



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OCTOBER 30, 2011
START TIME: 11:00 AM

Boardroom 3 – 3 Concorde Gate • Toronto • Ontario • M3C 3N7

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Review and approval of Minutes from the 2010 AGM
3. Review and approval of 2011 Reports
 - a. President
 - b. Water Ski
 - c. Wakeboard
 - d. Barefoot
 - e. Schools
 - f. Marketing
4. Review and approval of reviewed Financial Statements to March 31st, 2011
5. Appointment of Auditor for 2011 – 2012
6. Quest for Gold selection criteria
7. Rip 'n Ride
8. Executive Board elections:

| Position | Current | Current Incumbent Seeking Re-election | Nominee |
|--|--------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| President | Paul Roberts | Yes | |
| Past President | David Brandstetter | N/A | |
| Treasurer | Kevin W Moody | Yes | |
| V.P. Marketing | Blake Rowsell | No | Dustin Titus |
| V.P. Schools/Camps | Geordie Newlands | Yes | |
| V.P. Barefoot | Mike Spence | Yes | |
| V.P. Traditional | Stephen Collins | Yes | |
| V.P. Wakeboard | Jay Poole | Yes | |
| V.P. Coaching <small>*Pending approval of the creation of this new position by the membership.</small> | N/A | N/A | Blake Rowsell |

9. Other Business
 - a. 2015 Pan Am Games
 - b. Definition of membership and rates.



In Attendance: **WSWO Board:** Paul Roberts, Stephen Collins, Mike Spence (1:15PM left), Jay Poole, Kevin Moody (12:21PM Left), Blake Rowsell (12:21PM joined by conference call)
Absent Board Members: Geordie Newlands, David Brandstetter
Members: Bill Tallman, Terry Jones, Jono Boysen, Charlie Newlands, Dustin Titus, Jaclyn Stocki

1. Call to order: 11:06AM

2. Review of Minutes from the 2010 AGM

The minutes were reviewed and nothing was found to be in error or requiring modification.

Motion to accept the minutes from the 2010 AGM

Moved by: Terry Jones

Seconded by: Bill Tallman

Carried

3. Review and Approval of 2011 Board Reports (see attached reports):

President – Paul Roberts

Water Ski – Stephen Collins

Barefoot – Mike Spence

Wakeboard – Jay Poole

Schools/Camps – Geordie Newlands (*Due to Geordie's absence, the attendees reviewed his report*)

Marketing – Blake Rowsell (*Blake Rowsell teleconferenced into the meeting to present his report*)

Notes:

Stephen Collins suggested creating an annual “flat-rate” for tournaments; this would make all events the same cost. Water skiing is an expensive sport, so if we can keep the registration fees low it will help entice people, in particular families, to continue skiing competitively. This was well received and was suggested that the idea could also work for all disciplines.

Paul Roberts mentioned that Geordie Newlands is interested in obtaining sponsorship for show-skiing. It is important to get show-skiing recognized as a discipline in Canada, as a number of countries are heavily involved in the sport. Charlie Newlands is beginning the process of researching the best way to put a team together to participate in worlds on Sept 16 – 17, 2012 in Janesville Wisconsin. It would be great to have Canadian participation. Dan Wolfendan from Water Ski & Wakeboard Canada has asked that Charlie make a proposal on how the team would be conducted and what it will take to prepare for the event; along with future events. Charlie will keep us up-to-date on his progress.

Paul Roberts mentioned that in the coming years it is important that we better recognize our athletes, volunteers, schools, camps and clubs. This will assist in finding investors and sponsors for the organization.

In terms of coaching, Blake Rowsell mentioned that Canada only has the level 1 course available. We need to develop a level 2 – build the skills course and we will hopefully have funding available



to fund those attending. The plan for the 2012 Instructors Course is to return to Muskoka Woods; however, this needs to be discussed with the Board before anything is set-in-stone.

Motion to accept the reports as submitted

Moved by: Terry Jones

Seconded by: Charlie Newlands

Carried

4. Approval of Reviewed Financial Statements to March 31st, 2011

Kevin mentioned that the main change was the increase in amortization for equipment; which went from a 15 year period to a 7 year period. There was talk about changing our year-end so that we can receive our financials faster and to also make it a cleaner year-end; ultimately making it easier to understand. This would cost a one-time fee to change with Cholken and Stepczuk. Another option would be to have statements available late April or early May to review our books by ways of a meeting prior to the summer to discuss the previous year's financials.

In regards to the balance sheet, we have a fairly large cash balance. Kevin suggested shifting some of this money into our investment account, unless there is an opportunity for us to consider financing a specific project. This was well received.

Motion to accept the 2010 – 2011 Financial Statements

Moved by: Dustin Titus

Seconded by: Terry Jones

Carried

5. Appointment of the Auditor for 2011

Motion to name Cholkan and Stepczuk as our auditors for 2011-2012 year

Moved by: Steph Collins

Seconded by: Jay Poole

Carried

6. Quest for Gold Selection Criteria

Quest for Gold provides funding to athletes who are on the track for competitive success. We continue to use the same criteria as the last two years with 6 cards being split evenly into each discipline. The selection criteria has been posted on the WSWO website and will be sent out to our membership.

Cards will be specifically allocated to the following disciplines as follows:

| Category/Discipline | Number of full cards | Number of half cards |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| TRADITIONAL | 0 Full Cards | 4 Half Cards (2 male, 2 female) |
| BAREFOOT | 2 Full Cards (1 male, 1 female) | 1 male, 1 female |
| WAKEBOARD | 2 Full Cards (1 male, 1 female) | 1 male, 1 female |
| | 4 Full Cards | 4 Half cards |



Terry Jones noted that each year there seems to be questioning from our athletes who do not get funding. It is important to remind everyone that the criteria for the selection of each athlete is well-defined and should be reviewed by those who are interested in received Q4G. The rules are very clear.

Paul Roberts mentioned that if there are athletes who come close to receiving Quest for Gold, but do not, then maybe a proposal should be brought to the Board to fund that athlete. There is no reason why we cannot accept a proposal. i.e. a round-trip to Florida.

7. Rip 'n Ride

Jay Poole has been representing the WSWO in recent communications with WSWC regarding the redevelopment of the Rip 'n Ride program. The current direction is to take the program and use it as a loss-leader. WSWC hopes to use Rip 'n Ride to increase our participation numbers, which will assist in increasing our overall funding from the ministry. The idea is to develop "raw files" that each province can manipulate to suit our own needs i.e. which graphics we want to use, how much to sell it for etc. We will have the power to make major decisions with the program. It will still be used as a program to develop participants' skills from learning to competing.

8. Executive Board Elections

- **Paul Roberts** acclaimed **President**
- **Stephen Collins** acclaimed **V.P. Traditional**
- **Mike Spence** acclaimed **V.P. Barefoot**
- **Jay Poole** acclaimed **V.P. Wakeboard**
- **Geordie Newlands** acclaimed **V.P. Schools/Camps**
- **Kevin Moody** acclaimed **Treasurer**
- **Dustin Titus** acclaimed **V.P. Marketing**

Motion to create a V.P. Coaching position to recognize the importance of coaching as a whole

Moved by: Bill Tallman

Seconded by: Jono Boysen

Carried

- **Blake Rowsell** acclaimed **V.P. Coaching**

2011 Board of Directors Confirmation

Motion to accept the 2011 - 2012 acclaimed Board of Directors

Moved by: Terry Jones

Seconded by: Charlie Newlands

Carried



9. Other Business

2015 Pan Am Games:

Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada informed us that Aaron Rathy has been disqualified from the 2011 Pan American Games wakeboard competition after testing positive for the banned stimulant Methylhexanamine (METH-AL-HEX-A-NEA-MIN). Aaron and Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada have cooperated fully with the investigation and will accept the findings of the Pan American Sport Organization Disciplinary Committee. Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada is fulfilling its responsibility to uphold the World Anti-Doping Agency code as well as the athlete's right to a fair hearing. We are unsure of the impact that this incident will have going forward for us and the 2015 games.

Jay Poole suggested adding athlete information regarding performance enhancing drugs in the coaching manuals to inform our future coaches of what is not acceptable.

Definition of Membership and rates:

Paul Roberts suggested changing the membership package to utilize the insurance program. We should structure our family membership and promote it for \$60.00. The Board will meet soon and establish it for the boat show.

Marketing:

As the new V.P. Marketing, Dustin Titus discussed his focus for the new year. He is interested in building sponsorship with marinas, to refresh the website and to integrate the website with social media platforms.

Adjourn Meeting

Bill Tallman thanked the entire Board for their continued volunteer services and mentioned that he can provide his assistance if and when needed.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Moved by: Bill Tallman

Seconded by: Charlie Newlands

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23PM