

WSWO Annual General Meeting 2020

Location: Enercare Centre, Room C2, 100 Princes' Blvd, Toronto, ON

Date: January 23, 2020

Attendees: Alex Pennington, Jasmine Northcott (WSWC), Justin Titus (WSWC), Terry Jones, Paul Roberts, Erica Langman, Todd Spalding, Wendy Durigon, Stephen Collins, Tom Wheeler, Ann Marie Calhoun, Bill Calhoun, Rob Baxter, Jason McClintock, Jim Stacey, Teresa Samad, John McTavish, Mickey Henry, Sam Roe

Minutes recorded by: Laz Klein

Minutes from AGM 2019: Reviewed, approved by Terry Jones, Seconded by Paul Roberts.

Review of reports:

- Traditional

- Presented by Stephen Collins
- Very successful year with 4 record capable tournaments making Ontario a leader in this area. Also balance with a number of sanctioned but not record tournaments.
- Erica Langman is the first woman to represent Ontario in Wakeboard at the PanAM games.
- Whitney McClintock continues to be an inspiration by winning the World Water Ski Championship in the Overall category.
- Continued to provide assistance to Quebec to host record capable tournaments.
- Women on the Water program was successful in introducing new skiers to the sport.

- Wakeboard

- Nationals hosted for the third year in a row in Ontario
- Participation mostly from Ontario with some competitors from the western provinces and Quebec.
- There has been good success on the high end of competitive riding but more work is required to encourage beginners.
- Lots of recreational participation in the sport but would like to see more jump to competitive.
- Elite Camps are being run in the summer as a gateway for young wakeboarders to move to more competitive.
- Great success for Ontario wakeboarders at the international level.
- There has been a small increase in competitive wakesurfing.

- Barefoot (Terry Jones)

- 2018 was a very busy year for barefoot and 2019 was less so.
- help was giving to the Quebec group with tournaments.
- The Nationals were very successful.
- 2020 plans include plans for Nationals in Ontario plus grassroots tournaments.
- Site at Napanee is great for barefoot but could also be good for slalom.

- Adaptive

- Report reviewed
- Funds have been allocated for adaptive equipment which can be limiting for participation.
- Adaptive wake as a new harness for wakeboarding.
- Would like to have adaptive competitors at as many events as possible and with support.

- Coaching (Dustin Titus)

- Successful year with multiple instructor camps run this past summer.
- Would like more Wakeboard and Waterski level 2 courses this summer

- Currently, the main course is run over 4 days. Some of the course will be moved to online modules to reduce the amount of time on site which should reduce costs.
- Discussion about the need for T4a forms for honorariums > \$500. The accountant will assist with this.
- Question: course to improve driving. Answer: level 2 driving course is available but demand is very low.
- Camps can request a level 1 course which is run at the camps. This has been quite popular.
- For traditional skiing, we would like to have more access to course skiing which is a good pathway to jump from recreational to competitive.
- **Grants and funding** (Wendy Durigon)
 - WSWC has provided a grant for Adaptive skiing and wakeboard.
 - OASF grant application was successful.
 - Quest for Gold is still pending but should be announced in the near future.
- **Marketing**
 - New website and logo is up and running.
 - Ontario Wakes instagram is going well.
 - Need help with traditional social media.
 - New WSWO event tent is available.
- **Motion to approve the reports:**
 - Paul Roberts, Second Tom Wheeler

Review of financial statements (Tom Wheeler)

- \$241 015.00 funds available. Increased by \$30 919.00 from last year.
- Increase mostly because of grants, instructors course.
- Membership is down, possible from fewer wakeboard events.
- Also, there is no longer a family membership option.
- Discussion about membership and insurance. Membership includes insurance which should be a good incentive for ski/wake schools as well as individuals.
- accurate membership is important for a number of reasons, including funding.
- Discussion about spending more of the money on ways to promote/advance the sport. We should have a lower bank balance.
- Many ideas presented such as
 - more equipment for adaptive
 - update tournament video judging equipment for traditional.
 - a lot of support was expressed for funding to hold grassroots events, especially for children that may not otherwise be able to afford the sport.
- Motion to approve financial statements.
 - Laz Klein, second: Wendy Durigon.

Appointment of Independent Accountants

- Happy with current firm and will continue
- Motion to continue with the firm: approved: Tom Wheeler, second Erica Langman

Executive Board Elections

- One open position: President. One nomination for Andrew Bergman by Laz Klein
- No other nominations, therefore acclaimed.
- Regardless: vote held which was unanimous in support.
- There was a discussion about having Andrew Bergman. There is tremendous support and excitement to have him as president.
- will have a table or similar to allow all new sign ups to view the concussion material.

Other business

- Rowan's law

- Presentation by Jasmine about "Safe Sport" which includes concussions, abuse and reporting, gender equity.
- There is a new and approved concussion policy which will be posted on the WSWC website.
- All participants will have this presented upon signing up to membership.
- There is now a reporting process for concussions.
- WSWC is currently going through a complete policy review and all updated policies will be available online.

Membership

- Rob Baxter: new software for registration and tournament sign up. A detailed presentation was given. It should be ready for review in about 2 weeks.
- Jasmine Northcott: presentation of new WSWC software for all towed watersports. It should be available in 2 weeks.
- It is now clear that there is an Ontario solution and National solution. We will evaluate both in the coming weeks.
- IWWF will be instituting a competitive licence starting Jan 1, 2021.

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

- Move to adjourn: Paul Roberts, seconded by Wendy Durigon.