



APOLLO CALGARY FRIENDS IN SPORTS

Apollo 2013 AGM

July 22 2013

Kahanoff Conference Centre

105 12th Ave SE

2nd floor, room # 204

Attendance:

Bradley Bostock (Vice President), Bill Moore (Treasurer), TJ Fedyk (Western Cup Director), Todd Frisch (Communications Director), Kevin Wong (Secretary), Tom Sloan, David Tang, Colin Deblois, Ricardo Raugel, Faye Monteith, Teddy Barteaux, Kari Lannard, James Wong, Austin Christianson, Stuart Brotherhood, JP Hermano, Tho Huynh, Aggie Legaspi, Sam Huang, Michael Leboldus

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7:17 pm by Bradley Bostock.
2. Determination of quorum
Quorum was established with 20 Apollo members in attendance.
3. Kari Lannard motioned to approve the Agenda as presented, and Teddy Barteaux seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.
4. Faye Monteith motioned to approve the 2012 AGM Minutes as presented, and Kari seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.
5. Bradley introduced and thanked the Apollo Executive Board. He highlighted the past year, as summarized in the Apollo President Update.
6. Bill Moore, Treasurer, summarized the Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet. He confirmed that Dan McGregor reviewed Apollo's books, but did not audit them (since we are a non-profit organization, we do not have to legally complete an audit, which could cost upwards of \$10,000); no outstanding discrepancies were noted. Currently, Apollo uses MS Excel; Dan believes Apollo should consider an accountant software package going forward. Bill explained the differences between an audit (sampled transactions compared) vs. a review (process related).

Bill also noted that \$4400 was donated to various groups in our community this year, including \$1000 to ARGRA and \$1800 to Camp fYrefly. This was a significant increase from the \$1100 donated to ARGRA in 2012.
7. Kari motioned to accept the reviewed financial statements as presented, and JP Hermano seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.

8. Michael Leboldus motioned to have Apollo ask Dan McGregor to review our books again next year, and Teddy seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.
9. Faye motioned to have the Treasurer's Report accepted as presented, and Teddy seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.
10. TJ Fedyk presented the Western Cup Director's Report, noting the highlights of approx. 455 participating athletes, over 1000 dance tickets sold (200 sold online, online sales to be continued in 2014). Hotel Arts, as the host hotel and dance/casino venue, continues to be a major sponsor, and will continue in 2014. Gay Calgary, the Backlot, Pure Pride, and Priape were other major sponsors this year.
11. James Wong motioned to have the Western Cup Director's Report accepted as presented, and David Tang seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.
12. Bill Moore was presented with Apollo's 2013 Volunteer Award for his contributions to Apollo, the Calgary Police Service Sexuality & Gender Diversity Unit, and Camp fYrefly.
13. TJ Fedyk was presented with the 2013 Jordan Rutherford Memorial Award for his contributions to Apollo, Western Cup, and as the Co-Chair for Calgary's NAGVA (North American Gay Volleyball Association) tournament.
14. Bradley presented the background and rationale for Apollo's restructuring.

Thirty years ago, Apollo was formed to provide a safe and supportive sports environment for the LGBT community. Today, our community has integrated into mainstream culture. The question becomes, how does Apollo continue to contribute to, and support equality and inclusion for our community?

The proposed restructuring would enable Apollo to focus primarily on Western Cup as a signature event and revenue generator, to continue as a central source of information for "Team Calgary", to provide optimal support to new sports leagues, and to contribute monetarily to non-profit organizations.

15. Stuart Brotherhood raised concerns about insurance for the various sports; some sports such as curling and bowling have their insurance covered through the venue, whereas others like volleyball and badminton, which are played in schools, require that a non-profit organization apply for the insurance.

Bradley assured everyone that Apollo would review all venue insurance coverage on a case-by-case basis, and would still work with the sports leagues that require coverage. Todd explained that insurance coverage is not obtainable for certain sports, such as downhill/backcountry skiing, so in its present form, Apollo is actually restrictive to the growth of those sports. Currently, \$15/20 membership fee goes towards insurance costs.

16. Michael Loboldus directed discussion towards clarifying the overall vision for a restructured Apollo. Bradley explained that, by adopting the proposed changes in the By-Laws, Apollo would be able to move towards an organizational model similar to Team Edmonton, which is an umbrella group of 33 leagues/teams, and has no membership fees or forced insurance coverage. Apollo faces the repeated challenge of meeting quorum at any meeting; the membership is disengaged from the organization.
17. James asked how the restructuring will benefit Apollo. Bradley explained that, by moving away from collecting membership dues, Apollo will be able to direct its energies towards Western Cup, a possible summer WC, as well as its proposed primary role in supporting and nurturing the various teams/leagues, and possibly as a proponent in issues such as health & wellness within our community.
18. Aggie Legaspi noted that volleyball is starting within the next two months, and expressed concern about the required insurance. Todd Frisch assured everyone that Apollo will keep the existing insurance arrangements in place for the next calendar year, until we can review each league individually. Todd also noted that the ultimate goal is to help each league become self-sufficient.
19. TJ explained that all money raised during the WC is directly from the social events. The leagues may get a percentage of the profit, or kick-back, depending on the number of participants. Thus, there would be an incentive for the leagues to help in the success of WC.
20. Bill noted that at the last general Board meeting prior to the AGM, representatives from all leagues attended, and gave their unequivocal support to the proposed restructuring.
21. Stuart requested clarification on proposed By-Law article 9.1. Citing an editing error, Kevin Wong assured everyone that "Needs expansion" was not intended to be part of the proposed changes. Stuart also requested clarification on article 13.4. Bradley replied that, as per Robert's Rules, additional non-Board members are not required to meet quorum.

Because of the potential workload involved in the Sports Liaison position, Stuart suggested that two people, one male and one female, take on the role. Both Bill and TJ replied that obtaining female representation at Apollo meetings and on the Board is historically very difficult.

Bradley suggested that to become a "voting member" of Apollo, membership dues of \$5 may be implemented.
22. Tho Hunhy asked if each league would be responsible for maintaining its own financial books. Brad replied yes, and explained that accountability is an issue; by making the various leagues responsible for their own books, Apollo's liability would be removed.
23. Bradley and Todd confirmed that a new server and website are planned components of the restructured organization.
24. Faye motioned to accept By-Law changes as presented, and Teddy seconded. In favour 17, abstentions 3. Motion carried.

25. TJ accepted the Western Cup Director nomination. No other nominations. By acclamation, TJ is the WC Director.
26. Todd stepped down from his Communications Director position. Stuart and Todd accepted the Vice-President nomination. Stuart withdrew his nomination. By acclamation, Todd is the Vice-President.
27. Brad nominated Stuart for the Communications Director position, and David seconded. By acclamation, Stuart Brotherhood is the Communications Director.
28. Stuart nominated James for the Sports Liaison position. By acclamation, James Wong is the Sports Liaison.
29. Bradley accepted the nomination for President. By acclamation, Bradley Bostock is the President.
30. Stuart motioned to have the Sports Liaison position clarified and reviewed over the coming year and a report submitted to the 2014 AGM, and Faye seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.
31. Bradley motioned to add the Vice-President position to cheque-signing authority (still only require two out of four positions), and Stuart seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.
32. Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.