



SPECIAL MEETING OF MEMBERS MINUTES

June 28, 2023

via Zoom

01. Welcome, Call to Order

The President called the meeting to order at 8:06 PM ET and welcomed all participants and guests.

02. Land Acknowledgement

The President read a land acknowledgement as part of Truth & Reconciliation measures that WCL is undertaking.

03. Roll Call of the Delegates & Determination of Quorum

The Secretary performed the roll call, as follows:

Voting Members:	Lee MacKay	President, Management Team
	Curtis Leung	CAWO
	Daniel Olver	U SPORTS Coaches
	Mike Drought	Alberta
	Non Ha	British Columbia
	*Spider Jones	Northwest Territories
	Barbara Cochrane	Nova Scotia
	Jason O'Neil	Ontario
	Megan Morrison	Prince Edward Island
	Martine Dugrenier	Quebec
	Clark Gawryluik	Saskatchewan

Observers:	*Russ Pawlyk	Director, Management Team
	*Gary Bird	Director, Management Team
	Kelly Rich	Director, Treasurer & Secretary
	Rob Moore	Director
	Bill Whiteway	Director
	*Andrew Ross	Alberta
	Tim MaGarrey	Ontario

Staff:	Tamara Medwidsky	Executive Director
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Quorum was confirmed (10 of 17). *Late additions to the meeting after quorum was confirmed.





04. Meeting Norms

The President reminded everybody about WCL’s meeting norms to help guide behaviour and conduct.

05. Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

As per WCL’s Conflict of Interest Policy, the President asked the Directors if they had any conflicts of interest in relation to the circulated agenda and materials, and if so, that they should be disclosed at this time and whenever possible at the time of a particular discussion item. No conflicts were declared at this time.

06. Approval of Agenda

MM-01-23

MOTION: To approve the agenda as circulated.

Drought / O’Neil

CARRIED

07. Bylaw Revisions

The ED introduced Benoit Girardin, an internationally recognized expert on sport governance, who has been working with the Governance Working Group on the proposed revisions to the bylaws and other governance related improvements.

The proposed changes to WCL’s Bylaws were approved unanimously by the Board of Directors at a meeting on June 1, 2023, and then circulated electronically to the Members for their review and consideration. As the proposed are considered fundamental changes to the Bylaws, approval will require two-thirds majority of present voting members.

*Spider Jones, Andrew Ross, Russ Pawlyk joined the meeting at this time.

Benoit took the members through the changes section by section, and he, along with members of the working group responded to questions and concerns about the various changes.

There was also a suggestion that the composition of the Nominations Committee be included in the bylaws and that the committee include a PTSO representative. Benoit responded that the best practices have the Nominations Committee details outlined in a Nominations Policy and Nominations Committee Terms of Reference, separate from the Bylaws. The ED clarified that these 2 documents were being addressed at tomorrow’s BOD meeting and that the recommended terms of reference include a PTSO representative.





MM-02-23

MOTION: To approve the revised Bylaws, as presented.

Cochrane / Morrison

MM-03-23

MOTION: To amend MM-02-23 to read:

To approve the revised Bylaws, including an amendment to section 23 such that coaches and officials can be nominated to the BOD if they can be shown not to have a conflict of interest. For example, for coaches they can't be a coach of a WCL funded club, for officials they can't be an international official who travels funded by WCL.

O'Neil / Dugrenier

DEFEATED

MM-02-23

MOTION: To approve the revised Bylaws, as presented.

Cochrane / Morrison

CARRIED (with 2/3 majority)

08. Key Messages

- Approval of revised Bylaws

09. Next Meeting

The Annual Meeting (virtual) will be called soon, with 21 days' notice after the release of the draft audited statements, expected to be end of July / early August.

The annual sessions (in-person) are scheduled for September 30th & October 1st.

Another Special Meeting of Members, where elections are scheduled to occur, is scheduled for November 29th.

next BOD meeting is provisionally scheduled for July 26th, 2023.

The next BOD meeting following is scheduled for August 30th, 2023 and will include discussion on BOD skills assessment for Nominations Committee.

10. Adjournment of Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 PM ET.

