



Ontario Masters Athletics (OMA)

Minutes, Special Member's Meeting

21 January 2020 – Room 335, Goldring Centre, 100 Devonshire Place, Toronto, ON

OMA President Doug Smith welcomed everyone at precisely 1910hrs. Doug acted as Chair.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDURES AND VOTING REVIEW:

Doug introduced OMA Secretary Jay Yakabowich who confirmed that attendance had been taken (on-record) and read out the list of people present who had proxies with the number of votes assigned to them. 93 votes (22 in-person & 71 proxies), were present at the Special Member's Meeting with 20 votes constituting a Quorum therefore a Quorum had been reached.

Proxies assigned where as follows:

Karla Del Grande – 11; Dan Fiorini – 12; Doug Smith – 48.

Doug reviewed meeting and voting procedures in accordance to Robert's Rules of Order. Members were advised that they may speak at the meeting once recognized by the Chair. Each member was allowed to speak once and allowed a supplementary opportunity to speak for a combined total of 10 minutes per member. Jay kept track of member-speak time through the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Doug made a motion to approve the Agenda as published; seconded by Damian Dupuy; motion carried.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

Doug stated the Special Resolution: 'To dissolve the Not For Profit (NFP) Corporation that is Ontario Masters Athletics Inc. and become a Masters Council under the auspices of Athletics Ontario.'

Doug made a motion to accept the Special Resolution and ask for a Second. Dan Fiorini seconded.

Karla Del Grande made a motion to amend the motion to delay the vote on the Resolution until further input and discussion with the Members; seconded by Duncan Greenshields. A brief discussion followed. Doug called for a vote on the amended motion; motion defeated – 73 AGAINST (13 in-person & 60 proxies); 20 FOR (9 in-person & 11 proxies).

MEMBERS DISCUSSION:

Members in attendance engaged in an orderly discussion including questions & answers to the OMA Board of Directors (BOD). Discussion points focused on BOD transparency, member liability, NFP law, future sustainability of OMA as an independent NFP vs. part of Athletics

Ontario (AO), a larger organization, the transfer of OMA assets and future of 'Masters' sports moving forward.

Doug asked Paul Osland, CEO, Athletics Ontario to address the members in attendance on AO's vision of the future and how the Masters would participate in the future of Ontario and Canadian athletics. Paul spoke for approximately 10 minutes answering questions from the members.

Doug thanked Paul for his participation.

VOTE ON THE SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

Doug re-read the original Special Resolution and called for a vote by members at 2028hrs; motion carried – 73 FOR (13 in-person & 60 proxies); 19 AGAINST (8 in-person & 11 proxies); 1 NON-VOTE.

Doug announced that the Special Resolution has been passed and thanked everyone for coming out and participating.

ADJOURN:

Doug asked a motion to adjourn; motion made by Patrick Groulx to adjourn meeting; seconded by Phyllis Lynn McFerran; motion carried.

The Special Member's Meeting was adjourned at 2035hrs.

Respectfully Submitted, Jay Yakabowich, OMA BOD Secretary, 28 January 2020