

Bobsleigh CANADA Skeleton

Board of Directors Meeting 0408 -MINUTES, Wednesday April 23, 2008 **18:00-20:00**

Bob Niven Training Centre, First Floor Board Room

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

Call to Order – 18:05

Present: Reid Morrison, Brent Berezowski, Chris Le Bihan, Bill Warren

Regrets: Bernie Asbell

Staff: Don Wilson, Dwayne Dreher

1. Review and approval of agenda.

Additional Agenda Items: Karpoff Update (1207). Travel Alberta update and Olympic Parent program will be dealt within reports.

Motion 04081: Berezowski/Warren CARRIED
To approve the agenda as amended.

2. Review and approval of March 19, 2008 0308 BCS BOD Minutes.

Motion 04082: Warren/Morrison CARRIED
To approve the minutes of March 19, 2008 (0308 BCS BOD Minutes) as presented

3. Business arising from minutes.

3.1 (0108) Change Management Summit

Brent has received correspondence from Natural Bahn Luge. Brent will attend ABA and ASA meetings to determine interest in participating in the Summit.

PENDING

3.2 (0108) CCES Outcome

No resolution as of yet. It was noted that there are two file numbers: one refers to the case of Depres arguing for a lighter suspension, the other is WADA arguing against the reduction in the first arbitration.

PENDING

3.3 (0108) Skeleton Runner Issue Update

All proposals have been sent to the FIBT Materials Commission which is meeting in Milan in early May. Ryan Davenport is a member of that Commission. Canada has put forward several proposals dealing with: runners, suits, and rules.

Outcomes of that meeting will be forthcoming.

PENDING

3.5 (0208 6.1) Joint Position with Luge

BCS is advertising for a Technical Director position to be stationed in Whistler to initiate learn to bobsleigh and skeleton courses and generate interest in the sport coming into 2010. There is already a group in Pemberton pursuing the construction of an icehouse. Pacific Sport is providing partial funding for this position. Further discussion on this topic will be dealt with in staff updates.

CLOSED

3.6 (0208 7.3) 2008-2009 Event Schedule

The 2008-2009 FIBT schedule has been finalized. Calgary will not host a World Cup. That date has been replaced with a World Cup in Park City. Whistler will host a World Cup and BCS will support the event. All costs will be the responsibility of the Whistler Organizing Committee but any federal or provincial grants which would be applied for on behalf of the Whistler Committee by BCS would be surrendered to Whistler to defer their expenses. All sponsorships agreements and revenues would still accrue to BCS.

CLOSED

3.7 (0308 4.4) Singer Sled Auction

The sled was sold in silent auction to Germany. Canada's bid for the sled was second place.

CLOSED

3.8 (1207) Karpoff Update

The office received a letter from Rahim Jaffer, MP Edmonton-Strathcona for a response to a letter sent by his office in June of 2007. The letter was provided with an update of all events to date. No further follow up has been forthcoming.

CLOSED

4. General Operations Update.

4.1 CEO Report

The Board received the report

1. Personnel

- Isabelle Petit has accepted a position with the Canada Games Council effective April 4.
- Hired David Hugill as Workshop Manager
- In discussions with Strength and Conditioning Coach
- In discussions with National Team Driving Coach and Sled Mechanic
- Chris Dornan is leaving CODA and wants to work with sports as an individual contractor which includes media relations as well as web development
- Initiated a complete staffing review to review BCS job profiles: Director of Operations, Program Managers B&S, Program Coordinator (HPA),
- Reviewing BC based Program Coordinator and technical analyst position

2. OTP Funding

- Met with Patrick Healy of Sport Canada
- Successful presentation to OTP reviewers.
- Need to review operational budgets and IST program budgets for resubmission to OTP

3. ABA/ASA Meetings

- Met with ABA board to open lines of communication with them and heard their concerns
- Contacted ASA but unable to meet until after April
- Need to ensure we are working with ABA/ASA on athlete development and recruitment. Need to define roles and integrate for better utilization of dollars and human resource into 2010 and beyond
- Need to ensure we are promoting ABA officials to FIBT opportunities.

4. World Cup Roundtable Initiative

- Met with Russel Riemer of AGENDA marketing

- Although we have no World Cup in Calgary this year we are able to access funds to promote BCS. I feel building a better web site to be able to follow our athletes may be the best long term benefit to the Association

5. Facilities

- Have received all AOHS reports on Workshop and David is cleaning up shop and will progress in accordance to safety report recommendations
- CODA providing new carpet for 2nd floor office
- Signed facility agreement with CODA, increase from last year, but well below market value

4.2 Finance

The Board received the financials as of March 31, 2008. (attached)

Budget and audit will start immediately. The next board meeting will be exclusively audit and budget.

4.3 Marketing/Development

Reviewed options with sponsorship for the Whistler World Cup and other than the Travel Alberta all sponsorships should be in place. Three inquiries have been pursued with marketing companies.

5. Athlete Council Update

Chris reported that the Athletes Council met last week. Jovan Vujinovic has resigned from the Council. No new business was reported.

6. VANOC/Whistler Update

Petro Canada is the sponsor of the Olympic Family program. It provides accommodations and tickets for parents/spouses of participating athletes to be able to see their child/spouse participate. The program is in the draft stages. Further details are forthcoming.

Initial ticket request for all sports needs to be in to the COC by May 15th. The office will send out a request to all members, ASA, ABA and B2ten contacts. The ticket request will be coordinated through Reid Morrison.

7. New Business

No New Business

8. Adjournment

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY MAY 21, 2008
AUDIT/BUDGET PRESENTATION ONLY
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