

**Canadian Underwater Games Association  
Annual General Meeting  
February 19, 1994  
Kinsmen Centre, Edmonton, Alberta**

1. Meeting called to order at 8:55 A.M.

2. Roll Call

Executive Present

Eric Kalnins - President

Tom Lightfoot - Treasurer

Margaret Francis - Secretary

Absent

Daniel Tetreault Vice President

Provincial Representatives Present

British Columbia - Christine Johannink, Tom Lightfoot, Eric Kalnins

Alberta - Margaret Francis, Dan Fisher, Geoff Douglas

Saskatchewan - Gerald Harrison, Howard Hamilton, Fred Cardinal

Ontario - Jim Fleming, Ross Knudson, Ron MacDonald

Quebec - none present

3. Agenda was read and additions made

4. Minutes of the 1993 C.U.G.A. Annual General Meeting were read.

Motion to accept minutes as read by: Christine Johannink

Seconded: Fred Cardinal

Carried

4. Executive reports were read.

Presidents report: CFUA-CMAS situation, CUGA is now recognized by CMAS

John McBride report from Malta meeting, now have vote at  
CMAS meetings. Fin swimming report.

Secretary's Report: Member lists being done, CUGA paperwork,  
Newsletter idea.

Treasurers Report: No books yet from previous treasurer, need report on  
surplus funds, discussion on paying fees before AGM

Howard Hamilton proposed that invoices be sent out by the end of January of each year.

Seconded by: Jim Fleming

Carried

## New Business

### 5. Ontario Situation

Helen Lindfors discussed the situation and the formation of a new association in Ontario. The objectives of this association were then discussed (Ontario Underwater Hockey Association).

Eric Kalnins had some concerns regarding the scope of the association. He felt that it was too narrow and did not address the development of the sport.

Margaret Francis proposed: To Accept the Ontario Underwater Hockey Association into CUGA under the condition they broaden the scope of the organization to include the development of the sport. The OUHA will not replace any existing association in Ontario, and CUGA will recognize two associations from Ontario if membership dues are paid.

Seconded by: Gerald Harrison

Carried

### 6. 1994 CMAS Championships

Discussion on formation of the Canadian Womens and Mens National teams was tabled until Monday afternoon, after the tryouts. The information from this meeting will be communicated to the President. Entrance fees will not be sent in until after the selections are made. Entrance fees will be paid by individual members. CUGA has purchased a puck from the French. Support staff will be needed by teams going. ie: manager, coach, doctor, referees.

### 7. 1995 Canadian National Championships

The Underwater Hockey Association of Ontario has expressed interest verbally and in writing through Claire Conner, to host the 1995 Championships. There has recently been a verbal withdrawal by Claire Conner stating that the UHAO now does not want to host. A discussion was held on where to host the 1995 Championships, with concerns regarding the UHAO and their ability to host. Tabled for later discussion.

### 8. Newsletter/Communication

A discussion was held on the viability of a newsletter. It was decided that we need a newsletter editor. The secretary said it fell within the duties of the secretary to handle the newsletter, or delegate the responsibility. The secret secretary will handle this issue.

#### 9. Medals

Dan Fisher presented a proposal to have a standard medal used at every Canadian National Underwater Hockey Championships.

Proposal: To recommend that we use the same medal in future tournaments and that Dan Fisher would handle the making and distribution of the medals.

Discussion was held regarding the medals, with some concern over the incorrect French wording.

It was decided to accept Dan's proposal on the condition the mistake in the French wording would be corrected.

10. Due to Time Constraints, Meeting was tabled at 10 AM until further notice.

11. Continuation of Meeting at 6:15 PM.

Delegates present:

B.C. - Christine Johannink, Tom Lightfoot, Eric Kalnins

Alberta - Margaret Francis, Geoff Douglas

Saskatchewan - Howard Hamilton, Fred Cardinal, Gerald Harrison

Ontario & Quebec - not present

12. Further discussion resulted on the site of the 1995 Championships, with Regina, Victoria or Toronto being considered, however as no eastern delegates were present, it was tabled.

13. Past President Position

Discussion ensued on whether or not we should have a Past President as an executive position.

Christine Johannink proposed: That we amend the bylaws to include a past president on the executive.

Seconded by: Geoff Douglas

Carried

Howard Hamilton volunteered to find out who our bylaws are registered with and then he would make the above amendment to them.

At this point John McBride joined the meeting.

#### 14. 2002 World Championships Proposal

Margaret Francis proposed: That CUGA make a bid to the CMAS Underwater Hockey Commission to host the 2002 World Underwater Hockey Championships. The site of these Championships would be Calgary, Alberta.

Seconded by: Geoff Douglas

Carried

A discussion was held regarding what facility requirements a World Championships needs. Margaret Francis offered to present the bid to the CMAS Commission at the upcoming World Championships in Grande Coroune, France in April. Offer was accepted.

#### 14. Combining US/Canada National Championships

A discussion was held on whether or not we should consider combining our Nationals with the US Nationals. The unanimous feeling was that the Canadian Nationals should be for Canadian teams only, based on time and organizational problems in combining the two. It was decided that the CUGA executive would set the policies concerning this issue.

#### 15. CMAS Liaison Report

John McBride gave his report on CMAS issues. Our yearly fees to CMAS are \$268.40. Underwater Hockey is a Commission of the CMAS Sport Committee. Achille Ferrero, formerly the president of the sport committee, is now the president of CMAS. Lili-Ann Rundblad is now the new president of the sport committee. CMAS headquarters have moved from France to Rome.

#### 16. 1994 Elections

Christine Johannink by previous title is the Past President

Eric Kalnins remains as President (2 year position)

Nominations for Vice President: Daniel Tetreault nominated by Tom Lightfoot, seconded by Geoff Douglas. No other nominations. Daniel Tetreault re-elected Vice President by acclamation.

Nominations for Secretary: Margaret Francis nominated by Christine Johannink, seconded by Tom Lightfoot. No other nominations. Margaret Francis re-elected Secretary by acclamation.

Nominations for Treasurer: Tom Lightfoot nominated by Christine Johannink, seconded by Eric Kalnins. Howard Hamilton nominated by himself, seconded by Christine Johannink. Howard Hamilton was voted in as new Treasurer.

CMAS Liaison: Christine Johannink nominated that John McBride remain as CUGA's liaison to CMAS. Seconded by: Eric Kalnins. Carried

#### 17. Policy Regarding Official Protests

A discussion was held in regards to how official protests would be handled.

It was proposed that the following be CUGA's official policy regarding protests and that the proposal be implemented as a rule amendment.

CUGA's Policy on Official Protests;

The Tournament Referee will act as judge in the case of a protest.

1 Representative per Association will act as jury in the case of a protest.

A written protest must be received by the tournament referee within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the game in dispute.

The protest must be accompanied by a \$25 fee.

The Jury must meet prior to any match whose outcome may be affected by the decision of the jury in regards to the protest.

The Juries decision is final.

Margaret and Eric will work on the final draft of this rule amendment to be presented before the next CUGA sanctioned championships.

18. Meeting adjourned at 8 PM.