

## WSWO Annual General Meeting 2022

**Location:** Zoom

**Date:** March 7, 2022

**Attendees:**

Wayne Korhonen, Rob Baxter, Mike Spence, Alex Pennington, Paul Roberts, Jasmine Northcott, Todd Spalding, Jake Thomas, Christian Richards, Jason McClintock, Jaime McClintock, Terry Jones, Theresa Samad, Andrew Bergman, Scott Marshall, Renee Hassian, Tom Wheeler, Erika Langman, Kyle Fraser, Ross Meltzer, Brennan Grange, Wendy Durigon, Jaime Shanks, Heather Butts, James Boblitz, Blair O'Neill, Anne-Marie Calhoun, Bill Calhoun, Joy Thomson, Michael Kuntz, Kris Bigourdan, Steve Jarrett, Geordie Newlands, Dustin Titus, Todd Spalding, Paul O'Krafka

**Minutes recorded by:** Laz Klein

**Minutes from AGM 2021:** Approved by: Wendy Durigon, Jake Thomas

**Review of reports:**

- **President's Report**

- Presented by Andrew Bergman
- Special thanks to all the members, especially considering the pandemic situation we are all dealing with
- Appreciate the turnout for this meeting.
- Special thanks to Tom and Wendy for the financial side facilitation of WSWO activities
- Special thanks to Scott Fasano for help with coaching.
- Welcome back to Jaelyn, very happy to have her back!

- **Traditional**

- Presented by Stephen Collins
- full year last year, very successful
- Good progress in grooming new judges
- Volunteer judges membership will be covered. Will provide shirts for officials.
- We had 8 record capable tournaments last year
- Plan for more class I tournaments to give judges a chance to get experience.
- Full schedule planned for this year.
- Confederation to host the nationals next year.
- Reminder: all registrations via WS Connect

- **Wakeboard**

- lots of new young members
- new sites are coming along
- future looking good for wake.

- **Barefoot**

- Presented by Mike Spence
- Late start because of COVID
- Barefoot nationals at Dream Lake, excellent site
- Site is now sold and looking for a new venue.
- Another event in Quebec was a great success.
- Also had a judging clinic and added boom events.
- Started using the IWWF management system, had difficulty with WSWC system.
- For 2022: season opener in June in Gravenhurst
- Nationals in mid August, site pending.

- World Masters coming up this year.
- Overall, very happy with the year.
  
- **Adaptive**
  - Presented by Jake Thomas
  - Quite a difficult year because of COVID
  - but now much improved equipment
  - Reaching out to Spinal Cord Ontario and Ontario Sledge Hockey looking for new participants.
- **Coaching Courses.**
  - Presented by Dustin Titus
  - Online delivery of Foundations course
  - Plan this year for a bigger course and in person.
  - 2022 course schedule pending. Likely spread over 3 weekday evenings.
  - Plans to train “Learning Facilitators”.
- **Ontario Coaching**
  - Presented by Jason McClintock
  - Rip N Ride now working
  - Ontario team now organized
  - 9 new members making it the largest team so far.
  - grassroots is looking very good.
- **Cable Parks**
  - Presented by Brennan Grange
  - 22 wake schools
  - 13 cable sites
  - lots of new participants, now plenty of new girls joining the sport
- **Clubs/Camps/Schools**
  - Presented by Jaime McClintock
  - early success in getting increased involvement with WSWO and WSWC
  - Lots of clubs struggled with the Covid situation, hopefully many will return
  - Outreach to new areas then are not familiar with our sport.
  - Continued advocacy for Towed Watersports in General
  - There has been a large increase in demand, especially for new participants.
  - There is a significant need for more ski schools
  - Continue with outreach to bring all participants under the WSWC/WSWO umbrella.
  - Lots of benefits to clubs and individuals for membership (insurance, discounts, etc).
- **Show Ski**
  - Presented by Charlie Newlands
  - Was a quiet year because of Covid
  - World championships in October in Florida. Lots of excitement for the tournament, funding in place.
  - Appreciate the support from WSWO.
- **Marketing**
  - Presented by Kyle Fraser
  - Social media strategy is now up and running
  - 3rd party marketing firm has been hired and is going very well.
  - Outreach for content has started and will need help from all members to submit videos and pictures.
  - Plan to continue modernizing our social media presence.
  - Plan to follow and promote events and tournaments
- **Grants and funding**
  - Presented by Wendy Durigon

- Funding was liberalized because of Covid which has helped with recovery.
- Participation numbers have been increasing.
- OASF: ministry funds for development, grassroots
- Plan to continue to encourage clinics such as Women on the Water, Adaptive, Active for Life, etc.
- WSWO has posted links to apply for funding
- **Treasurer:**
  - Presented by Tom Wheeler
  - We are in good shape with > 2 years of expenses in reserve
  - Ministry funding has been very supportive.
  - \$46 000 in disbursement, \$18 000 for development
  - Membership is up by 30%
  - Instructors course had great numbers
  - We are financially sound and the future looks very good.
  - Move to approve audited financials: Erika Langman, Andrew Bergman
- **Motion to approve the reports:**
  - Andrew Bergman, Tom Wheeler

### **Independent Accounts**

- Cholkan and Stepczuk to continue. Agreed unanimously.
- Motion: Andrew Bergman, Paul Roberts

### **Executive Board Elections**

**No changes this year**

### **Other business**

- WSWO Hall of Fame presentation by Andrew Bergman
- Two inductees this year
- Mike Spence: Presented by Stephen Collins
  - Long standing member of the board
  - Secretary, barefoot committee chair
  - numerous events and years of dedication.
- Terry Jones: Presented by Stephen Collins
  - invaluable to WSWO for many years
  - always a thoughtful resource for all sorts of trouble shooting
  - Critical for some of the biggest events of WSWO

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

- Move to adjourn: Paul O’Krafka, Andrew Bergman