Full transcript of the existing by-laws can be found at:

The proposed changes will be dealt with individually

BC Seniors Games Society Bylaw Changes

Bylaw Amendments require approved by 67% majority of the voting members at the BC Seniors Games Society AGM, September 14, 2017 held in Vernon, BC

Changes are noted in bold:

Now reads:

Part 1 – Interpretation

3. f) The definitions in the Society Act on the date these Bylaws become effective apply to these Bylaws.

3. f) If there is a conflict between these Bylaws and the Act or the regulations under the Act, the Act or the regulations, as the case may be will prevail.

Rationale: Change in wording to comply with Societies Act, S.B.C. 2015, c18

Part 2 – Zones

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Rationale: To comply with present practice of 13 Zones including Isolation Zone.

Part 3 – Membership
7. a) The members of the Society are the applicants for incorporation of the Society and those persons who subsequently have become members, in accordance with these Bylaws, and in either case, have not ceased to be members.

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8. b) Associate: Open to individuals 19 years of age or older and to organizations. An Associate Member shall enjoy the privileges of the Society but shall not be entitled to vote or hold office.

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8. c) Honorary: The Board of Directors at a meeting of the Board may approve issuance of an annual Honorary Membership to an individual or organization where it deems such action would be in the interest of, and beneficial to, the Society. Honorary membership does not carry voting privileges.

8. c) Honorary: The Board of Directors at a meeting of the Board may approve issuance of an Honorary Lifetime Membership to an individual that has shown exemplary long time service to the Association and where it deems such action would be in the interest of, and beneficial to, the Society. Honorary membership does not carry voting privileges.

9. Application for membership may be made to the Directors and upon acceptance by the Directors, the person, or organization, becomes a member.

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9. a) The Board of Directors, in their discretion, shall have the right to refuse membership, or to refuse continuing membership, to any individual upon any proper grounds.

12. d) on having been expelled.

12. d) on having been expelled. The Board of Directors may, by ordinary resolution expel a member at any time, and after written notice to the member to be expelled, membership in the Society is discontinued from the date stated in the resolution.
Rationale: Section 7 a) is rewording to remove reference to members being the applicants for incorporation. Section 8 b) is reworded to remove “organizations” from Associate membership. Section 8 c) to provide Honorary memberships for life as opposed to annual provision under the current by-laws. Section 9 – clarification of rules to permit membership in the Society by Registrars as they deal with the applications, and provide the Board of Directors with the Right of Refusal upon proper grounds. Section 12 d) expansion and clarification of Board of Directors duties to deal with expelling of a member from the Society.

Part 4 - Meetings of Members

15. General Meetings of the Society shall be held at such time and place in accordance with the Society Act.

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19. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in British Columbia unless otherwise approved in accordance with the Society Act.

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22. a) A quorum is a majority Zones represented present with a minimum of 21 members present at a General Meeting.

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Rationale: Change in wording to comply with Societies Act, S.B.C. 2015, c18, and minor rewording of clauses.

Part 5 - Directors and Officers

25. Executive Committee: The Executive Committee shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Chair – Communications Committee, Chair Development Committee, Chair – Marketing/Sponsorship Committee, and the Past President. All members of the Executive Committee, with the exception of the Past President, are elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Executive Committee is the Officers of the Society.

25. Executive Committee: The Executive Committee shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Communications Chair,
Development Chair, Marketing/Sponsorship Chair, Sports Chair, Registration/IT Chair, and the Past President. All members of the Executive Committee, with the exception of the Past President, are elected at an Annual General Meeting. The Executive Committee is the Officers of the Society.

Rationale: to include reference to Sports Chair and Registration/IT Chair, which are 2 new executive positions recommended to be added as a result of the increased workloads on the executive resulting from the Transition of Event Management from BC Games to ourselves, and rewording to bring all titles into similar formatting.

26. c) An Officer of the Society shall be elected for two year terms, with the President, Vice President, and Chair – Development Committee being elected in the even numbered years, and the Secretary-Treasurer, Chair – Communications Committee, and Chair – Marketing/Sponsorship Committee, being elected in the odd numbered years.

Rationale: rewording to include 2 new positions added under Section 25 above

26. c) An Officer of the Society shall be elected for two year terms, with the President, Vice President, Development Chair and Sports Chair being elected in the even numbered years, and the Secretary-Treasurer, Communications Chair, Marketing/Sponsorship Chair – Registration/IT Chair being elected in the odd numbered years.

Rationale: to permit a zone to send an alternate to the Board Meetings if the Director is not available

33. Removal of an Elected Director: An elected Director or Officer may be removed from office before the expiration of his term by special resolution of the general membership and another Director elected or appointed by ordinary resolution to serve during the balance of the term.

33. The Board may remove at its pleasure any Officer of the Society and appoint another Director to serve during the balance of the term. The Board of Directors may also appoint such agents and employ such persons as they may deem necessary to carry out the objects of the Society and such agents and employees shall have such authority and perform such duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Rationale: To provide broader powers to the executive to deal with person(s) that are not performing or carrying out the objectives of the Society, which
under the current Section requires a Special General Meeting to deal with such a removal.

34 b) In addition, an Officer of the Society may be nominated to represent the Society on the Board of the BC Games Society, such appointment to be made by the Minister responsible;

c) If such an appointee shall cease to be an Officer of the Society, then he shall relinquish that appointment forthwith; and

d) A current Officer of the Society shall be nominated to fill that position in his place, subject to the Minister’s approval.

34 b) a member of the Executive or Board of Directors will be appointed by the Board of Directors to represent the Society on the Board of the Canada Senior Games Association.

c) If such an appointee shall cease to be a member of the BC Seniors Games Society Executive or Board of Directors, then the member shall relinquish the appointment forthwith; and

d) A current member of the Society Executive or Board of Directors shall be appointed by the Board of Directors to fill the vacant position.

Rationale: Removal of reference to BC Games Society and include reference to Canada Senior Games Association, and deals with replacement appointees.

Part 6 – Elections and Appointments+

35. The Executive Committee shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting, or where a vacancy occurs by resignation or otherwise, at a Special General Meeting called in accordance with the Society Act.

35. The Executive Committee shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting, or where a vacancy occurs by resignation or otherwise, the Executive Committee may call a Special General Meeting in accordance with the Society Act, or defer the election to the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

Rationale: To provide clarification of the rule and provide more detailed guidance to the Executive Committee.

36. Where a vacancy occurs in the Executive Committee, the Committee may appoint a member in good standing to fill the office for the balance of the term. The Directors may, at the next Directors’ meeting, ratify the appointment.
36. Where a vacancy occurs in the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee may appoint a member in good standing to fill the office for the balance of the term. An existing officer may hold a second position pending a formal election to fill the position so vacated. The Directors may, at the next Directors’ meeting, ratify the appointment.

Rationale: To permit a current member of the Executive/Board of Directors to fulfill a vacancy while retaining their existing appointment, in order to eliminate the domino effect of a vacancy.

Part 7 - Duties of Executive Committee and Board

42 d) The Chair - Communications Committee shall:

(i) produce bi-annual newsletter (if funds available) or update on website
(ii) Produce news releases
(iii) Upon Games completion, provide a written report of the Games for the website;
(iv) Prepare pamphlets/posters and booklet (if funds available) for printing
(v) Contact all stakeholders with Games information and updates;
(vi) Perform other duties as assigned by the President;
(vii) Report to the President.

42 d) The Communications Chair shall:

(i) Produce all external news releases
(ii) Contact all stakeholders with Games information and updates;
(iii) Perform other duties as assigned by the President
(iv) Report to the President.

42 d) The Sports Chair shall:

(i) responsible for maintaining the BCSGS General Rules
(ii) responsible for maintaining and updating Sport Specific Rules
(iii) responsible for administering the cross zone participation
(iv) perform other duties as assigned by the President;
(v) report to the President

42 d) The Registration/IT Chair shall:

(i) be responsible for training the zone registrars relative to inputting documentation into Viewteam
(ii) ensuring the correctness of data in the Viewteam database
(iii) conduct an annual assessment of changes for Viewteam database
(iv) perform other duties as assigned by the President;
(v) report to the President

Rationale: Rename the Communications position to comply with other titles and restate basis duties to reflect internal changes to some of the jobs. The Sports Chair and Registration/IT Chair outline the basis duties that would apply to those positions. As stated previously, these positions are being created as a result of the increased workloads on the executive resulting from the Transition of Event Management from BC Games to ourselves.

l) The Directors of the Society may meet by other electronic means that permits each Director to communicate adequately with each other.

i) In the case of meetings held by means of “e-mail”, each Director shall be sent the agenda by the President or the Secretary and a reply to signify receipt will be required. A quorum will be established once a majority of the total number of Directors has responded and is available.

Votes from each participating Director will be sent to the Secretary by e-mail, recorded by that individual, and the result of the vote announced. E-mail votes will be retained by the Secretary until the conclusion of the next Board Meeting.

ii) In the case of a meeting held by Conference Call, or other such electronic means, a quorum of a majority of the total number of Directors or appointees shall be established by requiring each Director or appointee to sign in and signify attendance.

Votes from each participating Director or appointee will be recorded by the Secretary and the result of the vote announced. The records will be retained by the Secretary until the conclusion of the next Board Meeting.

Security will be ensured by access to the “Conference Call” requiring a participant number established by the Secretary.

Rationale: To establish a procedure for the Executive and Board of Directors to hold votes electronically or by Conference Call, in order to speed up the process of passing resolutions without having to incur costly travel costs associated with a “Special General Meeting” of the Board. And comply with Societies Act, S.B.C. 2015, c18

Part 9 – Auditor
44. The Auditor shall be appointed by the voting delegates, with the Auditor’s remunerations to be determined by the Board of Directors.

44. An auditor shall be appointed at each Annual General Meeting, by ordinary resolution, to hold office until the close of the next annual general meeting.

*Rationale: rewording of the clause to bring it into line with current practices*

**Part 10 - Constitution and Bylaws**

55. Any changes to the By-laws of the Society requires passage by 2/3 of the voting members present at a “Meeting of Members”, this includes any Special Resolutions presented to the membership at a “Meeting of the Members”.

*Rationale: New Section to comply with Societies Act, S.B.C. 2015, c18*