



Cheer Nova Scotia
Annual General Meeting
September 19, 2020, via Zoom

INTRODUCTION OF MEETING

Vice President, Nena Erickson-Oakes welcomed all members to the Cheer NS 2020 AGM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting is hereby called to order at 6:23 pm

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR/SCRUTINEER

Jason Robinson, a Certified Parliamentarian, has been asked by the Board to Chair this meeting and serve as our independent voting scrutineer. In addition to chairing the meeting, Jason will be managing the Simply Voting platform on our behalf and will ensure that votes are properly cast and counted.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Ashley Astephen (Secretary) provided a report on the voting members who registered. There were 14 CNS member programs present and two scholastic programs. A total of 22 votes were present. Quorum was declared by the Chair and the Meeting of the CNS members was officially in session.

I. Approval of Agenda

- A. Agenda was approved by all.

II. Declaration of any Conflicts of Interest

- A. Rachel Webb declared a conflict of interest due to her current role as a CNS student; as well as, running for a CNS Board position. No questions or issues were raised.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

- A. The minutes of the May 4, 2019 AGM that were previously circulated were approved
- B. The minutes of the September 16, 2020 SGM that were previously circulated were approved

IV. Election of Directors:

- A. Results of Voting
 - 1. Nena Erickson-Oakes was elected as President, for a two-year term
 - 2. Allison Kehoe was elected as Vice-President, for a one-year term
 - 3. Ashley Astephen was elected as Treasurer, for a two-year term
 - 4. Rachel Webb was elected as Secretary, for a one-year term
 - 5. Ashley Grace accepted the nomination of Director-at-Large

V. President and Executive Reports

- A. Memoriam of Mary Beth Thompson and Recognition of Donna Thompson
- B. CNS Accomplishments
 - 1. Judge Training via Cheer Canada – Ottawa 2019
 - a) CNS held training sessions to train local judges – January 2020
 - 2. Developed and published a three-year strategic plan to help facilitate moving to a higher tier within Sport NS
 - 3. CNS Junior Provincial Team selected to represent Canada at the 2020 ICU World Championships, and successful application has been carried forward to 2021.
 - 4. Produced and distributed over 200 Credentialed Coaches badges
 - 5. Updated and cleaned up Coaches Database

6. Streamlined the credentialing process and extended expiries to five years
7. Introduced Safe Sport policies, including requiring background checks for all credentialed coaches
8. Applied for and received TechSoup recognition, saving website and G-Suite Costs
9. Hired six CNS Summer / Fall students
10. Provided Return to Play Protocols in response to COVID-19
11. Worked with a Policy Committee to clarify the CNS Rulebook and CNS Policies
12. Updated and Streamlined By-laws to reflect actual practices
13. Took over NSSAF Cheerleading Judges tasks such as assignments

VI. Financial Report

- A. Review of audited Financial Statements for the year ended May 31, 2019
No questions were asked
- B. Discussion of Financials for the year ending May 31, 2020
No questions were asked
- C. Appointment of Auditor
Erica Royal (Treasurer) announced the recommended auditors to be Grant Thornton LLP

Motion:

Grant Thornton to be appointed as financial auditors for the year ending May 31, 2020
Moved by Monique Johnson, and Seconded by Allison Kehoe. The motion carried with ALL in favor.

VII. CNS Student Reports

Nena Erikson-Oakes introduced the students for each of their presentations:

- A. CNS Membership overview (2019 vs 2020) via CheerReg
- B. CNS Diversity & Inclusion Policy Introduction
- C. Safe Sport Policy Presentation
- D. CNS Clothing

VIII. Cheer Canada Report and Update

Erica Royal presented a Cheer Canada Update:

A. Elections and Appointments

1. Cheer Canada elected a new board as of August 2020, and a new executive
2. Cheer Canada appointed approximately 80 persons to 22 committees; including six participants from Nova Scotia.

B. Upcoming Priorities

1. Combine/Academy/ Team Canada; International Opportunities/National Team
2. ICU Worlds & IASF/USASF Worlds to happen as planned
3. Development of WADA/CCES Policies and membership
4. Coach Education
5. Officials Development and Education
6. National Championship Task Team
7. Membership System improvements
8. External Relations improvements
9. Fund development opportunities for sponsorship
10. LTAD Plan to be released

IX. Thank you

A. Nena Erikson-Oakes thanks:

1. Outgoing Board Members for their contribution to the development of Cheer in Nova Scotia
2. Social Media Volunteers who helped increase our public presence
3. CNS Summer and Fall student staff

X. Adjournment

Chair declared that the meeting was adjourned.