# The Rolfing® Association of Canada Minutes – Annual General Meeting – May 7, 2023

- 1) Attendance Jason Bhrelle, Candace Caskey, Kathleen Coulombe, Lorelle Demont Loomis, Aaron Bjorndal, Lina Hack, Beatrice Hollinshead, Jennifer Hayes, Fawn Sewell, Dean Bergstrom, Steven Radiloff, Brent Scrivner, Mayumi Hara, Tyler Janzen.
- 2) Approval of today's AGM agenda May 7th, 2023

Jennifer puts forth a motion to approve the agenda.

Candace seconds.

All in favour.

Motion carries.

3) Approval of AGM meeting minutes – May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Jennifer puts forth a motion to approve the meeting minutes.

Aaron Bjorndal seconds.

All in favour.

Motion carries.

### 4) BoD for 2023

Beatrice read 3 platform statements submitted – Jason Brhelle for chair; Lorelle Demont Loomis for secretary; Kathleen Coulombe for vice-chair.

a) Board position vote:

Vote for Chair – Jason Brhelle

All members present voted in favour (no nays, and no abstains).

Vote for Vice Chair – Kathleen Coulombe.

All members present voted in favour (no nays, and no abstains).

Vote for Secretary – Lorelle Demont Loomis

All members present voted in favour (no nays, and no abstains).

Jason asked members at the meeting if there is anyone who would like to be a member at large. Jennifer Hayes said that she would like to be one.

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b) BoD introductions of current/leaving board members – Beatrice will be finishing secretary term on the board; Fawn (treasurer) will continue to be on the board; Jason Brhelle (chair), Lorelle Demont Loomis (secretary) and Kathleen Coulombe (vice chair) will be joining the board.

- 5) Finances -
- a) Financial report 2022

Fawn went over some of the highlights of the 2022 financial report (posted in member's only section of the website).

Lorelle puts forth a motion to approve 2022 financial report.

Jennifer Hayes seconds.

All in favour.

Motion carries.

### 6) Chair Report 2022-2023

Hi Everyone this is my first Chair report so be please patient with me. The biggest change for 2022 and into 2023 is the new database and method of paying our dues. This has streamlined the process and will make it much easier for now and into the future. Thank you so much to Beatrice and Fawn for the many hours of work they put into this and to make it happen.

We currently do not have any educational classes scheduled, this included basic trainings, advanced trainings and movement trainings. Hopefully we will in the future. Now that the covid pandemic has come to an end hopefully we can get some Rolfing Faculty coming to Canada to offer these classes. If we can get some basic trainings offered in Canada with Canadian teachers in training we can move forward on having Canadian Rolfing instructors. This will be much easier to have trainings in Canada since we won't have to go through the logistics of bringing in US or European Rolfing faculty. If you'd like to be a teacher in training please contact us and we will put you in touch with DIRI and help start that process.

CE courses have usually been organized by individual Rolfers. If you are getting a class going let us know and we can promote through the RAC website, newsletter and on social media. Which the RAC is now on. You can find us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. We are trying to be more of a presence on social media. So watch on their for updates and information.

We currently have no trademark issues. If you know of someone violating the trademarks please email info@rolfingcanada.org. If you are changing your status as a Rolfer such as retiring or need to switch to limited status or pausing your practice you need to let the RAC know so we can update our data base and DIRI's as well. Not letting us know can result in it appearing that you are violating the trademark.

All of our filings with the Canadian Government are up to date.

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As Fawn just mentioned we have a positive balance sheet which is fantastic.

We need more volunteers to keep the RAC functioning. If you are willing to help with projects please contact us.

### 7) Closing remarks / Q & A

Jennifer Hayes' training as a Rolf Movement instructor is in progress. Will likely be assisting in Boulder November 2023. Jennifer also has some online movement classes (that could count towards elective credit) scheduled this year and to check her website for more info.

Lorelle Demont Loomis had questions about board positions and division of board tasks. Jason responded that while there are 4 volunteer board member titles, the board works together as a team, and and whoever is best suited to take on a task can occur. To be discussed at future board meetings.

Lorelle also had a question about what the money saved in the RAC bank account could be spent on. Jen responded that the board previous to 2015 had intended it for creating another non-profit that would provide a scholarship for rolfing training. Post 2015, Beatrice replied that RAC has a new legal agreement with DIRI, whereby RAC is responsible to cover trademark infringement legal costs in Canada, and if it's a major case, would likely at a minimum need to cover 50% of the cost. Therefore boards post 2015 continue to have savings in order to cover such costs. Savings were also currently used this year to build a member database, 2023 online dues renewal process, and website updates etc.

Candace expressed communication has been challenging with the RAC, and that she only checks email once a week and prefers to communicate via text or what's app. Candace would like to start a what's app group for RAC, to enable members to communicate more easily regarding education etc. Other members at the meeting were interested in joining, and so Candace will create one.