

# SYNCHRO CANADA ANNUAL MEETING Meeting Minutes

Date: September 16, 2017

Time (From - To): 13:00 to 14:30 EDT

**Location: GoToWebinar** 

Chairperson: Henry Scheil, President, Synchro Canada

#### **Voting Members:**

Michael Andersen Jones, President, Synchro Newfoundland & Labrador

Pam Kidney, Executive Director, Synchro Nova Scotia

Nathalie Cyr, President, Synchro New Brunswick

Julie Vézina, Executive Director, Synchro Quebec

Jill Nelson, President, Synchro Swim Ontario

Desiree Vanderwel, President, Synchro Swim Manitoba

Kathleen Reynolds, Executive Director, Synchro Saskatchewan

Helen Kelley, President, Synchro Alberta

RaeAnne Rose, President, Synchro BC

#### **Observers:**

Joel Sanders, Board of Directors Member, Synchro Canada

Judi Enns Bradette, Board of Directors Member, Synchro Canada

Gail Donohue, Board of Directors Member, Synchro Canada

Margie Schuett, Board of Directors Member, Synchro Canada

Shelby Harding, Athletes Council Chair, Synchro Canada

Jackie Buckingham, Chief Executive Officer, Synchro Canada

Cheryl McEvoy, Finance & Administration Manager, Synchro Canada

Stéphane Côté, Communications & Events Director, Synchro Canada

Jennifer Keith, Executive Director, Synchro BC

Jennifer Luzia, Executive Director, Synchro Alberta

Tanya Pohl, President, Synchro Saskatchewan

Mary Dwyer, Executive Director, Synchro Swim Ontario

Maurice Hurley, President, Synchro Nova Scotia

Louise Kennedy, International Official, Synchro Canada

Ruth Belcher, Board of Directors Secretary, Synchro Swim Ontario

Chris Hampshire, Official, Synchro Canada

Alicia Renaud, McGill University Synchro Club

Amy Bush, Coach, Olympium Synchro

Cassandra Crowder, GO Capital Synchro

Erika Lindner, Official, Synchro Canada

Helen Mokas, Coach, Performance Synchro

Isabelle McCann, Projects & Events Director, Synchro Quebec

Lianna Sottile, International Official, Synchro Canada

Lisa Balcombe, International Official, Synchro Canada

Nathalie Lagrange, Coach, Montreal Synchro

Sandy Holmquist, Official, Synchro Canada Theresa McGuire, Excel Synchro Club Lindsay Duncan, Synchro Canada Board of Directors Nominee Rebecca Khoury, Synchro Canada Board of Directors Nominee Gayle McClelland, Synchro Canada Board of Directors Nominee

Recording Secretary: Lisa Pagliarello, Executive Coordinator, Synchro Canada

Item No.	Topic and purpose		
1.	Call to Order		
	H. Scheil called the meeting to order at 13:20 EDT.		
	Presentation of credentials		
	Alberta	1 vote	
	British Columbia	1 vote	
	Manitoba	1 vote	
	New Brunswick	1 vote	
	Newfoundland and Labrador	1 vote	
	Nova Scotia	1 vote	
	Ontario	1 vote	
	Quebec	1 vote	
	Saskatchewan	1 vote	
	Total	9 votes Quorum is reached	
2.	As Board members have a voice in this meeting but no vote, H. Scheil entertained a motion to allow Synchro Canada staff and observers a voice but not a vote in the proceedings of this meeting:		
	MOTION: THAT staff and observers be granted a voice at this meeting		
	Moved by: J. Nelson, Synchro Swim Ontario		
	Seconded by: K. Reynolds, Synchro Saskatchewan		
		Carried unanimously	
3.	Approval of Agenda		
	MOTION: THAT the agenda be approved as presented		
	Moved by: D. Vanderwel, Synchro Swim Manitoba Seconded by: H. Kelley, Synchro Alberta		
		Carried unanimously	

## 4. Approval of 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2016

**MOTION:** THAT the minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting be approved as presented (and amended if applicable)

Moved by: N. Cyr, Synchro New Brunswick

Seconded by: D. Vanderwel, Synchro Swim Manitoba

Carried unanimously

## 5. **President & CEO Report**

H. Scheil gave thanks to G. Côté for his time and work on the Board the past two years. H. Scheil commented that our values (i.e. athlete focus-coach driven, excellence, collaboration, and ethics/respect) will bring Synchro Canada and the PSOs together. He has enjoyed listening to PSOs' successes and challenges and appreciated the contributions made.

For the President Report, H. Scheil presented an update since the Leadership Session in June. H. Scheil discussed the five elements of a governance Board (i.e. legitimacy and voice, direction, performance, accountability and fairness) and presented examples of what the Synchro Canada Board has done in the past few months.

H. Scheil thanked everyone on the call, the PSO Boards and Executive Directors, volunteers, officials, COC, OTP, Sport Canada, coaches, and athletes for their dedication.

For the CEO Report, J. Buckingham revisited the 2014 Synchro Canada Path to Excellence which was presented during an Annual Meeting Workshop in 2014 to demonstrate the progress that has been made in the past three years.

Please find attached the President and CEO PowerPoint Presentations.

The next step for the Strategic Plan is to confirm the metrics to measure our success. The Synchro Canada Board has reviewed the document and it will be sent to the Strategic Planning Steering Committee in a week or two to review. The metrics will then be shared with the members.

P. Kidney requested that all staff and committee reports respect the same deadline as the P/TSO reports.

MOTION: THAT the President and CEO Report be received as presented

Moved by: K. Reynolds, Synchro Saskatchewan

Seconded by: D. Vanderwel, Synchro Swim Manitoba

Carried unanimously

#### 6. Approval of Audited Financial Statement – year ending March 31, 2017

As there was already a Finance Workshop, H. Scheil asked if there were any final questions or statements.

MOTION: THAT the March 31, 2017 audited Financial Statements be approved as presented

Moved by: K. Reynolds, Synchro Saskatchewan

Seconded by: D. Vanderwel, Synchro Swim Manitoba

Carried unanimously

### 7. **Appointment of Auditors**

H. Scheil proposed that Synchro Canada hire the same firm, KPMG Auditors, for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Their fees have not increased a lot over the years and they have done a good job.

MOTION: THAT the auditing firm of KPMG be retained for the fiscal year 2017-2018

Moved by: H. Kelley, Synchro Alberta

Seconded by: J. Nelson, Synchro Swim Ontario

Carried unanimously

### 8. Receiving of Standing Committee Reports

**MOTION:** THAT the reports of the Standing Committees be received

Moved by: D. Vanderwel, Synchro Swim Manitoba Seconded by: P. Kidney, Synchro Nova Scotia

Carried unanimously

#### 9. Receiving of Provincial Presidents' Reports

Synchro Canada used a new report format to align with the roles and responsibilities.

**MOTION:** THAT the Provincial/Territorial reports be received as circulated

Moved by: K. Reynolds, Synchro Saskatchewan

Seconded by: D. Vanderwel, Synchro Swim Manitoba

Carried unanimously

#### 10. Notices of Motion

	No bylaw change proposals were submitted.	
11.	Ratification of Prior Acts Done by Directors and Officers  MOTION: THAT the acts done by the Directors and Officers of Synchro Canada in 2016-2017 be ratified	
	Moved by: D. Vanderwel, Synchro Swim Manitoba Seconded by: J. Nelson, Synchro Swim Ontario	
	Carried unanimously	
12.	Election of Board of Directors	
	H. Scheil, Chair of the Nominating/Governance Committee, reviewed the election process and advised the assembly that there are three (3) possible positions to fill.	
	The assembly is to elect up to 3 directors for a two-year term.	
	Scrutineers introduced: Shelby Harding – named by the Nominating/Governance Committee  Jennifer Luzia – named by the members  Cheryl McEvoy – named by the CEO	
	Congratulations to all members who were elected and/or re-elected on the Board of Directors for 2017 – 2019 in no specific order:  Julie Johnston – newly elected for a two-year term  Judi Enns Bradette – re-elected for a two-year term  Lindsay Duncan – newly elected for a two-year term	
	MOTION: THAT the 2017 election ballots be destroyed (including electronic files)  Moved by: J. Nelson, Synchro Swim Ontario Seconded by: N. Cyr, Synchro New Brunswick	
	Carried unanimously	
13.	Other Business	
	No other business was brought forth.	
14.	Adjournment  MOTION: THAT the meeting be adjourned at 15:18 EDT.  Moved by: H. Kelley, Synchro Alberta	