



VIRTUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 6, 2025 | 2:00pm – 3:00pm EST

MINUTES

1. WELCOME

Present: Claire Carver-Dias, President
Rob Adams, Director-at-Large
Ava Hill, Director-at-Large
Greg Maychak, Director-at-Large
Jacqueline Zonneville, Director-at-Large
Carlene Variyan, Treasurer
Maggie Brennan, Director-at-Large
Patrick Kenny, Director-at-Large
Myles Spencer, Director-at-Large
Robert Law, Athlete Representative

Guests: Pradeep Sood, President CSC Foundation
Rick Powers

Staff: Brian MacPherson, CEO
Chris Taylor (Recorder)
Kelly Laframboise, Director, Team Canada 2026

The President called the meeting to order at 2:03pm (EST) with quorum, everyone was welcomed, thanked, and a Land Acknowledgement was conducted by Rob Adams.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion moved by Greg Maychak; **seconded** by Myles Spencer

“That the agenda be approved as circulated.”

CARRIED.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion moved by Patrick Kenny; **seconded** by Ava Hill

“That there being no objections, the consent agenda was unanimously approved. The consent agenda included the following resolutions: Approval of Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, December 2, 2024, and Compliance Certificate to January 31, 2025.”

CARRIED.

4. OLD BUSINESS

No outstanding business requiring follow-up.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Adoption of the Canadian Safe Sport Program

- *Myles Spencer* and *Kelly Laframboise* provided an overview of the program and the mandatory requirement for all CSC members to sign consent annually.
- Key takeaways:
 - The Safe Sport Program will now be delivered by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport.



- Commonwealth Games Association of Canada is a federally funded sport organization and is required to adopt the Canadian Safe Sport Program as a policy.
- All members must complete e-learning and sign consent by **April 1, 2025**.
- The requirement applies to all, including non-voting directors.

Motion moved by Myles Spencer; **seconded** by Rob Adams

“Be it resolved, that Commonwealth Games Association of Canada formally accepts and adopts the Canadian Safe Sport program.”

CARRIED.

5.2 United Canada 2030 Commonwealth Games Bid Strategies

- Brian MacPherson and Claire Carver-Dias outlined the three-point strategy for securing the bid:
 1. Engaging provincial and territorial governments
 2. Political outreach at federal and provincial levels
 3. Increasing public awareness and support
- Updates: Multiple provinces (e.g., Manitoba, Nova Scotia, Ontario) are reviewing participation but have not formally committed.
- Political engagement efforts are ongoing, with Ontario showing positive interest.

5.3 Sport for Newcomers – Corporate Partner Recruitment

- *Pradeep Sood* provided an update on fundraising for the **Sport for Newcomers** program:
 - A corporate sponsorship approach is being pursued.
 - A new pitch deck and promotional video have been developed with a **\$10,000 budget**.
 - Members are encouraged to leverage personal and professional networks to secure corporate sponsorships.
 - *Brian MacPherson* and *Ryan* are leading the corporate outreach effort.

5.4 Finances

- Sport Canada Funding:
 - CSC has applied for needs-based funding under a new federal model.
 - Uncertainty exists about the 2025-2026 budget, with an expected update from Sport Canada in March 2025.
 - Possibilities: funding could increase, decrease, or remain at the current level of \$385,000 annually.
- Sponsorship Updates:
 - PCL and Kukri have renewed sponsorships for 2026 Team Canada.
 - Gowling Canada declined to renew, citing a lack of UK business ties.
 - However, Gowling Canada has shown interest in supporting the Sport for Newcomers program.
 - Potential funding opportunity from the Hamilton Community Foundation, flagged by *Greg Maychak*.



- Budgeting Delay:
 - CSC will postpone its annual budget meeting until government funding levels are confirmed.

6. OTHER

The next meeting date is unknown - sometime in April or May after we have been informed of our funding levels.

7. IN CAMERA

The Board of Directors conducted a regularly schedule In-Camera meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions, comments or concerns, the meeting was adjourned at 2:54pm EST.

Approved & Duly Signed:

Claire Carver-Dias, President

June 19, 2025

Date: