

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE WATER SKI AND WAKE ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA
MINUTES**

Held on November 19, 2022 at 1:00pm MST in Calgary, Alberta

Call to order

- The AGM was called to order at 1:05pm
- Water Ski & Wake Alberta's quorum for the AGM as per our bylaws is 10 members and we have met the quorum.
- Meeting [Attendance List](#)

Approval of Minutes & 2022 Agenda

- ***Motion to Approve the 2022 Agenda***
 - Motion Dan Velcic, 2nd Brent Dolter
 - None Opposed, all in favour
 - Motion is unanimous
- ***Motion to Approve the Minutes from the 2021 AGM of December 8, 2021***
 - Motion Dan Velcic, 2nd Brent Dolter
 - None Opposed, all in favour
 - Motion is unanimous

Presentation of the 2022 Financial Statements by Brian Manko

- Motion to approve the 2022 Financial Statements
 - Motion Brent Dolter, 2nd Alana Baxter
 - None Opposed, all in favour
 - Motion is unanimous

2022 Year in Review - Executive Director's Report

- Executive Director's Report presented

Board Nominations and Elections

- Current Slate Directors whose terms are up as of 2022
 - Elizabeth Tatchyn
 - Rae-Lee Colcleugh
 - Robert Price
 - Brian Manko
 - Crystal Hankel

Brian Manko and Crystal Hankel have not put their name forward for re-election, leaving two vacant director positions.

- The following Directors have agreed to serve the second year of their two year term.

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- Sheldon Germain
- Brad Cowley
- Christie Becker
- Nathan Feculak
- Todd Schafer
- Brad Gibbons

- The following members have been nominated from the floor
 - Brent Dolter
 - Dan Velcic
 - Anita Swanson

Motion to accept the nominations as presented

- Motion to Approve Ken Nelson, 2nd Jeff Bonham

Before the Vote preceded there were some comments and concerns about one of the nominations:

- Sheldon Germain asks Dan Velcic to remove his nomination citing this would be a major conflict being married to the Executive Director. Dan Velcic declines.
- Tina suggests looking at the WSWA bylaws and the WSWA Conflict of Interest Policy to determine if Dan can have a nomination to be elected to the Board.
- Elizabeth honours Dan for wanting to be nominated but with her personal professional background as a lawyer (not with WSWA), having an executive director married to anyone on the board within an organization, goes against most conflict within the bylaws and feels this would be a major conflict if Dan was on the Board.
- Elizabeth Tatchyn asks for a 10 minute recess to review the WSWA Bylaws and the Conflict of Interest policy.

***Motion for 10-minute recess to reviews the by-laws and the WSWA Conflict of Interest Policy
@3:20pm***

- *Motion to Approve*
- *Tina Brillantes, 2nd By Ken Nelson*

Robert Price reconvenes the meeting @3:40pm

- The Bylaws and the Conflict of Interest Policy were shown on the presentation screen for everyone to see. Robert reads through the bylaws and the Conflict of Interest Policy for everyone present to hear.
- Elizabeth comments, a matter of right, we cannot prevent Dan from running but it would put the board in a situation if there should ever be conflict, the board would then need to vote on who stays and who has to resign, either Suzanne Velcic or Dan Velcic.
- Tina asks what's the difference if a board member has relationships to family members who are staff or those who have family members in the sport, on teams, coaches.

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- Rae-Lee comments, we have conflict all the time and this situation could be managed. She adds that these are Elizabeths and Sheldons opinions, but it is not in the bylaws.
- Jeff comments that there is significant conflict with coaches, and officiating with family members who are competing. Jeff asks for clarification from Elizabeth on her comment that which one, either Dan or Suzanne, will need to be removed IF conflict should arise.
- Sheldon acknowledges, comments we are a small sport and have a pretty good policy with managing conflict. He is only suggesting that this may be a substantial conflict that it may be too difficult to manage if a conflict should come about. He suggests looking into legal advice on this matter before going to a vote. Sheldon comments also that Dan had been previously on the Board and he stepped down when Suzanne became the ED due to conflict of interest.
- Dan comments that he resigned but it had nothing to do with Suzanne becoming the Executive Director. He resigned due to the poor behaviours of Board members. He also mentions several members currently on the Board are in conflict, including those who have family members in the sport and on teams and also those who are the owners of a club and make money from the sport, and those who are coaches and paid by WSWA. WSWA manages those conflicts without any issues.
- After reviewing the Conflict of Interest Policy and the Bylaws, no one outlines any clause that states specifically in either document that prevents Dan from having a nomination to the Board of Directors.
- The nominations remain the same.
- All nominees spoke to the members as to what they can offer as a board member and why they want to be on the Board.
- The Vote precedes with only those members in person voting, as per our bylaws state.
- The Vote for the Board of Directors takes place with Lisa Flemming, Jeff Bonham and James Rappel as scrutineers.

- Our bylaws state that we can have a Board of Directors of 7-11 members. The existing Directors and the nominated members will bring the Board total to twelve Directors and a vote was done to elect 11 Board Members.

17 members vote. These members are in good standing and over the age of 18

- Scrutineers have been chosen to count the votes: Lisa Flemming, Jeff Bonham & James Rappel

Results of the Vote for the 2023 Board

Rae-Lee Colcleugh
Robert Price
Dan Velcic
Brent Dolter
Anita Swanson

Elizabeth Tatchyn has not been elected.

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Motion to destroy ballots

- *Motion to Approve Ken Nelson*
- *2nd by Tina Brillantes*
- *Lisa destroys the ballots*

Board of Directors elected November 19, 2022

- Sheldon Germain
- Brad Cowley
- Christine Becker
- Nathan Feculak
- Todd Schafer
- Brad Gibbons
- Rae-Lee Colcleugh
- Robert Price
- Brent Dolter
- Dan Velcic
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Approve the Board of Directors

- ***Motion to Approve the Board of Directors***
 - Motion Ken Nelson, 2nd Jeff Bonham
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Presentation of the Vern Oberg Legacy Fund Scholarships

- Presented by Russ Dickson

Vern Oberg Legacy Scholarship Recipients

Male - Brad Gibbons

Female - Megan Pelkey

Development - Carly Bonham

Presentation of the Provincial Award Recipients

- Presented by Suzanne Velcic

2022 Provincial Award Recipients

Water Ski

Megan Pelkey, 2022 Female Athlete of the Year

Bruce Dodd, 2022 Male Athlete of the Year

Braeson Schacher, 2022 Development Athlete of the Year

Wake

Hayden Becker, 2022 Female Athlete of the Year

Max Chugg, 2022 Male Athlete of the Year

Paige Humphrey, 2022 Development Athlete of the Year

Volunteer of the Year, Brad Cowley

Official of the Year, Jeff Bonham

Presentation of the Outstanding Achievements

- Presented by Suzanne Velcic
- Members who had outstanding achievements in 2022 or made international teams were mentioned.

Motion to Adjourn

Approve Motion to adjourn Anita Swanson, 2nd Jeff Bonham

Adjournment of AGM

TOWN HALL meeting moved to a later date

See next page for Questions during the meeting

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Many questions asked during the AGM and are summarized here:

FUNDING SOURCES

Casino fund and spending was a major topic. Questions about how much casino money receives, how we can spend it and if we are at risk of losing it if we don't spend it.

How does the Board decide how the money is spent?

MEMBERSHIP

How are memberships reported (1-time memberships) ? How it is documented and shared with AB Gov Funding.

Suggestion we should aim for larger membership numbers with less membership revenue. We may be eligible for more grant money if we have more members then.

Syncrude Indoor Program

How is the program insured?

What is the cost to replicate the indoor program but also a mobile program with all the winch equipment and ski equipment? Sheldon confirms equipment would cost \$20,000, plus modifying the pool and additional equipment (\$5000+). It will cost roughly 30,000 to create another system. Suzanne confirms some of the Casino funds went towards funding this program. Tina Brillantes with the City of Calgary, is working with her connections at the various pools to see how we can implement the equipment and run this program in Calgary.

Committees and Funding

Suggested many times the funding model is not fair. There are way more water skiers than wake who provide way more activities and programs than wake and the funds should be distributed in that manner.

Suggestions that maybe the association should be WSA. Water Ski Alberta and no longer be associated with wake.

Suggestions that the money spent on wake is disproportionate per member compared to water ski.

Commented by a board member that we are trying to grow the sport and the budget process is a struggle.

Suzanne asked AGM attendees who had questions and suggestions on funding and membership to send in their comments for review by the Board at the next board meeting.