



Waterski and Wakeboard Sask

Board Meeting Minutes

SaskSport Office - 510 Cynthia St - Rm 140

Oct. 14th /23 – 9:00 a.m.

Call to Order (roll call) – Norm Lucas, Jerry Kristian, Daniel Gray, Taylor Fiesel, Wayne Grassl, Mike Strilchuk, Len Thomas (ED)

Regrets – Tammy Lucas, Nolan Barnes, Gord Barnes, Mike Napper, Cynthia Hamilton

Approval of Agenda (additions) –

Motion and Voting – Danny, seconded Jerry - carried

Approval of Minutes from Sept 12th

Motion and Voting – Wayne, seconded Mike - carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

Budget update – budget to actuals up to end of Sept was presented. Revenue is basically complete, save for \$10000 grant from City of Saskatoon for Cable Park in self-help external. This will be in/out on expense side.

R.O.E. submission for officials – completed for 2023. Submitted by Norm on behalf of Wayne. Wayne is creating an excel document to track our officials development and growth, and to monitor the Waterski Canada Officials page for correct entries.

Grant submission for SPARK – I.D.E.A. grant – we were granted permission to apply after our proposal for 2 projects in 2023 was accepted, will be contacted by SaskSport for next steps in the process. The 2 projects involve development of the LTAD along with our Participation program in the underrepresented population for towed watersport, focusing on programs for equity groups in both rural and urban settings.

Boat Wakeboard Nationals application – this was accepted, and we will be informed in November if we are successful. The plan would be to host this for 3 seasons, adding Cable Park Wakeboard Nationals in the future as the features are developed.

Cable Park Update – After many unscheduled and unplanned delays, and surprise cost over runs due to the electrical service being SaskPower and not City of Saskatoon, the delivery and installation of the Konex 2.0 system is scheduled for the week of Oct. 16-23.

Wakesurf Update – Len has been working with Provincial Parks and with the Sask Regional Parks Ass'n. to understand the possibilities and possible barriers to introducing this aspect of watersports to our association. Transport Canada is considering allowing local lakes the opportunity to limit this activity due to its potential impacts on lake environments, as currently it is not possible for any lake community to “ban” activities if they are not illegal. Len will contact Alberta, Ontario, and BC to find out the impact of adding this to their programming has had on their membership totals, their programming costs, and other considerations before the board decides on the future of this discipline for WSWSask.



New Business

Governance – Women and Sport recommendations and Policy options – Len presented the results of the work of the committee (thanks Chelsea Strilchuk and Cynthia Hamilton for your hours of work and support) and will be presenting a Board Diversity Policy to work toward compliance with NFP Board standards.

Governance – Safe Sport Policy template from SaskSport has been edited by Len, so that all documents have the WSWSk name input for the PSO blank. It is ready for approval by the board, and will be presented at the AGM and added to the 2024 policy manual, with edits/additions/deletions of policy that is being “replaced” by the SaskSport templates provided.

Governance. Motion Mike- The Governance Model option that was presented will be recommended to the Board for approval at the next meeting. seconded Wayne.
Discussion – The model presented is a big change, it is based on the AB model which may not be best suited for the SK model. Do we need to change? Advantages, the move to Committees has the potential to allow people to focus, it removes the 2 layers of Governance which is becoming board standard, it allows for people to work to their strengthes. Disadvantages – accountability for committee member may be different than an elected board member, there may be too much work for a director if volunteers and committees are difficult to find and build, change is hard. There is an advantage to consider possible edits suggested during the discussion regarding the positions/responsibilities, to match our unique programming, officials, disciplines, and finance work that is very integrated. Len will work with the discussion suggestions and present an updated version at the next Executive meeting.
Motion defeated.

Strategic Plan draft presented – Motion Jerry– The draft Strategic Plan is approved and a final copy will be presented to the Board for a final vote at the next board meeting, seconded Norm.
No discussion.
Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn – Jerry. Carried.

Next meeting date: Executive Meeting Dec.