

AGM Minutes

May 29th, 2021 - 6:30pm.

Attendees BOD: Carol H, Pavel S, Kara B, Carla K

Attendees Coach: Selina L, Alyssa S

Attendees Members: Patricia B, Lina T, Danielle D, Jessica Z, Erica Z, Serena Y, parent of Abby G, Jessika J

Scrutineer: Alyssa S

As the meeting took place on zoom, we utilized thumbs up/green checkbox to indicate a “yes” vote and red x to indicate a “no” vote.

Reviewed all slides in presentation, below are additional discussions that took place

Approval of agenda: 9 “yes”, 0 objections

Approval of 2019 AGM minutes: 10 “yes”, 0 objections

No conflicts of interest reported and Pavel clarified that coaches cannot vote

Fundraising update:

- We will create a fundraising calendar for next season so families can plan ahead and see what’s coming
- 16 families for approx \$3200 back in fundraising credits

Bylaw vote (accept Club By-Law changes adopted by Board in 2020. Latest By-Law on the website): 8 “yes”, 0 objections

Coaches report:

- Dryland took place outside due to limitations in place (not allowed on pool deck)
- LTAD was a good way to see athlete improvements
- Yoga trainer was a great tool for athletes to use
- Created a new partnership with the Dance Studio in Newmarket
- With virtual, athletes were able to get out of their comfort zones
- Special guests at competitions were a new addition this year
- We had 2 baking nights, 1 with OAS and the other with the club
- Virtual coaching has changed alot since last March
- Overall athletic ability is very important in the sport, which is the purpose of AquaGo
- Used Sheilagh’s recommendation to improve swimming skills
- Have learned to shift gears and adapt
- Debby and Alyssa worked on choreography together
- Kids have learned new dryland routines for each meet instead of building on the same routine the whole season
- Written feedback is new this season
- Kids were focused when we had minimal pooltime

- National Qualifiers: girls felt good and confident about the meet
- There are a number of families interested in a National stream, and a separate meeting will be held to discuss with them
- A Lot of the girls could not do a bridge at the start of the season, and are now able to do a standing bridge.
- Isobel was successful in OGT (Ontario's Got Talent), and had the opportunity to meet with several expert coaches
- Provincial awards will be on June 6th in the evening

Finance Update

- Unaudited financial statements distributed to members
- July 1 to June 30 is our fiscal year
- Tough year due to COVID but received >40K government help; show 20K nominal profit
- There were no questions/concerns about financial statements
- Will keep fees the same for next year, goal to retain/attract members
- Announced Loyalty Bonus for returning swimmers
- Signed contract with marketing company to update website and create / run social media ads for next season.
- Focus on restoring membership to pre-COVID levels.

Hiring

- As per Sheilagh's recommendation, Selina does technical/figures and Alyssa does choreography.
- Selina and Alyssa were great at handling the changes that occurred due to lockdowns and restrictions
- Coaches going to university might continue to work virtually
- Some current athletes will start coaching more
- Debbie and Edit came with great knowledge and expertise
- Dryland components will stay for competitions

Vote for Board of Directors:

Pavel -> VP Finance. 13 "yes", 0 objections

Carla -> VP Fundraising. 12 "yes", 0 objections

Carol -> Registrar. 15 "yes", 0 objections

Kara -> VP HR. 13 "yes", 0 objections

Other business:

- Jessica offered to continue scoop and social media, but was not able to commit to joining the board.
- Tanya would like to go for Director at large, and will be invited to next BOD meeting
- National Stream meeting will occur after the last comp, in the week of June 14th.
- Alyssa won a female grassroots coach award, with \$500 for club equipment. Was used to purchase club swim caps.