

**DIVING PLONGEON CANADA**  
**CDCA, National Team Head Coaches and Officials Executive meeting**  
**November 15, 2002**  
**MINUTES (Draft)**

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**Present :**

<b>Nancy Brawley</b>	<b>Jocelyne Carignan</b>
<b>Kathy Seaman</b>	<b>Gord Peterson</b>
<b>Hélène Morneau</b>	<b>Bev Boys</b>
<b>Mike Plueschow</b>	<b>Elizabeth Pineo</b>
<b>Dany Boulanger</b>	<b>Mike Lang</b>
<b>Robert Breau</b>	<b>Lorn Wionzek</b>
<b>Margie Schuett</b>	<b>Misha Kordyukov</b>
<b>Scott Cranham</b>	<b>Yi Hua Li</b>
<b>César Henderson</b>	<b>Fernando Henderson</b>
<b>Aaron Dziver</b>	<b>Michel Larouche</b>
<b>Mitch Geller</b>	<b>Margie Schuett</b>
<b>Herb Flewwelling</b>	<b>Jarrett MacKay</b>
<b>Jayne MacDonald</b>	<b>Tim Page</b>
<b>Eric Chéné</b>	<b>Linda Cuthbert</b>

**1. Meeting called to order at 1 pm**

**2. Approval of the agenda:**

The agenda was compressed in the following two points:

- i. Communications
- ii. Athlete/Coach Development Priorities

**3. Communication**

For the sport of diving to achieve its ultimate goal of becoming number one in the world it was agreed that both coaches and officials would need to communicate better and improve collaborative efforts at the developmental level of diving. It was agreed that both coaches and officials needed to be professional in their behaviour towards each other at all times.

The coaches asked that they be kept informed of any changes to officiating standards or priorities. They also wanted to know if the way some of them have acted in the past has had a negative effect on officials (i.e. retirement, scoring, etc.)

The group wanted to know what were some of the more common complaints of domestic officiating. It was also mentioned that it is practically impossible for everyone to agree on the same score.

Kathy Seaman presented a video that helped to highlight the discussions that took place at a FINA Officials symposium in the summer. Members wanted to know how they could obtain a copy.

Misha stated that the video was great but that it should not be presented to provincial level officials because they would become too critical of junior divers after watching the video.

The coaches wanted to know what they should be focusing on at the provincial level (takeoffs, spin, tucks, etc.) They also stated that they need some clarity on handstands (i.e. difficulty of approach, is it controlled, etc.)

The officials agreed that judging priorities can be different for every level. Furthermore, it is extremely difficult to make the jump from the various levels (i.e. provincial, national and international).

Members expressed an interest in receiving reports produced following meets. The group stated that they were not receiving the various reports that they should be getting according to the "Who gets what..." list.

The group also wanted some clarity on how to deal with specific problems between coaches/officials.

The coaches stated that it would be a lot easier for them to do their job if the officials would tell them what the problem was so that they would be able to fix it.

The group agreed that it was the TC's role to hold quarterly conference calls to:

- identify issues
- address issues
- implement solutions to resolve issues.

Members agreed that this would go a long way to improving overall communications between all parties.

Both parties agreed that they needed to be part of each other's educational program(s).

The group decided that there was a need to create a standard communications plan. The committee that will draft the plan will be comprised of the following:

Nancy Brawley / Dany Boulanger / Mitch Geller / Eric Chéné  
Officials Chair / CDCA Chair / HP / SDM

**ACTION:** Committee to draft of standard communications plan.

#### **4. Athlete/Coaching Development Priorities**

Members agreed that the CBET and Nortia initiative offered an excellent opportunity to develop a leading edge athlete and coaching development model and asked that a select group of coaches and officials be involved in content review as the project evolves.

Jayne MacDonald stated that Dallas Ludwick would like to be part of this task force.

It was agreed that the following individuals would be approached to see if they would be content reviewers:

Nancy Brawley  
Scott Cranham  
Pascale Gauthier  
Dallas Ludwick

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm