Currently the CUGA ruling from 2002 stated the inclusion of (2) TWO junior divisions

(U19, U15)

Rationale/Background:

Nationals have not been able to fill either division

- **DEFEATED**

Motion 3D: The elimination of the B division

Previous Rule/Policy:

The B division replaced the "mixed division"

Rationale/Background:

To develop the level of all players at the National Championship

- **DEFEATED**

Motion 3E: Teams that do not meet the eligibility standards can compete as an "Exhibition" team if there's enough pool time available (this decision will be made by the organizers).

Previous Rule/Policy:

This is an amendment to the 2001 rule "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."

Rationale/Background:

To ensure enough pool time is available for teams eligible to win the National Championship

- **PASSED**

Motion 3F: All divisions must play a full tournament schedule

Previous Rule/Policy:

N/A

Rationale/Background:

To ensure proper pool time for every division

- **DEFEATED**

4. NOTICE OF AGM AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTATION AND INFORMATION

Motion: change section 8.01 of the CUGA By-Laws to read as follows (changes in BOLD):

8.01 General Membership Meetings

1) Annual General Meeting

...Notice of the Meeting shall be **DISTRIBUTED** to the Executive, **DIRECTORS**, Representatives, and general membership sixty (60) days prior thereto. An agenda, budget proposal, **AND** financial report must be **AVAILABLE TO** the membership forty five (45) days before an AGM.

ORIGINAL WORDING:

8.01 General Membership Meetings

1) Annual General Meeting

... Notice of the Meeting shall be mailed to the Executive, all Representatives, the CMAS Liaison and general membership sixty (60) days prior thereto. An agenda, budget proposal, financial report must be ready for the membership forty five (45) days before an AGM.

RATIONALE:

- Notification should not have to be mailed (too costly). Email and posting on the association's website should suffice.
- CMAS Liaison is now called the Director at Large and is a member of the Executive (therefore there is no need to refer to the position individually).
- The agenda and other documents must be available for the membership to review. This is not clear in the current wording.

- **PASSED**

5. BY-LAW AMENDMENT BY EXECUTIVE (REQUIREMENTS FOR NOTIFICATION)

Motion: change section 11.01 of the CUGA By-Laws to read as follows (changes in BOLD):

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

11.01 The By-Laws may be amended by the Executive at an Executive Meeting (**WHERE QUORUM EXISTS**) by a simple majority of Executive members present and voting. Notice of the amendments to the By-Laws, along with a copy of the amendment, must be **DISTRIBUTED** to each member of the Executive, each Representative/Director and the general membership **WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING AT WHICH THE AMENDMENT WAS PASSED**.

Amendments to the By-Laws shall remain in force until the AGM or Special General Meeting following their passage, at which time they must be approved by a simple majority of votes. Any By-Law amendment not so approved becomes null and void.

ORIGINAL WORDING:

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Amendments to the By-Laws shall remain in force until the AGM or Special General Meeting, following their passage, at which time they must be approved by a simple majority of votes. Any By-Law amendment not so approved becomes null and void.

RATIONALE:

- Amendments to By-Laws are important and therefore merit almost immediate notification of the membership. As originally worded, an amendment could be made at an executive meeting in the month (or even days) following an AGM and not communicated until 60 days prior to the next AGM (a period of close to 10 months!). -Notification should not have to be mailed (too costly). Email and posting on the association's website should suffice.

- **PASSED**

6. MODIFICATION, COMMUNICATION AND AVAILABILITY OF STANDING RULES AND POLICIES

Motion: change section 12.01 AND 12.03 of the CUGA By-Laws to read as follows:

STANDING RULES

12.01 The Executive shall formulate and adopt, and, from time to time, revoke, alter or rescind Standing Rules which may seem necessary or advisable for the better regulation and supervision of a game. The whole shall be in conformity with the constitution and By-Laws. Any and all changes to the Standing Rules must be made available to the membership within thirty (30) days of having been adopted.

12.03 Standing Rules and Policies adopted by CUGA are included in the Policy Manual. The Executive shall review the Policy Manual every 2 years. The Policy Manual must be revised by the Executive within thirty (30) days of any change to the Standing Rules and Policies adopted by CUGA.

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12.02 All regulations of the Association which are not specifically contained in the Constitution of By-Laws of the Association shall be considered Standing Rules.

12.03 A Policy Manual will be prepared and updated regularly on Standing Rules and Policies adopted by CUGA.

RATIONALE:

-Specified interval for review ensures that the Policy Manual will remain up-to-date.

-Requirement to update the Policy Manual within 30 days of any change ensures that the membership has access to the most current rules and allows the activities of the Association to be carried out consistently across the country. -Note: The Policy Manual is not currently available to the membership

- **PASSED**

7. CREATION OF POLICY MANUAL AS REQUIRED BY BY-LAWS

Motion: The CUGA Executive will prepare and publish to the CUGA website, the Policy Manual (containing all Standing Rules and Policies pertaining to the Association) by December 31, 2006

RATIONALE:

As per Section 12.03 of the CUGA By-Laws in force since June 30, 2001, a Policy Manual was to be prepared and updated regularly. No Policy Manual is currently available to the membership.

- **PASSED**

8. MONEY OWED TO OTHERS (NOT CUGA ITSELF)

Motion 8A : CUGA will have nothing to do with money owed by individuals to clubs/teams/other associations/individuals for tournaments or competitions (including any/all CUGA-sanctioned events).

RATIONALE:

- This does not include money owed to CUGA itself (e.g. team fees for National team members, CUGA membership dues or insurance fees).
- It is the responsibility of the tournament/event organizer to collect money from players prior to the start of the tournament/event.
- CUGA will ensure all players at CUGA-sanctioned events are CUGA members and that all membership fees have been paid before the tournament/event begins.

- **FAILED**

Motion 8B : Though organizers will make every effort to ensure that tournament fees are collected at CUGA sanctioned tournaments in advance, in special circumstances, CUGA has the right to sanction individuals who owe funds from a CUGA sanctioned event. Sanctions may include banning of individual(s) from future CUGA sanctioned events.

RATIONALE:

-tournaments are extremely hard to organize and no one wants to stop a player from playing if they have forgotten to pay. There are instances of bounced cheques or forgotten wallets. The majority of players are honest and do pay, however there is no penalty to anyone that deliberately refuses to pay. CUGA should have the right to issue such sanctions for players at its own sanctioned tournaments.

- **PASSED**

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9. DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION

Motion 10A: All underwater hockey teams with 1 or more CUGA members are **REQUIRED** to send **AT LEAST 3** pictures of their team **AS WELL AS** a write-up describing their club's history and current playing schedule. This information would then be posted on the CUGA website and used to promote our sport and our teams. Should any team fail to meet the above requirements prior to a given deadline, as set by the CUGA executive, then members of that team would not be allow to participate in **ANY** CUGA sanctioned event or on a CUGA sanctioned team until such time as the above requirements were met in full.

Previous Rule/Policy:

None

Rationale/Background:

To develop the content of the CUGA website To aid in the promotion of the Sport in Canada and world wide

To promote all clubs across the uwh community

- **FAILED**

10. CHEF DE MISSION/ACCOUNTS

A motion to strike the following-

" 2.2.ve months before a World Championship, the 12 team players plus alternates will designate a team manager.

The team manager will handle the team's money (see CUGA Policy for Team Accounts) and any other task that delegated to them by the team (such as hotel accomodation, transportation, equipment...) or by the "Chef de Mission"."

And ammend section 1 to add the following-

"1.6 Sixteen months before a World Championship the Chef de Mission shall make a call for nomination of a Team Manager for each of the teams planning to attend said Championship.

1.6.1 No later than 15 months before a World Championship the CUGA Executive shall appoint a team manager from the list of applicants. Criteria for selection must include experience in the sport, administrative and financial skills, impartiality, and geographic location with respect to the other selectors and coaches of the team.

1.6.2 The duties of the Team Manager must include handling of the team's finances (see CUGA Policy for Team Accounts)

and any other task that is delegated by the CUGA executive, Chef de Mission, or coaching staff (such as hotel

accommodation, transportation, equipment...).

The following is an excerpt from the CUGA policy on Team Accounts, approved August 26, 2005-

"Team managers may make deposits on behalf of the team to the team account, but must provide the CUGA treasurer with proper date and amounts of deposits. The bank transit number must be included with each statement. An email to the CUGA treasurer must be sent to the treasurer with exact details of how much money was deposited on which players behalf."

"The CUGA Treasurer should be the primary depositor to the team accounts. All cheques are to be collected by the Team Manager and forwarded to the CUGA Treasurer for deposit. Only in extreme circumstances may anyone else make deposits directly into the team account. In such circumstances the CUGA Executive must agree to a "special deposit" in writing, or verbally during the course of monthly or special meetings. An email from the Depositor must be sent to the Team Manager and CUGA Treasurer with exact details of how much money was deposited and on which players' behalf."

"Upon receipt of any deposit the CUGA Treasurer shall issue individual receipts for each player and deliver them to the appropriate Team Manager within 10 business days of receipt. An email confirmation of receipt of deposit along with the date of deposit shall be sent to the Team Manager within 5 business days of receipt."

"In the event that a single cheque covers more than one player the Team Manager must detail the breakdown of the deposit by player in writing, at the time of transfer."

Changing the document as follows magnifies the logical flaw in the selection process with regard to team managers.

It has become clear over the past year that the Team Manager has as important a role as the selectors and coaches in forming and maintaining team equity and cohesion.

- **PASSED**

11. SELECTION DOCUMENT

Motion 11A: A Selection committee be formed to amend the National Team Selection document. The committee will consist of:

1 member from each National team represented at the 2006 World Championships

1 member of the CUGA executive board

In September 2006 each team represented at the 2006 World Championships will provide (1) one represent in addition to the (1) one CUGA executive member to sit on the committee to review the selection process document, make changes and submit the updated policy to the CUGA board and its members.

Previous Rule/Policy:

This is to update the Selection Process Document

Rationale/Background:

- To remove some of the issues in the original document
 - **PASSED**
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12. COMPLETE NATIONALS PROPOSAL

Motion: To accept the following as a protocol for Nationals.

NATIONALS PROPOSAL

Nationals is a unique tournament that should be different than any other tournament.

In order to be ever recognized by Sport Canada, Underwater Hockey needs to have an established hierarchy of tournaments, including a National tournament, that is regulated by the National Federation. Its uniqueness is that it is open only to Canadians and it provides a venue for clubs to compete as clubs. It also should be a venue that is for the best that club can offer, however Nationals is also a good place for up and coming players to participate in, and it is an extremely expensive and time consuming tournament to host, with limited participation.

If we lose these unique aspects, it becomes a tournament no different than any other.

The most ideal solution which fits established sport guidelines is that each province can only submit one team in each category. This would establish provincial playoffs, keeping in line with other recognized sports.

At one time Nationals followed that format; however we just do not have a large enough membership base to do so at this time.

Over the last 25 years CUGA has frequently changed formats to try to provide better solutions to ongoing issues which have included:

- Not enough teams that are competitive in the A division
- Categories that try to please everyone (B & Mixed), especially the non elite players.

- Financial cost and effort of running Nationals, that you must have B grade teams to help offset costs.
- Having our AGM at Nationals, meaning that the tournament must be accessible to all CUGA members, elite or not.
- Higher cost of travel – it is a huge financial undertaking to go to a tournament with limited competition.
- Elite players playing on B grade teams – diluting the A division.
- B grade teams competing year after year and not wanting to move up to a higher level.
- Elite players going to major centres to play and weakening their home areas, thereby not encouraging development of more A teams from areas outside of BC or Quebec.
- B grade teams being trounced against A level teams.
- Lack of development of competitive hockey outside of teams going to Worlds.
- The women's division never being promoted or encouraged as a viable division.
- Worlds teams using Nationals as a training venue, and diluting home clubs or areas of their A level players.
- The possibility of Worlds teams trouncing everyone at Nationals.
- Having different rules for different groups (i.e. allowing women to play in women's and one other division to help bring up the women's division).

It seems, however that the more accommodations that have been made, the more Nationals is getting away from its purpose. It seems that people have lost sight of what Nationals is all about in favor of personal interests. What ever solution is made needs to be made in favor of long term development of Nationals into what it should be. CUGA Executive have been given license many times over to set the ground rules for Nationals, however when they do so, groups are not happy and vote against any proposals or spend hours bickering at meetings, with no final results.

Not everyone is going to be happy with the final result, however the main goals should be:

- To keep Nationals Canadian
- To structure our Nationals so that it follows Sport Canada guidelines, and IOC guidelines thereby giving the sport a chance for recognition by government authorities.
- To have set divisions that encourage development of high level hockey, and trying to keep the format similar to established divisions (CMAS rules), thereby preparing players for the highest level of competition.

- To find a way to develop the women's division to a viable competition again.
- To encourage elite players to develop higher level hockey in their own clubs that participate as clubs at Nationals.
- To find an alternative solution for elite players whose clubs refuse to develop or are not participating. (For example: provincial teams)
- To ensure that Nationals is well attended and a forum to learn as well as have the best competition in Canada.
- To explore outside of the Nationals tournament, tournaments and venues to develop our National teams.

PROPOSAL:

1. Nationals will be limited to the following divisions:
Men's (special consideration for women players listed below)
Women's
Open youth <19
Women youth <19

Benefits: Set divisions follow not only CMAS guidelines, but are similar to other team sports. It can be a preparation for elite players to what they would expect at zone or Worlds levels. It also is on line with other team sports Nationals, giving a stronger argument for getting our sport recognition status from Sport Canada and other government agencies.

2. There is a minimum of 3 teams registered for a division to be run.

Benefits: It is a huge financial undertaking not only for players but for organizers. Unless there is adequate competition in a division, it does not make sense to run the division for less than 3 teams.

3. A player may play in only one division.

Groups need to start focusing on recruiting and development of more players. Allowing anyone to participate in more than one division, weakens the pool of players we already have. It also is a scheduling headache for organizers.

4. If there are more than 8 teams in a division, then the division may be divided into A & B categories after a round robin format to determine strength of teams. As per structure at end of proposal.

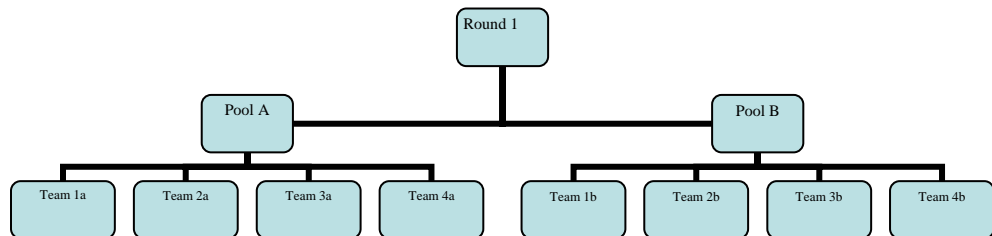
Pool time is at a premium, and at 8 teams the round robin alone for one division would be 28 games. 8 teams or more allows for the splitting of teams into 2 viable divisions after round robin play, any less would mean 2 -3 teams in a division.

. PROPOSED NEW FORMAT FOR CANADIAN NATIONALS

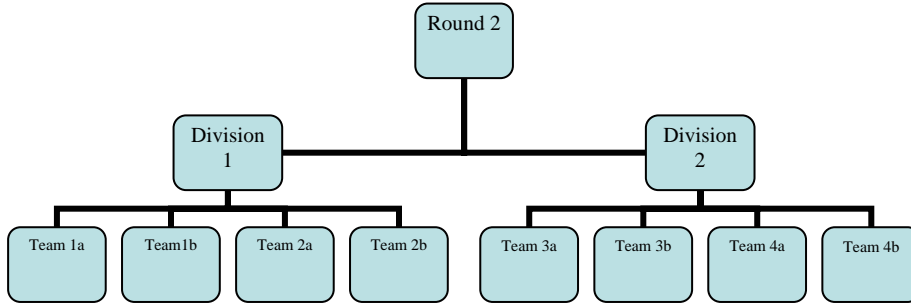
1. Teams will be entered into 2 – 3 groups called pools (attempts will be made to evenly divide teams from the same province amongst the pools). Teams play a round robin within their pool

Number of Teams	Pools	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3
8	2	4	4	0
10	2	6	4	0
12	2	6	6	0
14	2	6	4	4
16	3	6	6	4
18	3	6	6	6

2. The top 2 - 3 teams in each pool will classify for Division 1, the remaining teams will be classified as Division 2 or Division 3 as per chart. This ensures the top division contains a minimum of 4 teams and a maximum of 6 teams every year. It also ensures that if the tournament grows there is competition at all levels.
3. Model – Round 1 Each team plays a round robin within their pool



Model Round 2



Division 1 represents the top teams at the tournament; Division 2 represents the weaker teams at the tournament.

After a round robin within the division teams are seeded for the playoff round.

Playoff Round will follow regular playoff format

5. Registrants must be Canadian Citizens or Landed Immigrants with a current CUGA membership.

This is keeping with Sport Canada's rules for participation at World or Olympic events. CMAS's stance at the present time is following IOC rules, and this is in the process of clarification for next Worlds.

6. Teams are to be limited to club or provincial teams only with the following provisions:
 1. Members of a club team are individuals who play on a regular basis with that club, and/or live in the same city or surrounding area as that club. Players that play on several teams need to declare themselves to one team by Jan 31, of each year.
 2. Provincial teams are made up of individuals who reside in that province or geographical area designated by CUGA.
 3. If a club team is unable to provide a team or a full team for competition, they may:
 - a) combine with 1 other team from the same province to form a combined team.
 - b) Release from obligation players who may play for other teams under the provision "free agents" listed below.

4. A club team may have up to 2 "free agents" on their team, provided they are not combined with another team already, and the free agent has written permission to play outside their club team.

There has been limited encouragement for clubs to develop their own teams to higher play or participation levels when allowing players to play for whatever team they want. It also gets away from what Nationals is to being just another tournament. We need guidelines and rules in place to encourage teams to develop across Canada.

7. Free agents:

A free agent is a player who is not associated with any club or group (living in an area that has no underwater hockey team or club) and they do not swim on a regular basis with a team or club.

In the case of a free agent with no home club, they must declare themselves to a particular club or group in the by January 31 of each year and that club becomes their "home club for the year". Free agents may also be under "contract" to clubs for a specified period of time

A free agent is also a player who with written permission from their home club, may join another team. (This is usually in the case where a club does not send teams to Nationals; however it may be used in special circumstances)

There are exceptions to every rule. Obviously there are players who are not living in centres that have hockey. There are also players that may be of much higher grading than their home club can provide. If the home club is willing to release the player, they should have a chance to play at a level suited to themselves. On the other side, in order to develop high level teams in all areas, there needs to be a check in place to encourage high level players to develop their own clubs or area of play.

8. Women players special circumstances

1. Women must play in the womens division unless:
2. In the event that the women's division is cancelled due to lack of participation, then women players may join the men's division teams.

3. In an effort to develop and promote women's teams from all areas, it is encouraged that women's teams follow the same guidelines as club teams, however in the event that participation levels are low, in special circumstances women's combined teams may be made up of groups of women from more than 2 clubs.
4. If a women player is not picked up by a womens team, and there is no womens team attending from that province.

There has been no success over the years in developing the womens division beyond potluck teams made up usually of players that are also playing on other teams in other divisions. We have no other tournaments that promote womens hockey as a division unto itself other then having exhibition games. Women would have the opportunity to develop teams in their areas and play a true womens division. The focus would be on developing that division and the games would be at a much higher level with no problems such as fatigue from playing also in another division, and scheduling conflicts. CUGA has tried many solutions and concessions over the years, but there does not seem to be a way to develop the division, other than by the above. It has never been enforced before and may be worth the effort to do it at this one tournament. Other recognized sports have distinct mens and womens divisions and it helps prepare for Worlds experience as well. It may be hard for areas to field full teams at first, however there is special consideration to assist this division without diluting it.

9. Contracted Players

In the event that players leave an area either permanently or due to work/school circumstances, they have the option of contracting themselves to the original home club or area for a specified period of time.

A contract cannot exceed 5 years.

With a lot of elite players being younger and not well established in an area, this option would allow a player to keep contributing to development of hockey in the area they started in. A lot of elite players work hard to start new clubs or bring up the quality of play in one area, but if they leave that area the group may not be stable enough to continue growing without support.

10. The CUGA executive have the right to arbitrate what is a valid team according to the above rules.

There is always someone who wants to bend or break the rules. All other sports have the National Federation as an arbitrator.

Please remember to look at the goals of what Nationals should be. There is endless tournaments out there that players can play on whatever team they want, and what level they want. We need ways of developing teams/divisions/level of play, it may not make everyone happy, but it may force change for the good. Nationals is something special, lets make it so.

Major heated discussion on this issue.

- **MOTION WAS RECIENDED – IN FAVOR OF FORMING A COMMITTEE TO COME UP WITH A NATIONALS FORMAT THAT WILL BENEFIT HOCKEY BUT TRY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF CANADIAN PLAYERS.**

At this point Martin Tanguay verbally submitted his resignation and left the meeting.

13. CMAS LIASON

Motion to add "CMAS Liason" position as a director position under section 3.02 of the bylaws. Insert under "Chief Referee"

Reason: The CMAS Liason had been removed as an executive position, however it still is a position on the same level as Chief Referee etc.

- **PASSED**

14. CUGA SPORTS

14 a Motion to: Remove spearfishing as a recognized CUGA sport.

Rationale:

Spearfishing has broken away with CMAS and CMAS is has already threatened sanctions against our athletes if they participate in the new organizations events. If we are not affiliated with spearfishing anymore, they cannot sanction our players.

Also, our insurance does not cover these open water events.

- **PASSED**

Motion 14b – To classify the following sports as “inactive” until such a time as there is interest from the membership.

Photo Safari, Target Shooting, Orienteering

We will continue to post information on the “inactive” events in the hopes that some members may want to participate, however we will not actively pursue these sports, until there is interest.

Our 3 main sports focus will be: **UW Hockey, UWRugby, Finswimming**

- **PASSED**

G. VOTING OF EXECUTIVE AND BOARD POSITIONS

Nominations for Vice President Position

Jeff Stanhope

Darryl B seconded

John Davies

No second

Jeff Stanhope by acclimation

Nomination for Director at Large

Ben Lee - declined

Arthur Hastings – declined

Melanie Johnson

Cathie P –second

Melanie Johnson by acclimation