



Prior to the Annual General Meeting we had a presentation by Dean Smith, who spoke to us about diversity & inclusion and the many, many benefits of volunteering. Dean is a lawyer by trade and serves on many boards including Hockey Nova Scotia and was recognized in February 2021 by Hockey Canada as their Community Champion for his significant impact on the game in his community.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sheila Beard welcomed everyone and gave a brief overview of the year,

- With the addition of Zoom we were able to communicate much more often and efficiently with our members. We held calls with clubs and regions. Our volunteer board met monthly to discuss issues and potential strategies. As an association we had the time to work on administration tasks and keep things up to date.
- The Skater Development Committee also met monthly to try and come up with different ways to engage our skaters. The Team Challenges were brought in for October and were successful throughout the year. The expertise of the members of the committee was extremely helpful in the strategic planning for our skaters as we move forward out of covid.
- Thanks to the Governance committee – Natalie Doroshenko we were able to update and revise our Bylaws. Those were adopted by the membership at our special meeting in January. The Section policies were reviewed and updated.
- The Section website got an overhaul – thanks to Jackie Atkinson and Beth Norwood for their help with that.
- The Section upgrade our music system, purchased a laptop and music download program, thanks to Sam Bates. Skaters will be required to upload their music when they register for a competition through Uplifter.
- The financial tracking and accountability which has been a challenge for the past couple of years has been organized through Xero. The government funding has given us some extra income this year, however, we have significant concerns about our income for the next few years as we try to get back to normal numbers. Both the funding from Skate Canada and the province may be significantly less for a few years.
- We were very diligent this year and have completed our Budget and planning for the 21-22 season. These plans are all in line with the Sport Outcomes required by the province. To secure our funding, there are many requirements we need to meet in all aspects of the sport.

- We can all keep our fingers crossed that we will be able to move forward with our initiatives. A Town Hall is planned for September, we may be in a different world by then so can move forward and share our plans.

Let's move forward with our AGM so we can put the year of unplanning behind us and hopefully move on to a much more productive year.

Zoom instructions. Motions will be phrased any opposed this is acceptable by Robert's Rules of Order

1. **REPORT OF NOTICE OF MEETING** –the Notice of Meeting was sent to all clubs, coaches and board members on March 1, 2021 and again on April 6, 2021 via e-mail and posted on our website. (By-law 3.4)
2. **CALLED TO ORDER** at 8:31 pm.
3. **REPORT AS TO QUORUM**

Board Members 12

Sheila Beard	Chair
Ross Ashbourne	Past Chair
John Mattatall	Director at Large
Natalie Doroshenko	Director at Large
Sam Bates	Director at Large
Beth Norwood	Director at Large
Joe Jacobsen	Coaching Representative
Tanya Guilderson	Officials Chair
Melissa Robinson	South Shore Region Rep
Jill Knowles	Executive Director
Will Cobbett	Vice Chair/Fundy Region Rep
Erin Smith	Highland Region

Clubs – 15

Amherst	Will Cobbett
Bridgewater	Sam Bates
Bedford	Dominica Bona
Canso	Jill Knowles
Dartmouth	Kyla Upton
Greenwood	Cheryle Gaston/Jennifer Morrison
Halifax	Heather Boutilier
Kentville	Kim Kehoe
Mariposa	Jordon Tucker
New Waterford	Janet Harvey
Queens	Lacey Herman
Sackville	Lauren Scherer

Shelburne
Tatamagouche
Yarmouth
St. Margaret's Bay

Shaula Shand
John Mattatall
Marilee Lyons
Janice Jackson

Observers

Adam Meisner
Rozanne Raine

Coaches,

Jenn Harvie
Cheryle Gaston
Wendy Stewart
Clara Moran
Kathryn MacLellan,
Angie Coady,
Janessa Keans

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MOTION: THAT the minutes from the 2020 Annual General Meeting be approved as circulated.

Moved by: Ross Ashbourne

Seconded by: Sam Bates

Carried.

5. CONFIRMATION of ACTIONS by the BOARD of DIRECTORS

MOTION: THAT the actions taken in 2020/2021 by the Board of Directors be approved.

Moved by: Shaula Shand

Seconded by: Lacey Herman

Carried.

6. REPORTS

The following reports were circulated via e-mail:

Skate Canada Nova Scotia Section Chair and Executive Director – Sheila Beard & Jill Knowles
Coaches – Joe Jacobsen
Governance – Natalie Doroshenko
Officials – Tanya Guilderson
Skater Development – John Mattatall
Website – Beth Norwood

MOTION: THAT the annual reports are approved as circulated.

Moved by: Kim Kehoe
Seconded by: Kathryn MacLellan
Carried.

7. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Note: The administration expenses reflected in the report are those included in Xero. The Federal Government gave a top up during the first wave of covid that went directly from CRA to Sport Nova Scotia, which is not captured in the numbers from Xero.

MOTION: THAT the Financial Report be approved as circulated.

Moved by: Will Cobbett
Seconded by: John Mattatall
Carried.

8. NOMINATION REPORT & ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Sheila reported nominations were as follows:

Vice Chair	Will Cobbett – acclaimed
Treasurer	Tanya Guilderson - acclaimed
Directors at Large	1) Natalie Doroshenko - acclaimed 2) John Mattatall – acclaimed

Skate Canada Nova Scotia Board of Directors for 2021 – 2022

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Tanya Guilderson	Treasurer
John Mattatall	Director
Natalie Doroshenko	Director
Sam Bates	Director
Beth Norwood	Director
Joe Jacobsen	Coach Rep
Rozanne Raine	Officials Chair
Erin Smith	Highland Region
Melissa Robinson	South Shore Region Rep
Jill Knowles	Executive Director

Region Reps from the Central and Valley Regions will be confirmed later this month via Zoom meetings.

Sheila thanked Chris Li for his time and energy that he has brought to the Board during his time as treasurer.

9. COMPETITIONS

As competitions were unable to be held during the 2020 – 2021 season, those clubs/regions that had previously be awarded the competitions were given priority to host.

Confirmation of dates for competitions 2021 – 2022

- SNCS Sectionals October 23/24, 2021 Dartmouth RBC
- Fall Skate Queens/Bridgewater November 20/21, 2021.
- STAR 1-3 Bedford January 15 or 16, 2022 Bedford/Halifax SC
- Robert McCall Memorial February 4, 5/6, 2022 St Margaret's Bay SC
- SCNS Provincials February 26/27, 2022 Amherst SC
- STAR 1-3 March 12 or 13, 2022 Sackville SC

Atlantics are yet to be determined.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Clubs and coaches were reminded of the Skate Canada National Ice Summit and AGM taking place May 15th to 30th. Please register as a delegate or if you are not able have someone from your club be a delegate, please e-mail the office skatecanadans@sportnovascotia.ca

Sheila thanked everyone for taking the time to attend the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:43 pm

Moved by: John Mattatall

Jill Knowles,
Executive Director/Recorder

Sheila Beard,
Chairperson