



Victoria Artistic Swimming Annual General Meeting

October 10, 2023 Via ZOOM

Attendees:

Jill – President
Morrie – Vice President
Jennifer – Registrar
Jenny – Treasurer
Board members: Buffy, Diane, Jessica
Other club members

AGENDA

- Meeting called to order at 8:01 pm

Jill introduced herself and acknowledged the lands of the WSANEC First Nations. Introduction of current Board members at the meeting: VP Morrie, Treasurer Jenny, Members at Large Jessica, Diane and Buffy. Administration staff Jennifer our registrar. Unable to attend, sending their regrets is bookkeeper Liberty and head coach Brenda.

- Adoption of Agenda - Jennifer emailed Agenda before meeting. See attached. Motion to accept agenda by Morrie, seconded by Diane. All in favour.

Adopt Minutes of 2022 AGM - 2022 AGM minutes were emailed prior to meeting.. Motion to accept minutes from 2022 agenda by Morrie, seconded by Jessica. All in favour.

President's Report (Jill) -

Lots of behind-the-scenes work leading up to the kick-off of this season - noting Jennifer, Liberty and Brenda's contribution to the success of start-up. The first training meet is just weeks away in Surrey for both National Stream and Provincial Stream.

The recreational program has strong numbers - both new and old participants. Summer camps in August were well subscribed to as well which is good to rebuild our numbers back to pre-pandemic numbers.

A few special events coming up this season, which build on club connection and culture and also often have a fundraising component. The first initiative in 12 days - Swimathon. Feb 25th and June 23rd are the watershows.

Big thanks to the 2022/23 board. Outgoing directors Buffy and Sydney.

Head Coach Report (from Brenda)

Outlined the responsibilities of the current coaching staff; Liz coaching a couple of recreational programs, Brooklyn and Sadie coaching Swim School, Jenna as the Provincial Stream lead coach, Alia as National Stream solo coach with some Provincial Stream support, Brenda and Emily as National Stream lead coaches, and Cathy as speed coach. A couple of new AquaGo coaches are currently being trained as well, who are from our athlete group.

Training meet #1 in Nov for Provincial and National Streams. Provincial Stream will compete in the new year at Mable Moran and Jean Peters. National Stream will compete at Training meets #1, #2, Provincial Qualifiers (Surrey) and Provincial Championships (Kamloops), National Qualifiers in March in Winnipeg and National Championships in May in Montreal.

Club event this month to look forward to is the Halloween Howler.

Pool closures are expected at the end of Oct.

Registrar's report (Jennifer) - full report emailed prior to meeting. Jennifer reviewed the report at the meeting highlighting;

August camps were a success running for 4 weeks

Total current enrollment for 23/24 season is 64 for both competitive and recreational (development) programs. Development enrollment per session is a max of 4 participants for Swim Kids and AquaGo. Artistic Swim school bumped up to 10 (typically 8). Development program is looking good. Competitive numbers are growing but still lower than other years.

Questions from the floor;

What is the age for AquaGO? This is a Canadian Artistic Swimming designed program with strict requirements for coach to athlete ratio, coaches need to be

specifically trained, specific amount of time in the program and age-specific.
Levels 1 is from 5-9 years of age.

Are there usually 2 Provincial Stream coaches? Depends year to year,
determined based on need.

Club Financial Review (Jill) – *2022/23 year end statements* - financial year statements emailed prior to meeting. Reviewed at the meeting.

Questions from the floor:

Explain the 6% annual increase in pool costs - pool costs were stable for many years, due to a 25 year Commonwealth Games agreement. Two years ago that contract ended and now an expected increase of 6% will happen each year. While it seems like a substantial increase, pool costs still remain considerably cheaper than anywhere else in the country.

Motion to accept year end statement by Morrie, seconded by Jenny. All in favour.

2023/24 Club Budget (Jill) - proposed 2023/24 club budget emailed prior to the meeting. See attached. The budget was reviewed highlighting:

The budget will result in a deficit of \$8794.18. The board has discussed this and feels comfortable with this proposed budget. Making note there is an emergency fund if necessary although that is not expected to be touched. The club also has approximately \$ 20,000 in available surplus funds from past years.

No questions from the floor.

Motion to accept 23/24 budget from Diane, seconded by Jenny. All in favour.

Election of New Board - Jill calls for all nominations.

- a. President - Morrie nominated Barney. Second from Melissa. All in favour.
- b. Vice President - Jill nominated two co-VPs - Jessica and Diane. Seconded by Ruth. All in favour
- c. Secretary - Morrie nominated Shelly. Seconded by Diane. All in favour.
- d. Treasurer - Buffy nominated Jill. Seconded by Jenny. All in favour.
- e. Members at Large - Buffy nominated Morrie, Kelly, Jenny, Melissa. Seconded by Jessica. All in favour.

9 New board of directors determined!

Open Floor - for any questions/concerns or thoughts.

Do the clubs pay for the coaches to travel to competitions? Club does not pay for coach travel/food; the travel, food per diem and hotel costs for the coach is divided equally amongst the team. The club compensates coaches for their time at competitions.

Do the parents go with the team? National Stream is chaperoned - those costs are divided equally and paid for by the athletes of the team. Provincial Stream - typically athletes travel with their family.

Can you stay with friends or family at these competitions? Coaches ultimately make this decision, but typically it is a tight schedule that relies on the athletes being at the hotel together.

Has the club considered government funding? We would love to tap into more funding. We believe that we have a good view of the available funding - for example, the Gaming grant is a BC Provincial Government grant. Please let Jill know if there are other opportunities you are aware of.

Adjourned at 8:53pm