



Waterski and Wakeboard Sask

Executive Board Meeting

Sept 12th/23

Call to Order (roll call)

Norm L., Jerry K., Wayne G., Mike S. Regrets: Tammy L., Danny G.

Approval of Agenda (additions) –

Motion and Voting – Mike/seconded Jerry. carried

Approval of Minutes from June 5th

Motion and Voting – Wayne/seconded Mike. carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

Sports History project – still on hold. The new ED for the Sask Sports Hall of Fame has our application and will be reviewing the file this fall. I informed her we are still very interested, as it is the 40th anniversary of WSWsask, and Kip club, and last year was the 50th for SWSC.

Excellence – tracking for budget for each discipline. Reminders sent out. Directors will collect invoices and submit. Very fruitful discussion re: current application of policy and future development, past practice was transparent internally, goal will be to extend this to external regarding reimbursement for training, competition and Athlete Assistance, and possible budget adjustments moving forward based on previous budget amounts and future needs. Jerry/Len will discuss and present options for adjustment, for example, changes to naming team and coach to Nov., the LTAD and athlete periodization and development, training cards, and opportunities to generate self-help.

Travel Clinics – completed/CSJ done. Total of 11 camps. There were 3 camps offered that were eligible for Grant funding, so overall revenue was down from budget, but was captured in the Sask Lotteries funding as revenue. There were 2 camps cancelled due to weather or lack of access to the lake that was booked. It was a very successful season, well coached and well organized. Recommendation to have 3 coaches available to 'rotate' through the Travel Clinic, as it is quite exhausting, with a short time frame for delivery and back to back to back bookings without days off.

Cable Park Update – Grand Opening plan with Discover Saskatoon and Tourism SK, plan for June 22-24. Cable system delayed by supplier, will be ready for delivery in upcoming weeks. Surprise cost increase takes us over budget due to SaskPower install to the site. Len asked for the opportunity to purchase a membership to the North Sask. Business Association. Cost is \$293/yr plus tax. Rationale is based on the



value of becoming a member of the North Sask. Business association to work toward partnership opportunities and networking.

Motion: WSWSSask will buy a membership for the North Sask. Business Association. Mike/seconded Jerry. Discussion – where will it be coded in budget, answer Marketing/promotions. Motion carried

Governance – Women and Sport recommendations – thanks to Chelsey Strilchuk and Cindy Hamilton for their work and effort in this opportunity. The report from Women and Sport was very positive and complimentary regarding our practices and policy. There will be recommendations for policy work to be dealt with at the next full board meeting that will be presented by the committee for discussion.

Strat. Plan – Will be a major focus at the full board meeting in Oct.

New Business

Provincials site rental approvals Kip and SWSC - \$5000 each

Motion: WSWSSask will pay the provincial hosting amount of \$5000 each to Kipabiskau Watersports Club and Saskatoon Waterski Club. Wayne/Mike seconded Discussion: Is this the correct amount, or is there some adjustment needed? The experience of Bronson Forest for past hosting and SWSC was presented and the amount is agreed to be sufficient and appropriate at this time. Mike and Len will discuss for 2025 budget, and present options to the board in Oct. if necessary to consider for future hosting. Motion carried.

I.W.W.F. Biennale Congress and Tourism SK – Norm and Len had a zoom call with Tourism SK re: the opportunity to host in the future. Norm and Len will continue this discussion for the future, and the opportunity to tie it to future event planning.

I.D.E.A. grant application – Inclusion, Diversity, Equity grant, also called S.P.A.R.K. grant. The Sask Lotteries Trust had another surplus in 2022, and has created a grant program to access funding. The 2021 surplus was added to our 2023 spending budget, but the Trust wanted to do it differently for this surplus. Len has written 2 grant ideas, they are being reviewed ,and if approved for submission, Len will begin the process of development of the grants for 2024. Will update for the Oct. meeting re: results of process for submission.

Budget 2025 due Oct. 15th . Len and Mike have begun the preliminary process, reviewing the past years' budgets, and working toward adding the revenue for the Cable Park and possible grants/hosting and other self-help revenue options. Norm discussed membership possibilities to increase self-help, such as using the provincial organization as a flowthrough for the clubs' memberships, ie. SWSC membership



fees flow through SWSC similar to WSWSK fees flowing through Waterski Wakeboard Canada. Norm and Len will discuss this further, as it has great potential for the association, no real benefit for the club...

Adaptive Grant applications for 2024 - Oct. 1st. Len is submitting a program grant for a summer program for Grassroots Adaptive based out of SWSC. He has discussed this with Jim and Michelle at SWSC, president Norm Lucas, Nolan and Ashley from the Adaptive HP, Dave who specializes in coaching the Adaptive athletes, members of the Adaptive community and partners who were volunteers and present at the Give it a Go day in August, and with Joelle Buechle from Sasksport. Len sent out a draft of the proposal, and it was received positively.

Adaptive Grant final reports for 2022/23 – SWSC, Wakaw Lake, and WSWSK will have to submit their reports by year end. If work is incomplete, the process of asking for an extension will have to be taken as an option.

Travel Clinic 2024 – Wakesurf. There were 9 people that contacted the association this year about arranging for lessons or travel clinics with Wakesurf as the focus, and if we were hosting a provincials. Currently, our association boat is not able to support this sport. Danny Gray has provided cautionary advice regarding this sport and its impact on the lake environment, and does not recommend that this programming is added to our current offerings, and also cautions if we should include it in the overall events we would support, such as a Wakesurf Provincials at the Wakeboard provincials site. There is a lack of education about the sport, and lake communities do not have the information needed to make a decision regarding this type of activity. Len has communicated with the regional parks and provincial parks association, and is getting more information from them for presentation in Oct. There is a number of lakes in Canada that have banned this activity, in the US there are states that banned it.

Boat Nationals Wakeboard application 2024 – submitted on Tues. Will inform board of the results for this application in Oct. Len, Danny and Mike Napper will develop a plan and budget for this event, as it has the possibility to be tied to a much larger event such as a Wakeride and Red Bull event currently being pursued by Mike N.. This would have an impact on our budget if accepted, and Mike S. and Len would work with Danny and Mike N.

Saskatoon Waterski Club Jump Pro/Am 2024 – Jim Clunie of SWSC is working on an event, it would require the association's support with volunteers to help this major opportunity.

Future Best due Oct. 15th. 11 applicants, due Oct. 1st, will be informed in early Jan.



Excellence – LTAD transition to National Program, Advocacy for U21/U17/U14
Norm is working with WSWC to improve the athletes’ awareness of opportunity and communication of events/training potential for the pathway to the national team. Norm is going to work with other provinces, and there may be a potential fee in the future that will be combined with the other provinces to possibly create a position at the National Office for a coordinator/coach for this group.

Governance – Safe Sport Policy attached – to be approved by Board. This policy will be presented at the next board meeting for approval. It will require adjustments to be made to the current policy manual, as it will replace several of our existing policies, effectively updating sections of it and bringing it in line with current best practice, in the similar way that the recommendations from Women and Sport will become part of the policy manual moving forward.

Governance – option to consider Governance Model change attached with agenda. This will be discussed and be one of the main topics at the next board meeting. Len has completed the research aspect and created options to consider as requested at the last board meeting.

Strategic Plan update - Next step is to send to the entire board for review and discussion in the fall to prepare for 2024-27. This will be a main topic at the next board meeting.

Board meeting Saskatoon October 14th face to face. Len will book a space and inform the board. Len will inform the board that they are eligible for one night accommodation. Lunch will be provided on the Sat.

Next meeting – Board meeting Oct. 14th – Saskatoon – location TBA

Motion to adjourn Jerry
Adjourned 9:38 pm.

Next meeting date: Board Meeting Oct. 14th - Saskatoon