

Bobsleigh CANADA Skeleton
Board of Directors Meeting 109, Minutes
Tuesday January 6, 2009 18:00-19:30
Bob Niven Training Centre, Second Floor Boardroom

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

Call to Order – 18:05

Present: Reid Morrison, Bill Warren, Bernie Asbell (by phone), Brent Berezowski, Lindsay Alcock
Regrets: Chris Le Bihan
Staff: Don Wilson, Dwayne Dreher

1. Review and approval of agenda.

Reid introduced Lindsay Alcock, who recently retired from active competition and stated that she would sit on the Board as the athletes' representative, in Chris Le Bihan's absence. Lindsay will be encouraged to meetings when Chris returns as well, as a retired athlete.

Motion 109 1: Warren /Asbell
To approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

2. Review and approval of December 9, 2008 1208 BCS BOD Minutes.

Motion 109 2: Alcock/Berezowski
To approve the 1208 BCS BOD Minutes.

CARRIED

3. Business arising from minutes.

3.1 (0108) Change Management Summit

The Board discussed issues pertaining to CODA and their financial situation that has brought about a request to allow for funds in the CODA endowment principle to be used for undefined operating costs. The request for a letter supporting this move was solicited by the CODA in house attorney and VP Sport Bill France. Bill has also been approached along with the principles from the 1988 Calgary games to forward a letter. Further discussion is required to define the need as well as a clear direction as to how and on what the money could be spent.

Because of work related obligations, Brent has been unable to attend recent meeting and it was felt appropriate that he and Don should

meet to update on current issues. Brent will be prepared to move forward with this item at the next meeting.

PENDING

3.2 (7.1/1208) BCS Bylaw Update

Don presented the bylaws as updated. There was clarification needed around 7.2 Election and Term of Directors. These changes will be presented at the next meeting.

PENDING

4. General Operations Update.

4.1 CEO Report 1208 December 9, 2008

1. General:

- a. The Final results from the first half were lower than hoped for in general, with the exception of Helen and her brakemen who won two races.
- b. The final world cup race of the first half in Cesana was cancelled due to a snowstorm. With one less race the coaches in both bobsleigh and skeleton are reviewing the performance benchmarks of the athletes, as to whether personnel changes are necessary for the second half.
- c. The decision to not make personnel changes pending the results in Konigssee, generated an appeal from a skeleton athlete. Upon review of the appeal by myself, (standard appeal procedure was waived by the athlete due to the timing of year and the need for an expedited response) it was felt that there was not a breach of the Selection Process and the appeal failed.
- d. Race cancellations (Cortina) and the world economy have generated several operational changes in order to stay on budget. The changes included non-participation in a Europa Cup race and Skeleton World Junior Championships, operational changes in transportation in Europe and reduced participation by alternates.
- e. I attempted to attend the Cesana World Cup, unsuccessfully. I did however meet with Ermanno Gardella in Milan at the FIBT offices and discussed current issues as well as future events including:
 - i. FIBT Congress late May
 - ii. Youth Olympic participation
 - iii. Whistler World Cup participation
 - iv. Insurance issues
- f. CODA and the sliding sports had a planning meeting on Dec 16th. Attached are the minutes from that meeting for your information.

- g. The BCS IST request was submitted to OTP on Dec 12th for the coming year. We have been told there may be a reduction in funds available but we have not received our final allocation. BCS budget requests are due March 12, 2009.
 - h. An OTP/NSO general update conference call was held Dec 6th that reviewed the progress of OTP as well as an opportunity to raise questions. In light of possible reductions in funding, as much as 15% alluded to, I asked for clarification on budgetary consideration and actions within OTP in light of possible reductions to the NSO. I felt Roger's answers were reasonable and Nick Bass offered to attend a Board meeting at any time to discuss the distribution of the approximately \$25M OTP disbursements annually. The OTP presentation is attached.
- 2. Staff:
 - a. Nothing to Report
 - 3. Marketing/Sponsorship:
 - a. Nothing to Report
 - 4. Events:
 - a. Preparations are good well for the Whistler World Cup.

4.2 Finance

- Dwayne and Bill presented the financial statements completed as of November 30, 2008. It was reported that cash flow has been positive and even with the world economic crisis and the extreme fluctuation of the Euro and US currency, the program managers, Matt Hindle and Nathan Cicoria have been diligent in expense tracking.

4.3 Marketing/Development

- No report

5. Athlete Council Update

No report. Athletes are on tour.

6. VANOC/Whistler Update

- No new information.

7. New Business

- No New Business

8. Adjournment

**TUESDAY February 17, 2009
BOB NIVEN TRAINING CENTRE
18:00-20:00**