

Bobsleigh CANADA Skeleton
Board of Directors Meeting 609, Minutes
Tuesday June 16, 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 – 18:00

Present: Reid Morrison (departed at 7:00pm), Lindsay Alcock, Chris Le Bihan, Bernie Asbell and Brent Berezowski

Regrets: Bill Warren

Staff: Don Wilson, Dwayne Dresher

1. Review and approval of agenda.

Motion 609 1: Asbell/Berezowski
To approve the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

2. Review and approval of May 19, 2009 509 BCS BOD Minutes.

Motion 609 2: Berezowski/Morrison
To approve the 509 BCS BOD Minutes.

CARRIED

3. Business arising from minutes.

3.1 (0108) Change Management Summit

Brent attended the last ABA-BCS discussion. The intent from that meeting was to determine numbers associated with how many athletes need to be recruited, how many sleds are required to meet the needs of new recruits, where do we get new athletes from, what does our competitive pyramid look like and once an athlete has been identified how do we keep them in the sport. Brent developed a numerical postulation working back from the acquisition of 5 new pilots which included, numbers of sleds, amount of time required on the track and probable number of athletes entering the system to achieve a goal of five new pilots. He will present that at the ABA-BCS discussion on June 22.

PENDING

3.2 (7.1/409) Winsport

FIBT has scheduled World Cups for 2011 and 2012 in Calgary. BCS is working with Bill France to discuss the viability and acceptance of those events. No new discussions have been held with Winsport executives.

PENDING

3.3 (5.0/509) BCS/Development Team Agreement – Athletes' Council

Matt and Flo have drafted a National Development Team Athlete Agreement that will be presented to the Athletes' Council for their feedback to be brought back to the next Board meeting.

PENDING

4. General Operations Update.

4.1 CEO Report: 609 June 16, 2009

1. 1 General:

- a. Reid and I attended the FIBT Congress in Moscow. The most significant outcome was a stronger relationship with Park City and Lake Placid. We will work to have a stronger North American Tour on a developmental level as well as within the confines of the FIBT calendar for the World Cup.
 - b. Through Hockey Canada, BCS has engaged Mark Messier to work with our bobsleigh athletes in leadership and team dynamics at the August camp. The intervention will include a team dinner and two 4-hour sessions, individual and group. The desired outcome of Mark's involvement is to bring our men's and women's bobsleigh teams closer in a common focus towards Whistler. Much the same as the Sweep Series has focused on a process for the skeleton athlete's working together while benefiting from non-destructive competitive and personal rivalries, it is hoped that Mark's message can do the same.
 - c. Success training period with Tuffy in attendance. I feel his on site presence assists athletes with problems that may have festered too long without being able to sit and discuss the issues with Tuffy. Tuffy's role is more of overseer of how people are feeling mentally rather than specifically training them.
 - d. BCS has initiated a meeting with the pilots, Tuffy, Craig Lehto and his track staff on July 13th in Whistler to discuss concerns with the track set up and to try and bring the two groups: athlete user and facility staff, closer towards a common out come as we move forward to 2010.
 - e. As part of the OTP conditions, Tuffy and I met with Dr. Jackson and Nick Bass. I feel it was an extremely successful meeting as Tuffy was able to answer many direct questions posed by Roger, which had always previously gone through Nick. It was an educational process for Roger, but it also allowed Tuffy to articulate directly his views and plans to OTP.
2. Events:
- a. After discussions with Craig Lehto and Bob Storey in Moscow it was decided to cancel the Whistler Cup. Craig's issue was that there will be potentially a large amount of construction going on during the ITW and having any sort of access to the venue for other than athletes and coaches would be problematic and risky. In speaking with FIBT, they were concerned that a race could disrupt the training sessions and the amount of ice time for the internationals, is paramount. Mr. Storey was in agreement with this decision to suspend the competition.
 - b. In no small part to the increased relations with the Americans in Moscow, we have been able to continue conversations with Canada Dry having a sponsorship program during the Lake Placid WC, in place of the program we were looking at for Whistler. BCS may be able to maintain the relationship with Canada Dry and eliminate any risk associated with hosting the event in Whistler.
3. Staff:
- a. Nothing to report

4.2 Finance

<p>Motion 609 3: Asbell/Alcock To accept the proposed 2009-2010 budget as presented.</p>
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CARRIED

4.3 Marketing/Development:

BCS has come forward with a design for the 2010 sleds and an image string that we will incorporate into our promotions going into the Games. Bernie asked that the Haida art figures be approved, if possible, to ensure we have not caused any cultural faux pas. Don will ask Michelle to pursue that approval. Brent asked about possible merchandizing opportunities but Don felt that the opportunity would only be pursued if there was no risk to the association, by having a third party pay a fee and a commission on sales. These items will be discussed at the next meeting.

5. Athletes' Business

Election have been held for the new Athletes' Council:

National Women's Bobsleigh: **Sabrina Notarangelo**
Retired Athlete: **Andrea Kotyk**
National Men's Bobsleigh: **Chris Le Bihan**
National Women's Skeleton: **Michelle Kelly**
Development Bobsleigh: **Justin Wilkinson**
Development Skeleton: **Eric Neilson** (still serving term on Council)
National Men's Skeleton: **Vacant**

The designated representative will attend the next meeting. As this was Lindsay's last meeting Don extended our sincere appreciation to Lindsay for her involvement, especially during the season when Chris was unable to attend while participating on tour.

6. VANOC/Whistler Update

- Reid spoke to the structure of the Whistler Legacy Society (WLS) that is the Whistler Sliding Centre management group. The COC representative is stepping down and an alternate representative is being sought. Reid submitted several names for the committee to give sport a stronger and more direct voice.

7. New Business

- No New Business

8. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned 20:00

TUESDAY JULY 21, 2009
FOUR POINTS SHERATON HOTEL – ROOM TBD
16:00-18:00