

**Canadian Armwrestling Federation  
DRAFT 2022 Annual General Meeting**

**DATE: Friday, July 1, 2022**

**TIME: 6:00PM (Central)**

**LOCATION: Canad Inns Destination Centre Polo Park  
1405 St Matthews Ave, Winnipeg, MB R3G 3P7**

## **AGENDA**

Rick called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

### **1. Roll Call**

- a. Tracey Arnold, SK
- b. Chantal Leduc, Ethics Advisory Committee
- c. Josee Morneau, MB
- d. Marc-Andre Campeau, QC
- e. Mark MacPhail, NS
- f. Anthony Dall'Antonia, BC
- g. Ryan Espey, VicePresident CAWF
- h. Dave Campbell, Referee-in-Chief
- i. Rick Pinkney, President
- j. Vivian Santos, Secretary-Treasurer
- k. Luc Faubert, NB
- l. Jason Tibok, AB
- m. Matt Smith, ON

Observer

- n. Jaime Leblance, NB

### **2. Approval of CAWF 2021 Annual General Meeting date July 3, 2021**

- a. Document attached.
- b. Ryan Espey moved / David Campbell seconded - carried

### **3. Approval of CAWF Income Statement Year Ending February 28, 2022**

- . Document attached.
- a. Tracey Arnold moved / Luc Faubert seconded - carried

### **4. Provincial Reports**

- . British Columbia (Anthony Dall'Antonia)

i.2 years of nothing during the pandemic. Shut down practice as a result, many small locations are forming. Annual events - provincial and outdoor, huge turn out. Jeff Frank moved to BC started in Chilliwack - a big event in November and made a few things happen. Anthony's club has grown with an average of 25ppl and 7 tables running. Social Media and YouTube has helped a lot and people are able to contact the club.

- a. Alberta (Jason Tibok)

.Experimenting different ways to do arm wrestling tournaments. 3 different leagues - Alberta ranking, super match styles, point style. Having a hard time tackling and gaining more youth and women. New ideas. Bring in more spectator sport. Points league is really starting to become popular. Ladder tournament - every tournament you go into Alberta, you get points into the league. Go to as many tournaments and then at the end you get a pay out. The fee of \$100 to the association and that grows the pot for the top 3. The bigger the pot the more you get entries.

b. Saskatchewan (Tracey Arnold)

.Through the pandemic no tournaments. Provincials was the biggest in many years. Juniors have increased in numbers. Have a rule that you need to compete in 1 circuit tournament and then pull in provincials. Waived that criteria and brought in more people. Kayne has FitFight NatFit tournaments which draws in other ppl from other provinces. Circuit tournaments are working and are increasing numbers.

c. Manitoba (Josee Morneau)

.First time at AGM and became President May 13th, Darrell knows more about the last two years. To keep it going, focus more on women and youth. At Provincials all the kids got a certificate with their name. With the certificates it kept the kids interested. Planning to have at least 6 tournaments every year, including the kids. Festival du Voyageur - get the kids involved. Sword tournament - usually it's for adults but will try to get kids. Mike Barrett Classic - definitely having kids. What she does is she personally trains the kids herself. Learning more from Darrell and he is still around and lots to learn.

d. Ontario (Matt Smith)

.Slow during Covid for sanctioned events. Drawn in a huge crowd and ppl watching Devon and WAL. He is a hero in the armwrestling sport. 25-30 ppl and twice weekly, always new ppl showing up. Table Monkeys getting big with their YouTube content and helping the sport. Matt couldn't host his tournament as the Trailer Park got destroyed during the storm where kids came out to try out the sport. Provincials was huge, almost 350 competitors.

e. Quebec (Marc-Andrew Campeau)

.Biggest years in AW for quebec. 327 entries at provincials, 55 juniors, all of juniors received a trophy. One class in the open had 38 entries. Lots of classes with 6 divisions. Next year, will do the class as the same as Nationals, probably 400 entries. Last two years with covid, each message I receive because of Devon Larratt to grow the sport. Working now formations for the promoters, scorekeepers and referee. This Fall, we are going to make a big formation. Pay for the people all there. 10 new refs, not pullers, just as referees. Important to have more scorekeepers and referees. Introduce all the text into French like the EAC. Working with Josee to get translation, and include a University teacher. And get it included on the Canadian website.

f. Nova Scotia (Mark MacPhail)

.No sanction tournaments for 2 years. Held provincial championships 2021 in November - average tournament, not very overly large and the venue was checking for vaccination, so numbers were low, but still held events. Fast forward where we held the Atlantic Championships in May & April 2022, one of the biggest turnouts. Provincial turnout was even better. 3 tournaments post pandemic. Impact that Devon is having an online presence and youtube following. Sackville Club is the largest club, its central and HRM is right there. Trying to have a larger presence on YouTube.

g. New Brunswick (Luc Faubert)

.Due to covid, very backyard pulling, practice at different locations, did have those practices happening. Did have superman matches in the northern region and had challenges matches. It was great and really well done. We lost two armwrestlers, Randy and Sylvio. Had a lot of guys quit the sport due the loss of these two individuals. Had to revamp the way we approach things. Talking to Jaime Leblanc, VP, we have a team up north along the Acadian Peninsula. On practice day, average 25-35 ppl, 2 or 3 times a week. Significant growth for NB. Going from 3 pullers in 2011 and now over 60 pullers in the sport. Jamie LeBlanc is the go to guy and sparked a fire and got things going again. Developing tournaments every year at the festival and "turn key operation". Ppl watching Devon and Michael Todd on youtube. Fredericton has an official team where Cody King came back. Moncton Team has 25, here and there not static. Overall close to the 70 mark as far as competitors. Hosting the first provincials this year Apr 5th we had 62 entries. Negotiations with the City of Moncton to put forward a motion to hold Nationals, they are very interested.

h. Newfoundland (No Rep)

i. Prince Edward Island (No Rep)

Dave Campbell moved / Tracey Arnold seconded - passed.

## **5. Ethics Advisory Committee Reports (Chantal Leduc)**

a. Report Attached.

b. Not included in the report, some incidents involve criminal matters and the courts are involved.

c. Another issue has come up at Nationals just today doing weigh-ins - hasn't been part of the conversation - bringing up the word "Privacy". People are expected to be clothed and unclothed in the curtain area, only coming out when they are clothed. No more of this "open door policy" where I can look at my colleagues in their underwear, that has to stop. It is not up to me, some of our women have been raped in this sport. It's gone unseen, undiscussed and unnoticed. People are quite accepting now and we just need to remember those elements and what contributes to the EAC.

d. There is a presentation that the Provinces can use to educate their people to introduce the EAC and information on where they can get the documents.

e. Adopting a Code of Ethics - you are welcomed to use what's on the CAWF website - EAC Code of Ethics - to use it provincially. Provinces are dealing with the incidences on their own - contact EAC for consultation - how do you want to proceed. If there is a need for a suspension - consult with EAC, fill out the application with all the pertinent information, and EAC will review if the suspension is warranted. The President gives a complaint to EAC - EAC would consult - then issue a recommendation to the President - the Province would use it. How we want the suspension information shared amongst the Provinces is yet to be determined.

f. Matt Smith moved / Marc-Andre Campeau seconded - passed.

## **6. CAWF Canadian Nationals 2023 Presentation (Marc-Andre Campeau)**

. Powerpoint Presentation attached.

a. Matt Smith moved / Jason Tibok seconded - passed

## **7. CAWF Canadian Nationals 2024 BIDS**

a. Vancouver, B.C. submitted, however incomplete and tentative. Postponed the 2024 Bid until next year's 2023 Annual General Meeting and add 2025 Bid presentation by Luc Faubert.

b. Luc Faubert moved / Marc-Andre Campeau seconded - passed.

## **8. Byes for Nationals and Worlds (Rick Pickney)**

. Nationals: People complaining about the byes. Still up to the individual provinces - \$200 bye-in. If it's a legitimate reason for not attending, then there is no cost. Do not want to circumvent the Provincial Body and want to keep it the same.

a. Worlds: people could not come to Nationals because they couldn't fly due to vaccination restrictions, so do we allow them to go to Worlds for this one year? But just two weeks ago, flights were open - do we still offer the free bye? Give a bye, but there is a cost associated with it. Host province doing the National tournament is losing out, especially on the costs of entering the tournament and paying the \$60/arm fee. CAWF is not losing any funding. Suggested just a 1 year waiver. Historically, there was a review of the bye, on an individual case by case basis, as long as there is a request to waive with a legitimate reason. Suggestion to continue with the \$500 bye, half goes to the Province who hosted Nationals, and half to CAWF to assist with the World tournament fees. If we are bringing it in, be consistent - do not do it for 1 year.

b. Mark MacPhail moves motion for the executive to look at a bye to the worlds with \$500 with a legitimate reason on an individual basis. Seconded Matt Smith. 8 yays. 2 abstains - passed.

## **9. Zoom Online Conference**

. Rick introduces the cost of Zoom is \$200 a year. Do we keep this expenditure? Google meet is free or MS Teams is another option for provinces. Receive it as information.

a. Tracey Arnold moves / Chantal Leduc seconded - passed.

## **10. Rules changes as per CAWF Board Meeting on January 9, 2022**

. Report attached.

a. Dave Campbell moves / Marc-Andre Campeau seconded - passed with Luc Faubert abstains.

## **11. Worlds' Armwrestling competition (IFA and WAF)**

. IFA Sept 26 - Oct 2, 2022 Dieppe France

a. WAF Oct 14 - 23, 2022 Antalya, Turkey

b. Jason Tibok moves / Dave Campbell seconded - passed

## **12. New Business**

a. Rick introduces a motion to add a new class division for Women's at Nationals 55KG weight class which is 125lbs.

i. Rick Pickney moves / Luc Faubert seconded - passed

b. Ryan introduces a motion to revisit the black pants (shorts) rule, non jean material. Discussion and support that the current rules do not change however, not going to enforce the black pant rule for 2022 Nationals only.

.Ryan Espey moves / Matt Smith seconded - passed

c. Mark introduces a motion for new clothing rules for the youth. Any type of t-shirt with a provincial logo is acceptable for youth only. No rules for the type of pants for the youth. Making a note that this rule will not be enforced for 2022 Nationals only.

.Mark McPhail moves / Tracey Arnold seconded - passed

d. Mark introduces the Youth 21 Class Division. Confirmed that the 2022 Nationals was a test project and was not going forward. Discussion to eliminate the Youth 21.

e. Jaime introduces fabricating tables, set standard for youth division. Stepping from a junior youth to a senior youth table. Can we have a set standard? We do risers to adjust for smaller kids in the same year class. Table top dimensions are more of an issue. Every province to put their kids' table measurements into the Facebook Exec Director group to share information.

f. Marc introduces a new and updated referee website. The website is very old and hard to read the rules of the referee. All the rules from the website and the referee section should be moved over the CAWF site. Anthony to update the website.

g. Dave introduces referee complaints. 2 serious ones to be reviewed. Make sure all competitors are reading the new rules. Make sure every province is more stringent on unsportsmanlike conduct.

### **13. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:31PM

Matt Smith moves / Jason Tibok seconded - passed.