

**Ontario Climbing Federation
Minutes from the Annual General Meeting
April 22, 2017**

The Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Climbing Federation was held on Saturday April 22, 2017 at The Junction Climbing Center, London, Ontario

1. **Attendees:** 52 members in person and 82 by proxy.
2. Four Directors were required to be elected to serve a two-year term (June 1, 2017, through May 31, 2019).

Lisa Gray, Shaun Hunter, Tyler Norton, Malek Taleb and Sharon Vukojevic had nominated themselves by the nomination deadline of April 8th, and asked to be considered for the vacant director position. Prior to voting taking place, each nominee presented himself/herself to the meeting attendees. As Malek was at a worldcup event in Asia, managing the Canadian team, Gillian presented his bio. Lisa Gray, Shaun Hunter, Tyler Norton, and Malek Taleb were elected to the vacant director positions (Malek and Shaun were re-elected having just finished their terms on the board).

3. Throughout the meeting, as election votes were being counted, Gillian Wyett went through the summary annual report and highlighted some of the major achievements of the board during the 2016/2017 series.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm.

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Annual Report to Members: 2016/17**

The OCF has had a busy and productive year. Here are the highlights of the 2016/17 season.

- **Events organized/supported**

- We organized/supported a total of 7 events during the 2016/2017 series.
- In cooperation with 4 Ontario climbing gyms (The Hub; Coyote Rock; Boulderz; Climber's Rock), we organized 4 local competitions. All of the competitions were competitive formats and all competitions were open to both Youth and Open climbers (opening up the bouldering locals to Open climbers was a first).
- 2 Provincial Youth Championships. Thank you True North and the Junction.
- 2 Ontario CEC Open National Series events - a bouldering standalone event that was run in coordination with a TourdeBloc event, which also included Open provincials and a difficulty event held as part of the Youth and Open Difficulty Provincials.
- Supported Climber's Rock who organized and ran a fun competition for developing climbers (Pebble Pull).
- Sent 74 Ontario climbers to Youth Bouldering Nationals – representing a third of all athletes at the event.
- To deal with the growth in popularity of climbing, this year the locals were split into two groups – with one day hosting A, Junior and Open climbers and the other D, C and B climbers.
- Our 4 local competitions, Youth Bouldering Nationals, and our Open Provincials/Open National Series bouldering event (not including Difficulty Provincials) involved 1,156 athletes. Last season these same events involved 821 participants. We saw a 30% growth in our Bouldering events and a 60% growth in our Difficulty events.
- As a result of the growth in athletes competing at OCF events, we discontinued the sale of day passes to allow athletes to “try out” a competition before becoming a series member.

- **Competitions volunteers:**

- Held 6 Judging clinics (up to the end of our second difficulty local) involving 57 participants, to train new judges, and refresh the training of our existing judges. The vast majority of these judges were trained for bouldering (48) versus difficulty (9).

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- Regardless of the new judges trained, we had minimal growth in the number of volunteers helping out at competitions. We continue to see very little growth in volunteers from the parents of youth climbers, despite the tremendous growth in the number of youth attending our competitions and the number of new gyms who now have youth teams who regularly attend our events.
- It takes approximately 65-70 volunteers to run a local competition over the 2-day event. This includes judges, iso officials, registration, belayers (difficulty) score inputting etc. There are many more than 65 volunteer spots over the 2-day locals but as we have so few volunteers many do 4 or 5 spots each e.g. judging for the entire day instead of in shifts etc., or we make do with less help than we need.
- **Head Judges:**
 - We would like to recognize and thank the head judges who presided over our competitions this year: **George Richard, Sue Carkner, Tim Vince, Barry Dykeman, and Mark Wieckowski.**
- **Bouldering rules video:**
 - Kellen Tapley and Blaise Chapman, assisted by Matt Chapman, Alexandra Kuusela, Paul Ledet of SCBC, and True North Climbing created a video to showcase the basic bouldering rules. (<https://youtu.be/c2jGdtBIGkY>)
- **Other volunteers** – There are many people who volunteer in significant ways outside of helping at competitions. The board would like to specifically thank the following people for their contributions this year:
 - **Tim Vince** – OCF's representative to the CEC board
 - **Tracey Graham** – Creator of our competition series poster
 - **James Richardson** – Systems expert and owner of the current OCF registration system as well as compseason (results and rankings)
 - **Esti Tweg** – Webmaster and social media guru
 - OCF representatives to CEC permanent committees:
 - **Amanda Cowen** - Communications committee
 - **Hedvig Lokay and Kellen Tapley** (Advisory board) - Coaching development committee
 - **Shaun Hunter and Jody Miall** - Routesetting development
 - **James Richardson** - Competition committee
 - **Barry Dykeman** - Selection Policy Review Committee
 - The OCF would also like to recognize and thank **Sylvia McBurney** who has taken on the responsibility of developing a Long Term Athlete Development program with the objective of developing a national coaching certification process for climbing coaches.
- The sport is growing rapidly, and while our volunteer base has grown, it is not keeping up with demand. Some gyms/teams have a very high percentage of families who volunteer at comps, but other gyms/teams come to all of the competitions but do not help in any way. A small number of regular volunteers carries much of the load. We need every team/gym to set the expectation that families help out at multiple events each season.

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- Updated and distributed (through the gyms) our athlete and parent information booklet, to help athletes and their families understand competitive climbing in Ontario.
- **The growth of membership** (Note: in the current year, only memberships sold up to the end of February 2017 are included, in prior years included sales through to April):

Type of Member	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
Youth Athlete	105	165	309	330
Adult Athlete	31	35	31	35
Supporter/Coach	34	60	78	94
Total	170	260	418	459

- **Sponsors:**
 - The OCF would like to thank all of our sponsors who generously donated items that were handed out as prizes during our competitions. Our 2016/2017 sponsors are Black Diamond Madrock, Metolius, Rock and Ice, La Sportiva, and Flashed.
- **Financial Overview:**
 - We have had a stable year financially and will have money in the bank at the end of the season, mainly related to the sale of OCF memberships as the majority of competition fees paid by competitors go to the hosting gyms (between 85% and 88% of the fee). We estimate that we will have approximately \$15,000 in cash at the end of the year and we are currently working on plans for a new registration system which some of our surpluses will go towards paying for.
 - A complete financial report will be available after the end of our fiscal year, which ends May 31st. Below is an overview as we approach the end of the season (note that the current year results are up to the end of Bouldering season, while the prior year results include the two local Difficulty competitions as well):

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OCF			
P&L			
	As at Feb. 26		As at April 16
	2016/2017		2015/2016
INCOME			
Memberships	\$ 21,650.00		16,290.00
Comp. Fees	\$ 44,357.00		54,845.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 66,007.00		\$ 71,135.00
EXPENSES			
Expenses related to prior year			\$ -
Comp Fees - Expense	\$ 38,469.30		\$ 44,666.08
CEC Memberships	\$ 7,485.10		\$ 6,147.20
Insurance	\$ 2,500.20		\$ 2,500.00
Computer Equipment			\$ 2,377.91
Acctg. Software			\$ 89.62
Bank Fees & Charges	\$ 2,329.48		\$ 2,233.44
Honourariums	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,698.86
Website fees	\$ 697.71		\$ 343.61
Medals, Prizes, Ribbons, Bibs	\$ 2,445.40		\$ 715.29
Video Equipment/System			\$ 286.21
Misc. expenses	\$ 482.15		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 55,409.34		\$ 61,058.22
OVERALL TOTAL	\$ 10,597.66		\$ 10,076.79
ITEMS PURCHASED USING 2015/2016 SURPLUS			
Timer system	\$ 2,786.23		
Bibs for judges and volunteers	\$ 1,440.64		
Stopwatches for judges	\$ 278.66		
Distribution of prior year surplus to Ontario athletes who attended an international competition during the 2015/2016 season	\$ 5,400.00		
TOTAL USE OF SURPLUS	\$ 9,905.53		