

Bobsleigh CANADA Skeleton

Board of Directors Meeting 0308 - MINUTES, Wednesday March 19 18:30 – 21:30 MST
Bob Niven Training Centre, First Floor Board Room

Our Mission: Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton develops Olympic and World Champions.

Called to Order – 18:45

Present: Reid Morrison, Brent Berezowski, Bill Warren

Regrets: Chris Le Bihan, Bernie Asbell

Staff: Don Wilson, Dwayne Dreher

1. Review and approval of agenda.

Motion 03081: Berezowski/Warren,
To approve the agenda as presented

CARRIED

2. Review and approval of Wednesday Feb 13, 2008 (circulated).

It was noted that Jovan Vujinovic was in attendance for the meeting.

Motion 03082: Warren/Morrison

CARRIED

To approve the minutes of February 13, 2008 (0208 BCS BOD Minutes) as amended.

3. Business Arising From Minutes.

3.1 (1207) Karpoff Update

No further inquiries. Item should be closed unless new information is forthcoming
CLOSED

3.2 (0108) Change Management Submit

Several replies have been received but the items next steps will be reviewed after
the March 31, 2008 deadline.

PENDING

3.3 (0108) CCES Outcome

Arbitration has been requested by Mr Depres and his lawyer and is being dealt
with by the international agency. BCS is still involved as an observer and we will
be present at any meetings required. No further action is required by BCS at this
time.

PENDING

3.4 (0108) Skeleton Runner Issue Update

A letter has been crafted by Willi Schneider and Nathan Cicoria and is being sent to the Materials Commission in Lake Placid, early April. The next step would be further communication to the Materials Commission in Milan, mid April. Any Reid will sign further official correspondence.

PENDING

3.5 (0208 4.1) BOD High Performance Director

Motion 03083 Warren/Berezowski	CARRIED
To accept the resignation of Stephen Norris as High Performance designate on the BCS Board so that he may dedicate more time to the Association as a technical consultant.	

The Board will actively search for a replacement, and new members in general, for the up coming Annual General Meeting.

CLOSED

3.6 (0208 6.1) Joint Position with Luge

BCS will be pursuing their own person to actively promote and foster knowledge and interest in the Whistler area. It was suggested Ben Morin might know an appropriate person in the BC area.

PENDING

3.7 (0208 7.3) 2008-2009 Event Schedule

It has not been confirmed by FIL or FIBT if the conflict that exists February 9-14, 2008 has been resolved. As per the last schedule both CLF and BCS were slated for a World Cup on those dates

ACTION: DSW to contact FIBT and/or CLF

PENDING

4. General Operations Update.

4.1 CEO Report

The Board received the report:

1. Overview

- Several staffing changes have been made in BCS.
- Reviewing our need for a domestic sled fabricator to complement Top Secret project
- Reviewing the upgrades required to meet code of the work shop

- CODA is taking a hard look at their finances in lieu of the poor performance of their investment strategies which will effect BCS in track availability and office space costs
- Luge and BCS will be meeting with CODA quarterly to formally discuss facility concerns: short term and long term

2. Altenberg, World Championships

- Attended from Feb19-25. I asked Stephen Norris to attend with me to provide his perspective on issues and conversations that arose as well as to provide critical analysis on all aspects of the team
- Met with Axel Burkhardt from adidas in Altenberg and then we went to his offices in Nurnberg to review the contract and clothing. He will be coming to Calgary in June
- Very helpful to see and meet with staff and athletes during this time, without trying to be too obtrusive

4. OTP

- OTP questionnaire and yearly budgets were submitted to Nick Bass
- Full OTP review meetings are slated for March 27th.

5. Homologation

- All went well with the homologation. Reid and I met with Bob Storey to discuss the issue of extra time on the track for international usage. This is being discussed by the coaches

6. Whistler Camp

- It was necessary to change some of the plans for the Camp. The camp was focused on the athlete and run familiarity. All service providers were OK with changed schedules as most were not certain of final details
- A number of planning meetings were held with staff as well as athletes. Peter Davis from OTP joined us for two days to provide us with constructive feedback around IST services
- Dr's Cal Botterill and Richard Monette, along with Stephen Norris were involved in staff meetings as well as group and gender based sport meeting. These meetings were essential to form a jumping off spot towards 2010.
- The overriding philosophy laid down was: Athlete centered, Coach driven and administratively supported. With this in mind we have a simple focus on Best Ever Performance and it's about Finding Speed.
- Knowing that machinery is primary to performance, greater investment is required in this area in the next two years, not only from the Top Secret point of view but also the acquisition of world-class sleds.
- IST will be used as required but will not be the focus of the program. IST will support as needed and with the dollars available
- To bring about a team component to our program we should provide greater emphasis and financial incentive for the team events, specifically

at the world Championships. Attempts should also be made introduce the event as a Olympic medal event through FIBT

7. FIBT schedule.

- While we have received the schedule for 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 there still appears to be a conflict with Luge in the 2009 February time slot. I have been in contact with Ben Morin on this issue

4.2 Finance

The Board received the financial report as of February 29, 2008: Attachment 0308.2

As the Board moves towards the 2008-2009 budget two specific items were brought forward to further discussion: Athlete fees and the athlete tiering system. There was also discussion about the implementation of prize money for the team award at the World Championships. This would be an award given equally to all athletes at the World Championships if the Canadian team won. The intent is to give greater emphasis on the team event for all athletes, participants and team members alike. This is similar to the increased importance of tem events in individual sports like Alpine skiing.

It was brought forward that the Singer Brother 4man sled that was driven to Gold in Altenberg has come forward for open auction. This was deemed to be a very desirable sled for use and evaluation.

MOTION 03084: Warren/Morrison BCS be authorized to bid for the Singer sled up to a maximum of 65,000 Euro.	CARRIED
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4.4 Marketing/Development

Don has been working with Claire Carver-Dias on all existing contracts. No new presentations have been made at this time.

4.4.1 (0208 4.4.2) adidas

Don met with Axel Burkhardt in Germany and reviewed the terms of an agreement. Axel will be coming Calgary in June to ratify an agreement.

CLOSED

5. Athlete Council Update

No report. Most athletes are involved in the Whistler Camp.

6. VANOC/Whistler Update

No report. Team is training there until March 21. Track appears to be very fast.

7. New Business

7.1 BCS AGM

The BCS Annual General Meeting will be Friday June 20, 2008. Information will be sent out prior to the required 60-day notice.

CLOSED

8. Adjournment

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY APRIL 16, 2008
NOTE START TIME DUE: 18:00 – 20:00 Bob Niven Training Centre