



**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Members (AMM) of Ontario Basketball (OBA)  
Held Virtually on Saturday, November 13, 2021**

*To be reviewed for approval at 2022 Annual Meeting of Members*

**1. Call to Order (Parliamentarian)**

The meeting was called to order by Parliamentarian George Meek at 11:05 a.m. who introduced himself and gave his background, reviewed the rules of order, then chaired the meeting.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Amendment - the elections were moved up in the agenda. Moved by Darlene White and Sam Moncada.

**3. Opening Remarks (President)**

John Rocchi opened by performing a land acknowledgement honoring the First Nations heritage of our land. John expressed regrets at the retirement of formal Parliamentarian Bob Borden, and Regent John Lovett. John also recognized John Wilkinson, OBA legal counsel, thanking him for breakdowns of legislation during the pandemic. John thanked Rick Parnham for attending on behalf of basketball officials. John welcomed Michael Bartlett from Canada Basketball and thanked him for his leadership as a partner with the NSO and PSO relationship.

**4. Appointment of Scrutineers (Parliamentarian)**

Mike Barbin and Claude Nembhard were appointed as scrutineers. New Regent Greg Verner is a former OBA President.

**5. Report of Scrutineers (Parliamentarian)**

The scrutineers reported that there were a record number of votes in the room due to the virtual format, and that quorum was exceeded.

**6. Minutes of Last Meeting – Annual Meeting of Members (November 7, 2020), and Approval**

The members were asked to review the minutes of the 2020 AMM and bring any corrections forward. With no corrections brought forward for the 2020 AMM minutes, the minutes were deemed by the Chair of the meeting to be approved as printed.

**7. Business Arising Out of the Minutes**

There was no business arising out of the minutes.

**8. Keynote – Michael Bartlett, Canada Basketball**

The newly appointed Chief Operating Officer talked about bringing a winning culture from MLSE to Canada Basketball and the broader basketball community. Since 2019 basketball is the most popular participant sport for Canadian youth ages 12-17 according to SportsNet and Canada Basketball research with plans to continue to grow the game nationally. Discussion included removing systemic barriers and promoting diversity, where Canada Basketball expects to be the best in the world and the best for the world. New events were outlined including a new international U-23 tournament next July, with a 3x3 national championship with PSO teams, and community activations. Club licensing discussion with Canada Basketball providing a national standard.

**9. Election**

Candidates introduced themselves before a vote was conducted. John Rocchi thanked former Board members Barbara Capes, who stepped down in September, and Claude Nembhard, who took over the role of Executive Director, for their time on the Board. John Rocchi announced Jeffrey Orridge, Ryan Xavier, and Sabrina Brathwaite as the successful candidates of the election of the Board of Directors. John thanked David Coulthard for his time as a Board member.

Motion: To destroy the 2021 Annual Meeting of Members Ballots.

*Alexcia Sybbis / Steve Knibb: Carried unanimously*

## **10. Board & Staff Reports**

### **Ontario Basketball Annual Report**

John Rocchi addressed the review of OBA's policies before handing off to Claude Nembhard for the Report. Claude discussed the resumption of basketball activities coming off the COVID-19 pandemic, which was one of the worst challenges the organization has ever faced, and the new optimism for the return of OBA basketball in the 2021-22 season. The Annual Report was shared on the OBA website November 11, 2021.

## **11. Report of the Auditors**

### **Ontario Basketball Finance Report**

David Coulthard discussed the financial details of the past year including the revenue drop, staff layoffs and expenses, and funding sources including emergency relief grants, for a better-than-expected financial result. OBA's 2020-21 Finance Report and Audited Financial Statements, which summarizes the organization's financial activities for the past fiscal year, was posted to the Ontario Basketball website on November 11, 2021. The membership had no question with respect to the report.

## **12. Appointment of Auditors**

Claude Nembhard recommended that MacNeill Edmunson Professional Corporation be approved to audit Ontario Basketball's financial statements for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2022.

Motion: To approve MacNeill Edmunson Professional Corporation to audit Ontario Basketball's financial statements for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2021.

*Mike Quigley / Sam Moncada: Carried unanimously*

## **13. New Business**

John Rocchi compared the past year as his first as President in basketball terms as "being on defense" at all times during the pandemic. Mike Barbin answered questions from attendees about clubs not yet registered, difficulty finding gym space, and waiting to return vs permanently closing their doors. Mike also answered questions about allowing new clubs, young player rules, and the OBA partnership with CYBL for equity and consistency in youth basketball space. Kauri LaFontaine addressed some new girls-specific basketball programming designed to boost recruitment and retention.

## **14. Closing Remarks**

John Rocchi (President) welcomed the newly elected and re-elected Board members. Also, John thanked the Board, staff and membership for their efforts.

## **15. Termination of the Meeting**

George Meek terminated the meeting upon the conclusion of the closing remarks.

## Annual Meeting of Members – Registrants

John Rocchi  
Mike Quigley  
Heather LaFontaine  
Tom Oliveri  
David Coulthard  
Ryan Xavier  
Jeffrey Orridge  
Sabrina Brathwaite  
Bob Clarke  
Barbara Capes  
Darlene White  
Dave Bannister  
Raoul Baumgartner  
Christopher Bennett  
Joshua Brohart  
Oscar Chiu  
Chris Easton  
Jeff Guanio  
Jonathan Hamilton  
Minh Hua  
Dave Hurley  
Howard Keil  
Steve Knibb  
John Lovett  
Chris Miller  
Sam Moncada  
Nita Ngamba  
Daniel Oghina  
Michael Reio  
Shaul Swartz  
Kristy-Anne Wytenburg  
Rick Parnham  
Alan Bester  
Crystal Jardine-Garvey  
Franz McGilvrey  
Renee Brosseau  
Marlon Madjoub  
Alexcia Sybblis  
Neil Mathura  
Peter Jones  
Tom Liston  
Michael Sousa  
Greg Verner  
John Wilkinson (non-voting)  
Michael Barrett (non-voting)