

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Sunday, May 12, 2013
1:00pm-4:00pm
Delta Toronto Airport West

Meeting commenced at 1:15 p.m.

A. Previous Minutes attached (from June 10, 2012). Minutes for this Annual General Meeting recorded by Lyla Simon.

B. Attendance

Executive Committee

Name	Position	Present	Regrets
Ron Gallen	President	x	
Tom Hennessey	Past President	x	
Mike Power	V.P. - Protocol	x	
Lyla Simon	V.P. – Administration	x	
Rob Bender	V.P. – Competition	x	

Regional Representatives

Doyle McLeod	Chief Official – Southwest Region	x	
Jean-Sebastien Caron	Chief Official – Eastern Region	x	
Keri Ireland	Chief Official – Central Region	x	
Deborah Laba	Chief Official – Niagara Region	x	
Shawn Floyd	Provincial Chief Official	x	

Staff

Matt Kennedy	Executive Director	x	
Miranda Kamal	Technical & Programs Manager	x	
Joey Acol	Student Intern	x	
Erik Espinola	Student Intern	x	
Shaun Slemko	Student Intern	x	

Others in Attendance

Nicole Therrien	Treasurer	x	
Peter Wylie	Cabbagetown Boxing Club	x	
Val Ryan	McGrorys Boxing Club	x	
Adrian Teodorescu	Atlas Gym	x	
Armand Teodorescu	Atlas Gym	x	
Colleen Gallen	Niagara Falls Boxing Club	x	
Robert Marsh	Peterborough Boxing Club	x	
Kyle Marsh	Peterborough Boxing Club	x	
Jack Ireland	Uptown Boxing Club	x	
Kelly O'Connor	Ring London	x	
Sonny Wong	Chief Official, Boxing Canada	x	
Joe Corrigan	Joe Corrigan	x	
Sal Marra	Bramalea Boxing Club	x	
Vince MacDonald	Coach	x	
Ibrahim Kamal	Official	x	
Brandon Roberts	Coach	x	
Rick Bender	Official	x	
Ardem Tutunjian	Boxer	x	

C. Agenda Items

1. Period of Remembrance

A period of remembrance was observed for: George Fraser, Timothy Smith, Billy Downy, John Degazio, and Dominic Degazio.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and approved by the membership.

3. Minutes from 2012 AGM

The minutes were reviewed by the membership.

MOTION to accept the 2012 AGM minutes by *Kelly O'Connor*.

Second: *Shawn Floyd*.

Passed.

4. Elections of Officers

An election was held for the position of President.

Mike Power was elected.

An election was held for the position of V.P. – Administration.

Deb Laba was elected.

An election was held for the position of V.P. – Protocol.
Shawn Floyd was elected.

An election was held for the position of V.P. – Competition.
Rob Bender was elected.

MOTION to destroy the ballots by *Shawn Floyd*.

Second: *Keri Ireland*.

Passed.

5. **Report of Vice President – Protocol** (Armand Teodorescu)
Armand addressed the membership on the social media policy that was implemented and his continued efforts to maintain communication with the membership as a key feature.
6. **Report of Past President** (Tom Hennessey)
Tom gave thanks to the membership and Staff for the 30 years he has served Boxing Ontario. He advised that he is moving on to other volunteer efforts and wished the new elected Board all the best.
7. **Report of Vice President – Administration** (Lyla Simon)
Lyla gave thanks to the membership and Staff for the time she has served Boxing Ontario. She advised that she is moving on to other volunteer efforts and wished the new elected Board all the best.
8. **Report of Vice President – Competition** (Rob Bender)
Rob addressed the membership on the initiatives undertaken in the past year, including a number of Boxing Ontario run tournaments, as well as upcoming initiatives and events. (see written report for further detail)
9. **Report of Vice President – Technical** (Mike Power)
Mike addressed the membership on the initiatives undertaken in the past year, including Q4G, streamlining the upgrade process, and implementation of a seeding tournament, as well as upcoming initiatives and events. (see written report for further detail)
10. **Report of President** (Ron Gallen)
Ron Gallen addressed the membership and advised of the profitability of Boxing Ontario running its own tournaments.
11. **Chief Official Report** (Shawn Floyd)
Shawn presented on the events of the past year, which was a busy year. Highlights include: Big changes are coming from AIBA/CABA – the membership can expect a steep learning curve. There were upgrades to Levels 3 and 4 in the last year, and clinics were held for new and existing officials. There has been an increased implementation of the “field of play” and other rules, which has presented new challenges and learning opportunities. Field of play maintains fairness and

impartiality and benefits all. A major challenge remains the large geography of the province – the development of officials in all regions must remain a top priority. (see written report for further detail)

12. Technical & Programs Manager Report (Miranda Kamal)

Miranda reviewed the year including the 3 coaches courses that were run; and the fact that the CABA evaluation process is on hold at the moment. She is working to increase the number of facilitators. Boxing Ontario has outgrown its website – but it is anticipated that the new website will be up and running by June 2013. Miranda spoke about available funding and encouraged coaches and athletes to contact her should they need assistance. The Pan Am Games are upcoming and there are many associated opportunities. There are numerous advantages to aligning your club with their programs. Miranda hopes to have more clinics for coaches and officials in the coming year. (see written report for further detail)

13. Executive Director Report (Matt Kennedy)

Matt presented on the many accomplishments of the past year, including growth in all membership categories; and successes with grants funding. He thanked staff, the volunteers at the office, the executive, and the membership for a great year, and encouraged the membership to continue sending their inquiries and concerns into the office. Upcoming developments include a club development program; growth in sanctions numbers; updates to the website; further collaboration with other PSO combative sport; a CHAMPS style program; and new registration tools and forms. Staff has received requests for posting bout results on the website and will attempt to do so. (see written report for further detail).

14. Proposed Adoption of CABA new Constitution and Bylaws

The membership discussed the proposed changes to the CABA Constitution that are coming including the new voting structure. It was agreed that the membership cannot vote on whether to adopt or endorse the CABA Constitution since it has not been seen yet.

MOTION by *Shawn Floyd* that once the executive receives the CABA Constitution, it will be circulated to the membership for review, and no later than 3 days prior to the CABA AGM, the membership will provide comments so that the President can bring the comments to the CABA AGM.

Second: *Nicole Therrien*.

Passed.

15. New Business

❖ **AIBA Removal of Headgear (Peter Wiley)**

Peter advised the membership of his opposition to the new AIBA rule removing headgear for male senior elites. Peter has the support of many in the membership. Peter advised that Canada took the lead in the early 1970s and this is a step backwards. The membership discussed that the research supporting the headgear removal was not peer reviewed; has not been implemented for women; and that Boxing Ontario should collect its own evidence and reports.

MOTION by *Shawn Floyd* to bring Peter Wiley's motion (see written copy) to the CABA AGM.

Second: *Keri Ireland*.

Passed.

❖ **Transparency of Board Business** (Kelly O'Connor)

Kelly expressed concerns that the membership does not have a reliable way of knowing what is taking place at the executive level. The membership discussed that legislation requires that minutes be taken of the executive meetings, but that this must be balanced with the ability of the executive to discuss matters openly, especially since some matters are commercially sensitive or raise privacy/confidentiality concerns were they to be made public. Mike Power suggested a quarterly newsletter from the Board.

MOTION by *Kelly O'Connor* for a quarterly newsletter from the Board to be implemented forthwith.

Second: *Keri Ireland*.

Passed.

❖ **Audited Financial Statements** (Kelly O'Connor)

Kelly expressed concerns that the membership has not received audited financial statements in advance of the 2013 AGM. The membership discussed the challenges that exist in terms of the timing of the AGM and the fiscal year end. It would be difficult and impractical to change the fiscal year end. The auditor had suggested that it would be possible to move to a "financial review" which would meet Ministry requirements. This will be considered by the executive going forward. Read the auditor's report to Members which presented the 2013 financial statement and financial position of the Corporation to the Members; reappointment of the auditor.

MOTION by *Kelly O'Connor* for the membership to be provided with unaudited financial statement or financial review 7 days before each year's AGM, with audited financial statements to follow, once received by the Board of Boxing Ontario.

Second: *Keri Ireland*.

Passed.

❖ **Financial Reports re. Tournaments** (Kelly O'Connor)

Kelly expressed that the membership would like to know the profits and losses associated with tournaments being run by Boxing Ontario during the course of the year.

MOTION by *Kelly O'Connor* for a 'revenue over expenses' report from tournaments to be provided to a member in good standing who requests it.

Second: *Keri Ireland*.

Passed.

❖ **Semi-Annual Meetings** (Keri Ireland)

Keri expressed that a semi-annual meeting following CABA's semi-annual meeting would be useful in order to update the membership on the national body's work and initiatives.

MOTION by *Keri Ireland* for a semi-annual meeting to take place with notice to all the membership in person or via teleconference, as permitted by budgetary constraints.
Second: *Kelly O'Connor*.
Passed.

D. Ad Hoc Items

1. **nil**

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 PM by *Kelly O'Connor*.
Second: Keri Ireland.
Passed.

Next Scheduled Meeting – 2014 on a date to be announced