



The 2023 Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Cheerleading Federation was held on Saturday, September 30th at 7pm at Venture X, 600 Matheson Blvd, W, Mississauga, Ontario.

Members were able to attend the meeting in person or via Zoom.

Lindsay Groves, OCF President, called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

She welcomed the members present and introduced the current board members:

- Anne-Marie Joyce - Vice President
- Karl Pinnock - Director
- Vanessa Melo - Director
- Veruschka Fisher-Grant - Director
- Jodie Bore - Secretary (Absent)
- Rhys Ottaway - Treasurer (Absent)

Lindsay also welcomed Gary Oswald, Executive Director of Cheer Canada and noted that Gary and Patricia Glenwright, OCF Administrative and Membership Coordinator, would be scrutineers for the meeting. Minute taker for the meeting would be Patricia Glenwright.

Announcement of Voting Members Present - Establishment of Quorum:

Patricia noted that there were currently twenty (20) registered clubs. As there were ten (10) voting members and two (2) proxies quorum was met. There were also three (3) observers in attendance.

Clubs represented are as follows:

- Beach Cheer Athletics Toronto
- Beach Cheer Athletics Uxbridge
- Bluewater Cheer Athletics
- Champion Cheer Academy
- Cheer Sport Sharks Toronto
- Cheer Strong Inc
- Cheer Pride Allstars
- Dynamite Cheer All Stars Inc
- Eight Count Cheer Academy
- Majestic Athletics
- PCT Cheer & Tumble
- Supreme Cheerleading

Approval of the 2023 AGM Agenda:

The president asked that the agenda be amended to include a report from Cheer Canada. As there were no objections the meeting proceeded with the amended agenda.

Approval of the 2022 AGM meeting minutes:

The 2022 AGM minutes were approved. No objections.

2021-2022 Audit:

The 2021-2022 audit was completed. The 2022-2023 financials are complete and have been sent to the auditor. An overview of the year ending June 30, 2022 was presented. Karl Pinnock reviewed the document with the members.

A question arose regarding professional fees that were an increase of \$50,000 year over year, 2021 to 2022. Part of those include the hiring of an administrator but a large part is legal fees. Complaints were going straight to Sport Law. As well, Sport Law worked with the federation on its policies. The fees decreased this past year as the Membership Policy changed. Complaints come directly to the federation and not Sport Law.

Lindsay thanked Karl for providing the overview and for answering the questions.

Appointment of Auditor for the 2023-2024 season:

Lindsay asked for a motion to appoint BDO Canada as the auditor for 2023-2024.

Cj Pugh motioned to appoint BDO Canada to complete a Review Engagement for 2023-2024. Seconded by Josh Lindberg.

Motion carried.

Karl Pinnock noted that the Audit cost approximately \$11,000 and an Engagement should be approximately half of that amount.

President Update:

Lindsay noted that her update would be shared with the members. Highlights are as follows:

- There were just over 2200 members this past season, a drop from the previous year where there were 2700 members.
- The board met on seventeen occasions throughout the year. These were Zoom and in-person meetings.
- Two events were held - Provincials and the Ontario Cup.
- The federation sent two (2) Board representatives to Worlds.
- The OCF has implemented a screening process.
- Policies are up-to-date and on the website. This is a requirement for Sport Recognition.
- The 2021-2022 audit is complete and a bookkeeper has been hired.
- The federation is in the process of completing a Strategic Plan.
- NCCP coaching courses are being planned.
- The OCF is working to provide a better experience for its members by outsourcing Provincials and the Ontario Cup to an EP.

Cheer Canada Update:

Gary Oswald, Executive Director of Cheer Canada provided an update on the organization's activities.

Highlights include:

- World's in Orlando
- Three (3) teams were sent to Pan Ams in Chili
- The Long Term Development document was released.
- Canadian Championships were announced.
- National Collegiate Championships are to be held.

- Cheer Canada has been asked to host the Pan Am event in 2024.
- The committee structure has been reviewed.
- A bookkeeper has been contracted and Mackenzie Craig has been contracted as the Senior National Team Administrator.
- There were 22,000 members as of June 30th.
- The organization wants to increase the visibility of the sport and the association.
- Sportlomo, the new registration platform, should be available within the next week or two (2).
- Information on Cheer Canada's coach training should be available within the next week.

Lindsay thanked Gary for his update.

Election of New Directors:

Lindsay explained the process for the election. There were three (3) positions available - two (2) positions for a three(3) year term and one (1) position for a one (1) year term.

The three nominees were Anne-Marie Joyce, Veruschka Fisher- Grant and Hailey Shier. Each gave a brief introduction prior to the election.

Voting delegates present in the room were asked to vote by secret ballot. Those attending virtually were asked to private message their votes to Vanessa Melo.

Anne-Marie Joyce and Veruschka Fisher-Grant were elected to a three (3) year term and Haily Shier was elected to a one (1) year term.

Lindsay congratulated the newly elected directors and noted that information about an upcoming meeting would be shared.

Meeting was adjourned at 8pm.