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Bylaws - Organization

1 General

1.1 Name

1.1.1 The organization shall be known as Ottawa Gymnastics Centre, an Ontario Corporation without Share Capital, incorporated under Letters Patent and commonly referred to as OGC. The organization may use and register any such business names, styles, logos, or symbols as the Directors determine.

1.2 Head Office

1.2.1 The Head Office of the Corporation shall be in the City of Ottawa in the Province of Ontario, or at such place as the Directors may determine from time to time.

1.3 Seal

1.3.1 The seal of the Corporation shall have its legal name inscribed and an impression is stamped on this page. This shall be the corporate seal and may be used as directed by the Directors.

1.4 Acknowledgement

1.4.1 OGC shall acknowledge the support of the City of Ottawa and the Government of Ontario in these cases where acknowledgement of donors is warranted.

1.5 Objective

1.5.1 The objective of the organization is to provide gymnastics and programming for boys and girls which will promote the sport of gymnastics and related sports and activities in the Ottawa area.

1.6 Definitions

1.6.1 In all by-laws and resolutions of the Corporation, unless the context otherwise requires:

1.6.1.1 "Act" means the Corporations Act of Ontario, as amended;

1.6.1.2 "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Corporation;

1.6.1.3 "Executive Management" is defined by the Board of Directors;

- 1.6.1.4 “By-laws” means all by-laws, including special by-laws of the Corporation as amended from time to time;
- 1.6.1.5 “Corporation” means the Ottawa Gymnastics Center;
- 1.6.1.6 “Person” includes a body corporate, corporation, and any number or aggregate of persons;
- 1.6.1.7 The singular includes the plural, and the plural includes the singular;
- 1.6.1.8 The masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter;
- 1.6.1.9 All marginal headings and any table of contents shall exist for ease of reference only and shall not be construed as having any other purpose or meaning;
- 1.6.1.10 All terms defined in the Act have the same meanings in the by-laws and resolutions of the Corporation; and
- 1.6.1.11 The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedures shall be used at all Board Meetings, general meetings and standing committee meetings and will be the reference on questions of order.
- 1.6.1.12 An Annual Program is generally defined as a program that is communicated as running continuously for 8 (eight) or more months of the year.
- 1.6.1.13 A “Member in Good Standing” is defined as a member who is current with payment and in compliance with all membership requirements.

2 Membership

2.1 Active Members – Definition

- 2.1.1 Members are gym participants in any program including recreational and competitive programs and staff. All active members must register as members of Gymnastics Ontario (GO) and /or Gymnastics Canada (GCG) if the Corporation is a member of GO/GCG. Qualification for active membership shall be as established by the Board from time to time. Active members shall not vote unless qualified as voting members.

2.2 Voting Members – Definition

- 2.2.1 Voting Members are Active members in good standing as defined by the Membership Agreement who have reached the age of majority and who are enrolled in annual programs and the parents/legal guardians of those Active members in good standing who have not reached the age of majority and who are enrolled in Annual programs. Annual programs are as defined by the Board of Directors and communicated before any general meetings of the members. Only one (1) vote shall be exercised per gym participant.
- 2.2.2 Voting Members also include any other person admitted by the Board of Directors solely for the purpose of becoming a Voting Director. Such admission to voting membership shall require majority Board resolution and shall automatically be terminated upon cessation of the person as a Voting Director.
- 2.2.3 For purposes of voting at the annual general meeting or special general meetings of the membership, voting members who are also Voting Directors shall vote in the capacity of a voting member only.
- 2.2.4 External nominees, who have been admitted by the Board of Directors as Voting Members solely for the purpose of becoming Voting Directors, may not vote for any Board candidates until they become a duly elected Voting Director and until the conclusion of the first election that they participate in.

2.3 Life Member

Have made a noteworthy, significant contribution to the development of the Ottawa Gymnastics Center

- Demonstrated long term service in 1 or more capacities for a minimum of 10 years
- Was/is a member in good standing
- Possesses a general attitude which reflects dedication to OGC values and commitment to the principles of good sportsmanship
- Demonstrated valued leadership and good role modeling that reflects well on OGC
- Life Members do not have a vote at AGMs

Honorary Member

- An individual who promotes or advances OGC
- An individual who worked/volunteered/competed and provided a significant contribution
- Honorary Members do not have a vote at AGMs

2.4 Termination of Membership

- 2.4.1 By Board resolution in any particular case.
- 2.4.2 By failure to maintain a current registration or pay requisite fees.
- 2.4.3 By departure from the program through written notification either by the member or by the Corporation or its representative.
- 2.4.4 In the case of termination of membership by Board resolution, the membership of such person shall terminate immediately upon the passing of said resolution whether or not the resignation is received after the fact. Such resolution of the Board shall not show cause, shall be final, and there shall be no appeal. The member affected shall have no recourse against the Corporation, its property or funds, the Directors, Officers or staff.
- 2.4.5 In a case of Termination of Membership by Executive Management, the member may appeal to the Board of Directors.

3 Board of Directors

3.1 Board Criteria

- 3.1.1 The affairs of the Corporation shall be under the direction and control of a Board of Directors. The Board shall consist of between seven (7) to nine (9) Voting Directors. The Directors may exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done by the Corporation and are not expressly prohibited by statute or required to be done by authority of the members at an annual or general meeting of members.
- 3.1.2 A Voting Director must be a voting member of the Corporation or become a voting member within ten (10) days of election or appointment.
- 3.1.3 The following persons are disqualified from being a Director:
 - 3.1.3.1 Anyone who is less than 18 years of age
 - 3.1.3.2 Anyone who has been declared incapable by a court in Canada or in another country
 - 3.1.3.3 A person who is not an individual, and
 - 3.1.3.4 A person who has the status of a bankrupt.
 - 3.1.3.5 A person holding a paid staff position within the Corporation.

3.2 Division of Voting Director Board Seats

- 3.2.1 Seven (7) to nine (9)-seats shall be held by Voting Members as defined in the first paragraph under Voting Members - Definition.

3.3 General Obligations of the Directors

- 3.3.1 In addition to the general powers of action and management held by the Board of Directors, it is specifically charged with the following obligations:
- 3.3.2 To construe and interpret the Corporation's Letters Patent and By-laws so that the best interests of the sport of gymnastics, the Corporation and its members are served.
- 3.3.3 To strike a committee for the same purpose or for the officers to actively seek qualified Board of Directors comprised of the Vice President and 2 Members of the Board.
- 3.3.4 To conduct the affairs of the Corporation in cooperation with the general thrust of the provincial and national sport governing bodies (GO and GCG), and, if from time to time the Corporation is a full member of GO and GCG, to abide by those bodies' rules and regulations of membership. Such compliance would include, but is not necessarily restricted to:
 - 3.3.4.1 the payment of appropriate membership dues, fees or levies.
 - 3.3.4.2 participation in regional affairs.
 - 3.3.4.3 exercising voting rights as a member club.
 - 3.3.4.4 supporting the efforts and advancement of gymnastics in any way practicable.
 - 3.3.4.5 establishing from time to time, or annually, standing committees or special committees or task forces to carry out the business of the Corporation and to empower them to act as necessary to accomplish their objectives.
 - 3.3.4.6 faithfully and conscientiously discharging its duties for and on behalf of the Corporation and its members by keeping the aims and objectives of the organization uppermost.
 - 3.3.4.7 establishing policies for the governance of the Corporation.
 - 3.3.4.8 abiding by the OGC policies governing harassment, ethics and conflict of interest.

3.4 Specific Powers of the Directors

- 3.4.1 The Board of Directors as it sees fit, may institute, prescribe and enforce such policies, procedures and regulations, not inconsistent with this, or any other by-law of the Corporation, the Act or any other statutes.
- 3.4.2 The Board of Directors delegates the authority necessary to: hire, appoint, or otherwise engage employees or agents of the corporation and fix their duties and remuneration.

- 3.4.3 The Board of Directors shall ensure that all necessary books and records of the Corporation required by the by-law of the Corporation or by any applicable statute or the Act are regularly and properly kept.
- 3.4.4 The Board of Directors may, at any meeting of the Board, enact, repeal, alter, amend or suspend any by-law, or any section or clause thereof, except that any such enactment or alteration of any by-law, unless in the meantime is confirmed by voting members present at a special meeting of voting members called for that purpose, shall remain in effect only until the next annual general meeting and, if not then so confirmed, shall cease to be in force.
- 3.4.5 In the absence of Executive Management, the Board of Directors shall have the right and power to determine and effect the dismissal of any employee or agent with or without cause, with or without notice.
- 3.4.6 For those powers noted above, exercise of such powers shall be subject to majority vote by the Board of Directors.
- 3.4.7 The Board is responsible for striking a committee to search for and hire Executive Management.
- 3.4.8 The Board is responsible for the performance management of Executive Management.
- 3.4.9 Any matters that require special attention by the Board of Directors but also require privacy will be dealt with through a delegate Director assigned by the Board.

3.5 Election and Term of Voting Directors

- 3.5.1 Each year Voting Directors will be elected to the Board of Directors as follows:
 - 3.5.1.1 Voting Directors shall be elected yearly at the annual general meeting, by voting members who are present or by ballot after being nominated by the Nominating Committee of the OGC Board of Directors.
 - 3.5.1.2 Voting Directors shall serve a two year term. Upon completion of their term, Voting Directors, may be re-elected for up to 3 additional consecutive terms. No election or appointment of a Director is effective without their consent given in person at the meeting or given within ten (10) days of election or appointment.
 - 3.5.1.3 Any member may also nominate someone to the Board a minimum of 3 weeks in advance of the general meeting.
 - 3.5.1.4 Each candidate shall have an additional opportunity to speak to the members at large before a vote takes place at the general meeting.

- 3.5.1.5 An election will take place at the AGM either by ballot or a show of hands as agreed upon by the general membership. Winners are declared with a 50% + 1 majority.
- 3.5.1.6 If there are still vacant Board seats upon completion of the above voting, all remaining candidates will be subject to a ballot vote. The candidates receiving at least 50% + 1 majority shall be appointed a seat.
- 3.5.1.7 There shall be no more than 2 rounds of voting at an AGM.
- 3.5.1.8 In the event that more candidates receive 50% +1 votes than there are Board positions available, those candidates with the largest number of votes shall be declared winners.
- 3.5.1.9 Once a minimum of seven (7) directors have been elected, through any combination of being acclaimed, thru an election or as remaining directors with continuing mandates, voting shall stop and the Board shall be deemed to have been elected.
- 3.5.1.10 In the event that Board positions are open with both one (1) year and two (2) year terms, those successful candidates with the highest number of votes shall fill the two (2) year positions.
- 3.5.1.11 In the event that there are two successful candidates tied for a single remaining Board position, the past President shall cast the deciding vote.
- 3.5.1.12 In the event that there are two successful candidates tied for a single remaining Board position, and one of them is the past President, the past Vice President shall cast the deciding vote.
- 3.5.1.13 In the event that there are two successful candidates tied for a single remaining Board position, and they are the past President and the past Vice President, the issue shall be decided by a majority vote of the remaining Voting Board Members present at the election.

3.6 Vacation of Office as a Director

- 3.6.1 The office of a Voting Director shall be vacated at the end of or during the term of office:
 - 3.6.1.1 if they become mentally incompetent.
 - 3.6.1.2 if they die.
 - 3.6.1.3 if they cease to have the necessary qualifications for office.
 - 3.6.1.4 if by written notice they resign from office.

- 3.6.1.5 if they are absent (i.e. unable to attend in person or by teleconferencing) at a duly called meeting for two (2) consecutive meetings of the Board or three (3) meetings in a year.
- 3.6.1.6 if they are removed by resolution passed by two thirds of the votes cast at a special general meeting of members called for that purpose. The Director whose removal is in question shall not have a vote. The members may by simple majority of votes, elect any person from the voting membership for the remainder of the term.

3.7 Vacancies on the Board of Directors

- 3.7.1 Notwithstanding the above, whenever any vacancy occurs on the Board, the remaining Voting Directors (so long as there is a quorum in office) may appoint a person in respect of Voting Director positions for the unexpired portion of the term. If there is not a quorum of Directors, the Voting Director or Directors then still in office shall call a general meeting of the voting members to fill the vacancies, except that if there are no Voting Directors or the Voting Directors do not call a meeting of members, the meeting may be called by any voting member.

3.8 Quorum - Board of Directors

- 3.8.1 A majority of the number of Directors constitutes a quorum, but in no case shall a quorum be less than two-fifths of the Board of Directors.

3.9 Dissolution of the Board –Temporary Board

- 3.9.1 If the Board at any point finds itself in a position where it has fewer than the number of members for quorum on the Board then that Board shall cease to exist. Any voting member may call a special general meeting to elect new members to all seats of the Board. Whoever calls that meeting shall run it. In this exceptional case, the meeting must have at least 10% of voting members and a temporary board will be created by putting forth candidates at the meeting and voting at the meeting. This temporary Board of Directors will be an acting board until a formal annual general meeting can be called.

REFERENCE: SPECIAL MEETINGS

3.10 Remuneration of Directors

3.10.1 No Director shall be paid for acting as such and no Director shall directly or indirectly receive any profit from his position as a Director. Directors may be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in respect of performance of their duties as Directors.

3.11 Indemnification of Directors

3.11.1 The Corporation may purchase and maintain such insurance for the benefit of its directors and officers as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine. No director or officer of the Corporation shall be liable for the acts of any other director or officer. In addition, every director or officer of the Corporation and his/her heirs, executors and administrators, estate and effects respectively, shall from time to time and at all times, be indemnified and saved harmless out of the funds of the Corporation from and against:

3.11.1.1 All costs, charges and expenses whatsoever which such director or officer sustains or incurs in any or about any action, suit or proceeding which is brought, commenced or prosecuted against him/her, for, or in respect to any act, deed or matter or thing whatsoever, made, done or permitted by him/her, in or about the execution of the duties of his/her office; except such costs, charges, or expenses as are occasioned by his/her own willful neglect or default.

3.11.1.2 All other costs, charges and expenses that he/she sustains or incurs in or about or in relation to the affairs thereof; except such costs, charges or expenses as are occasioned by his/her own willful neglect or default.

3.12 Insurance for Directors and Officers

3.12.1 The Corporation will purchase and maintain such insurance for the benefit of its Directors and the officers as the Board may from time to time determine.

3.12.2 When there is no insurance in place the Corporation or Board will communicate this clearly and openly to all Board members.

3.13 Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

3.13.1 Except for matters relating to the participation of the child of a Director, every Director of the Corporation who has, directly or indirectly, any interest in any contract or transaction to which the Corporation is or is to be a party shall declare his interest in such contract or transaction at a meeting of the Directors of the Corporation as required by the Act and shall at that time disclose the nature and extent of such interest. The Board may then, by consensus, require the Director's abstention from voting on the issue in question.

4 Roles of the Board of Directors and Officers

4.1 President

- 4.1.1 The President shall also, by default, take on the role of Chairperson of the Corporation.
- 4.1.2 The President shall, if present at any meeting of the Board of Directors, special or general meeting of the members and the annual general meeting, exercise general control and supervision of its affairs and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried out. They shall sign all contracts, instruments and other documents which require their signature and shall have and exercise such other power and duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Board of Directors.
- 4.1.3 The President may represent the Corporation or delegate that representation.

4.2 Vice President

- 4.2.1 The Vice President shall exercise the power, perform the duties and assume the responsibilities of the President in the case of their absence or disability and if the Vice President acts as such the absence or disability of the President shall be presumed. They shall also assume such other power or duties as assigned by the Board from time to time.

4.3 Secretary

- 4.3.1 The Secretary shall attend all meetings of Directors and meetings of members and shall enter minutes of proceedings.
- 4.3.2 The Secretary will provide the minutes to be released 8 days in advance of the next meeting.
- 4.3.3 The Secretary shall ensure the maintenance of the books of the Corporation including the By-laws and Policies.

- 4.3.4 If the Board of Directors or Corporation is in violation of any of their documents or related provincial or national governing documents, it is up to the Secretary to notify the Board of Directors.
- 4.3.5 The Secretary should provide a report of an annual review of the documents of the Corporation at the meeting of the Board of Directors previous to the annual general meeting for the purposes of any required changes being presented at the annual general meeting.
- 4.3.6 The Secretary shall give or cause to be given notice as required by Directors, Executive Committee, meetings of members and auditors. Executive Management shall be custodian of all books, papers, records and documents and other instruments belonging to the Corporation.

4.4 Treasurer

- 4.4.1 The Treasurer shall review all financial reports prior to presentation to the Board.
- 4.4.2 The Treasurer shall sign or countersign such instruments as require his signature and perform such other duties as may be required by the Board.
- 4.4.3 The Treasurer shall ensure the annual auditing of financial statements.
- 4.4.4 The Treasurer shall Chair the Finance Committee

4.5 Executive Management

- 4.5.1 Executive Management, shall act as the Operation Head of the Corporation in all ways except as restricted through other bylaws or provisions of the Board of Directors. Executive Management shall report to the Board of Directors at each meeting and prepare or have prepared the required documents for review at each Board and General meeting.
- 4.5.2 Executive Management oversees all staff.
- 4.5.3 Executive Management shall represent the Corporation in all ways, unless otherwise directed by the Board of Directors.
- 4.5.4 Executive Management shall review the monthly bank reconciliations.

4.6 Duties of Officers

- 4.6.1 In addition to the powers and duties prescribed by by-law, all Officers of the Corporation shall have such powers and duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Board.

4.7 Other Officers

4.7.1 The Board of Directors may from time to time appoint or elect such officers or agents as it deems necessary and shall confer on him such powers and authority and they shall perform such duties as prescribed by the Board. Terms of office for the Officers shall be one year term.

4.8 Agents and Attorneys

4.8.1 The Board may, from time to time, appoint agents or attorneys for the Corporation in or out of Ontario with such powers as may be decided fit.

4.9 Election / Appointment

4.9.1 The Board shall annually, at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following the annual general meeting or other special members meeting where there are elections, or as may be required after a Board seat has been vacated, elect as an officer of the Corporation, a President from among the Directors and shall from time to time appoint or elect as officers one or more Vice President, a Treasurer, a Secretary and such other positions as they may determine appropriate from time to time. No one person may hold more than one position as a voting officer.

5 Board of Directors Meetings

5.1 Meetings of Directors

5.1.1 Meetings of the Board shall be held at the head office of the Corporation or such other place (within or outside Ontario) as may be determined from time to time by the Directors.

5.1.2 A Director may participate in a Board meeting remotely through voice or video if unable to attend in person.

5.1.3 The Board will appoint a day or days in any month for regular meetings at a regular and commonly accessible hour by the Directors.

5.1.4 Notice shall be given to the Directors and members at least 7 days in advance via, as a minimum, a distributed electronic format and posting in the gym.

5.1.5 A meeting or portion of a meeting may be determined in camera by a motion of the Board, at which time other participants/observers may be asked to leave.

- 5.1.6 Unless as otherwise directed, meetings are open to members of the Corporation. Members are not permitted to address the Board unless they are part of the agenda. If a member wishes to be on the agenda, they must contact the President in writing six (6) days prior to the meeting date.
- 5.1.7 If a regular Board meeting is determined to be in camera then notice must go out to that effect.
- 5.1.8 Special Directors' meetings may be called by the President or the Vice President, or the Secretary on direction of the President, the Vice President or any two Directors – these shall not be open to general attendance.

5.2 Timings and Format of Directors' Meetings

- 5.2.1 Meeting agendas shall be released to Directors 7 days in advance. Any changes to the agenda must be submitted in writing to the Chairperson more than 6 days from the meeting.
- 5.2.2 The agenda for a meeting shall be adhered to and shall not be deviated from unless a motion is put forward by a Director, and a majority of Directors approve. Otherwise all items for discussion should be in the agenda set for the meeting.
- 5.2.3 There shall be a minimum of eight (8) Board meetings annually as calculated from annual general meeting to annual general meeting and within a 12 month period.
- 5.2.4 Generally, Board of Directors meetings will be conducted as follows except that the Board may alter by voting, the order of business at any meeting:
 - Call to order by the Chairperson
 - Adoption of Agenda
 - Adoption of Minutes of previous meeting or meetings
 - Report by the Executive Director
 - New business as per items submitted to agenda
 - Financial report
 - Action item review
 - Review of next meeting date
 - Adjournment

6 Membership Meetings

6.1 Meetings of Members

- 6.1.1 There shall be two types of membership meetings.

6.1.2 Annual General Meeting

6.1.2.1 The meeting may be held at any place within the Province of Ontario as selected by the Board.

6.1.2.2 The meeting must be held within six (6) months of end of the Corporation's fiscal year.

6.1.2.2.1 The meeting shall be held for the purposes of receiving the reports and the statements required by the Act to be laid before the annual meeting, electing directors, appointing the auditors, and any such other business as is to be properly brought before the membership. The annual meeting shall normally be conducted by the following agenda. All reports shall be in writing and shall be filed with the Secretary.

6.1.2.3 Agenda

- Meeting called to order
- Opening address
- Verification of voting members and Determination of Quorum
- Appointment of recording secretary and voting scrutineer(s)
- Adoption of Agenda
- Adoption of minutes of last annual general meeting
- Reports
- Chairperson
- All standing and other committees and staff
- Report on Financial Statements (Treasurer and Auditor)
- Confirmation of Financial Statements
- Appointment of Auditors for the following year
- Confirmation of acts of Board of Directors
- Motion to the annual general meeting regarding by-laws and other matters
- Election of Board of Directors
- New business
- Chairperson's comments
- Adjournment
- Such order of business may be changed by majority vote of the membership present at the time of the meeting.

6.1.2.4 Any motion to the annual general meeting from any voting member regarding the Corporation by-laws shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary 14 to 28 days prior to the annual general meeting.

6.1.2.5 If at any time there are vacancies on the Board (i.e. during the year or after first round voting for each category at the AGM), those vacancies may be filled by Voting Members

6.1.3 Special General Meetings

- 6.1.3.1 Other meetings of the members may be convened by order of the President or the Secretary and any other Director or on direction by resolution of the Board, or by written request to the Secretary by one-third of all voting members.
- 6.1.3.2 The time and the place of such meeting shall be as directed by the convener. The notice for any special general meeting shall state the nature of business to be considered and only the stated purpose of the meeting shall be dealt with and the meeting shall not take place for at least 72 hours from publication of the meeting – which will be immediate upon receipt by the Secretary and determination of validity of the request.
- 6.1.3.3 An agenda for the meeting shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary and shall be communicated to the members as per any general meeting.

6.1.4 Notice of Meetings to Voting Members

- 6.1.4.1 Notice of any general meeting shall be given to all voting members not less than ten (10) days and not more than one month (30 days) prior to the date of the meeting (except in the case of the annual general meeting where notice must be given four weeks (28 days) prior to the meeting date.)
- 6.1.4.2 Executive Management is charged with giving such notices. Notice shall be deemed to have been properly given if mailed or emailed to each voting member, to each Director, and to the Corporation Auditors, and to their respective addresses as shown in the records of the Corporation or if delivered personally and if posted at the Ottawa Gymnastics Centre premises for four weeks (28 days) prior to the meeting.
- 6.1.4.3 The accidental omission of notice or non-receipt of any notice by an intended recipient or any inadvertent error not affecting the substance of the notice shall not invalidate any meeting or make void any acts or proceedings taken thereat and any voting member may at any time waive notice or may ratify, approve, or otherwise confirm any or all proceedings.

6.2 Quorum

- 6.2.1 At any general meeting a quorum of present Board members and ten (10) other voting members must be present in person.
 - 6.2.1.1 If a quorum is not present within twenty (20) minutes of the time for which the meeting was called, the meeting, if convened upon requisition of a voting member, shall be dissolved.
 - 6.2.1.2 In any other case the presiding officer (President or otherwise) shall adjourn the meeting to not less than seven (7) and not more than fourteen (14) days thereafter and the adjourned meeting shall be binding on the Corporation providing at least six (6) voting members are present. Notice of any adjourned meeting is not necessary.
 - 6.2.1.3 Voting members and any non-voting Director, Auditor or other person (although not entitled to vote) who is or required to be present under provision of the Act or any by-law or other regulation, may attend
 - 6.2.1.4 Each voting member present or proxy who is confirmed in good standing by the Secretary based on the then current voting member register shall be entitled to vote.

6.3 Proxy Votes

- 6.3.1 Every voting member, entitled to vote at a general meeting may appoint a person, who is a member, as his nominee to attend and act for him at the meeting to the extent and with whatever power the instrument appointing him states.
- 6.3.2 Such instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing and the appointment shall be valid only for the specific meeting named.
- 6.3.3 A particular person shall be entitled to be a proxy for only one voting member at any meeting.

6.4 Scrutineer

- 6.4.1 At each general meeting one or more scrutineers shall be appointed by consent of the voting members present or the President may act in such capacity with voting consent of the meeting. Scrutineers need not be members of the Corporation and shall perform such duties pertaining to the act of voting as directed by the President.

6.5 Method of Determination of Questions

- 6.5.1 Unless otherwise provided for in the Act or the Corporation's by-laws, all questions shall be decided by simple majority vote except in the case of an equality of votes whether by poll or by show of hands, the President shall have a second, or deciding vote.
- 6.5.2 All questions shall be decided by show of hands unless a poll is demanded by a member before the vote is taken. After a show of hands is taken on any question, any member may request, or the President may require a poll be taken. A poll shall be then taken in such manner as the President may be direct but the demand for a poll may be withdrawn before the poll is taken. If the poll is taken or if the vote is carried by show of hands on any question a declaration by the President that a resolution has carried or not carried and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the Corporation shall constitute prima facie proof of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of votes either way.

6.6 Waiving Notice

- 6.6.1 Notwithstanding any other provisions contained in the by-laws no notice of any general meeting (annual or otherwise) is necessary:
 - 6.6.1.1 when all members entitled to vote who are present in person and consent to the waiver of notice.
 - 6.6.1.2 when all members entitled to vote who are not present waive in writing, the requirement of notice of the meeting and/or the purpose for which it is called.

6.7 Adjournment

- 6.7.1 Except where specifically provided otherwise in the by-laws, the President may, with the consent of the voting members present at any general meeting and subject to conditions as the members at the meeting shall decide, adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place.

6.8 Accidental Omission

- 6.8.1 The accidental omission of notice or non-receipt of any notice by the intended recipient, or any inadvertent error not affecting the substance of the notice shall not invalidate the meeting or adjourn the meeting or make void any acts or proceedings taken or done thereat. Any member may at any time waive notice of such meetings and may ratify, approve or otherwise confirm all proceedings.

6.9 Confirmation of By-laws

6.9.1 Any by-laws enacted or amended, repealed or otherwise altered by the Board of Directors must be presented to the voting membership at the annual general meeting or at a special general meeting called for the purpose so that voting members may confirm, repeal, alter, amend or otherwise deal with the issue. Majority votes are required for confirmation, unless otherwise required in the Act or in these by-laws.

6.10 Notification Re: By-laws

6.10.1 Voting members may submit any suggestions, proposals or proposed changes to the by-laws, (addressed to the Secretary) for the Board of Directors' consideration. If such proposed changes are to be considered prior to any given annual general meeting, they must be received by the Secretary at least twenty (20) days prior to the annual general meeting.

7 Committees of the Board

- 7.1 The Board of Directors shall establish annually or as required from time to time such committees as are required where the function of such other committees shall be advisory only.
- 7.2 All Standing Committees, Special Committees and Subcommittees shall report and be responsible to the Board of Directors.
- 7.3 All committees shall keep detailed records of any proceedings at Committee meetings or elsewhere and all action shall be reported to the Board in writing at every Board of Directors meeting or at any other time or in any other manner required by the Board from time to time.
- 7.4 Unless otherwise specified by the Board each committee shall have the power to fix its own quorum, and to regulate its procedures.
- 7.5 The members and their powers shall be dictated by the Board at the time of the creation of the committee.

8 Fiscal Year

8.1 The fiscal year shall be July 1 to June 30 each year.

9 Membership Dues and Fees

- 9.1 The Board shall approve of and or determine and fix from time to time by majority resolution, membership dues or fees payable by all members of the Corporation.

10 Notices

- 10.1 Whenever under the provisions of the by-laws of the Corporation, notice is required to be given, such notice may be given either personally, electronically or by depositing same in a post office or a public letter-box, in a prepaid, sealed wrapper addressed to the Director, Officer or Member at his or their address as the same appears on the books of the Corporation or by posting on the premises of the Corporation 10 days prior to the date for which the notice is to be effective. Any notice or other document so sent by post shall be held to be sent at the time when the same was deposited in a post office or public letter-box as aforesaid, or if sent by electronic mail, shall be held to be sent at the time and date indicated on the transmission confirmation sheet or when posted on the premises, 10 days after such posting. For the purpose of sending any notice, the address and phone number of any Member, Director or Officer shall be his last address and phone number as recorded on the books of the Corporation.
- 10.2 The signature to any notice to be given by the Corporation may be written, stamped, typewritten or printed or partly written, stamped, typewritten or printed.
- 10.3 A certificate of the Secretary or other duly authorized Officer of the Corporation in the office at the time of the mailing of the certificate, as to facts in relation to the mailing or delivery of any notice to any Member, Director or Officer, or publication of any notice shall be prima facie evidence thereof and shall be binding on every Member, Director or Officer of the Corporation as the case may be.

Bylaws - Finance

1 Borrowing

- 1.1 The Board of Directors may from time to time:
 - 1.1.1 borrow money on credit of the Corporation; or
 - 1.1.2 issue, sell or pledge securities of the Corporation; or
 - 1.1.3 charge, mortgage, hypothecate or pledge all or any of the real or personal property of the Corporation, including book debts, rights, powers, franchises and undertakings to secure any securities or any money borrowed, or other debt, or any other obligation or liability of the Corporation.

- 1.2 From time to time the Board of Directors may authorize any two directors, officers or employees of the Corporation or any other person to make arrangements with reference to the monies borrowed as aforesaid and as to terms and conditions and to give such additional securities for any monies borrowed or remaining due by the Corporation as the Directors may authorize and generally to manage, transact and settle the borrowing of money by the Corporation.

2 Delegation

- 2.1 The Board of Directors may from time to time by resolution delegate to the President and the Treasurer or to any two (2) officers of the Corporation, all or any of the powers conferred on the directors by paragraph 1.1 of this by-law to the full extent thereof or such lesser extent as the directors may in any such resolution provide.
- 2.2 The powers hereby conferred shall be deemed to be in supplement of and not in substitution for any power to borrow money for the purposes of the Corporation possessed by its directors or officers independently of a borrowing by-law.
- 2.3 The powers hereby conferred shall pass to any President or Treasurer upon election or appointment as said officer; any officer other than President or Treasurer must be named upon election or appointment as having such power conferred or same shall not pass ex-officio.
- 2.4 The officers named are authorized to complete and execute any corporate documents necessary to provide appropriate bank accounts or other bank documents to carry on the business of the Corporation; such documents being supplied by the Corporation's bank or the Corporation's solicitors under the Bank Act of Canada, or for any branch of such bank.

3 Financing

- 3.1 The activities of the Corporation shall be financed by:
- 3.1.1 membership fees, dues and other levies or assessments determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.
 - 3.1.2 donation, grants, bequests, gifts, endowments, awards or any other form of benefaction in cash or kind, solicited or otherwise received.
 - 3.1.3 proceeds from any other fundraising programs, activities, or undertakings that would yield revenue for the Corporation that may be approved from time to time by the Board of Directors.

4 Cheques, etc.

- 4.1 All cheques, bills of exchange or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other notices of indebtedness issued in the name of the Corporation, shall be signed by such officers, agents or agents of the Corporation and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors and any one of such officers or agents may alone endorse notes and cheques for deposit with the Corporation's bankers for the credit of the Corporation, or the same may be endorsed "for collection" or "for deposit" with the bankers for the credit of the Corporation by using the Corporation's rubber stamp for the purpose. Any one of such officers or agents so appointed may arrange, settle, balance or certify all books and accounts between the Corporation and the Corporation's bankers and may receive all paid cheques and vouchers and sign all of the bank's forms or settlement of balances and release or verification slips.

5 Deposit of Securities for Safe Keeping

- 5.1 The securities of the Corporation shall be deposited with one (1) or more bankers, trust companies or other financial institutions to be selected by the Board of Directors. Any and all securities so deposited may be withdrawn, from time to time, only upon the written order of the Corporation and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. The institutions which may be so selected as custodians of the Board of Directors shall be fully protected in acting in accordance with the direction of the Board of Directors and shall in no event be liable for the due application of the securities so withdrawn from deposit or the proceeds thereof.

6 Execution of Documents

- 6.1 Deeds, transfers, licenses, on behalf of the Corporation shall be signed by any two (2) of the following: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, or other designated Officer shall be affixed to such instruments as may require the same.
- 6.2 Contracts and engagements previously approved by the Board of Directors may be entered into on behalf of the Corporation by any two of the following: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and one member of Executive Management.
- 6.3 Any two (2) of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or any person or persons designated by the Board of Directors may transfer any and all shares, bonds or other securities from time to time standing in the name of the Corporation in its individual or any other capacity or as trustee or otherwise and may accept same in the name and on behalf of the Corporation and may affix the corporate seal to any such transfers or acceptances of transfers.
- 6.4 They may make, execute and deliver under the corporate seal any and all instruments in writing necessary or proper for such purposes, including the appointment of an attorney or attorneys to make or accept transfers of shares, bonds or other securities on the books of any company or corporation.
- 6.5 Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary contained in the by-laws of the Corporation, the Board of Directors may at any time by resolution direct the manner in which, and the person or persons by whom, any particular instrument, contract or obligation of the Corporation may or shall be executed.

7 Acquire or Sell Assets

- 7.1 The Board of Directors are expressly empowered, from time to time, to purchase, lease or otherwise acquire, alienate, sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of shares, stocks, rights, warrants, options and other securities, lands buildings and other property, movable or immovable, real or personal, or any right or interest therein owned by the Corporation for such consideration and upon such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

8 Bonding

- 8.1 Nothing shall prevent the Board of Directors from requiring such officers, employees or agents of the Corporation as the Board of Directors deems advisable to furnish bond for the faithful discharge of their duties, in such form, with such surety, and in such manner as the Board may prescribe from time to time.