



Waterski and Wakeboard Sask

Executive Meeting Minutes

Dec. 6th/23 – 8:00 p.m.

Call to Order (roll call) – Norm, Danny, Jerry, Tammy, Mike S. – regrets Wayne

Consent Agenda

Approval of Agenda (additions) –

Approval of Minutes from Oct. 14th

Motion and Voting – moved by Jerry, seconded by Danny. Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Budget update – An executive summary was presented to the board. Clarification is requested for the Excellence competition expenses, Len will work with Hillary to check invoices and re-code as needed.

There was discussion regarding the existing Capital Equipment Fund of \$7200 in the National Sports Trust Fund. It is available as it is not directed. This needs to be investigated, as it impacts the ability of the Scholarship Legacy Fund to maintain the current commitment annually as interest overall covers the amount of the scholarship awarded. The Scholarship Fund is an annual opportunity that has not historically had sufficient donations for it to sustain itself, relying on the Capital Equipment fund amount to provide the additional interest. The Scholarship Legacy Fund will continue to be a fundraising opportunity and will need addressing in the future to maintain its ability to deliver an annual scholarship award.

Governance – Board Diversity Policy – draft – to be presented to the entire board in Jan.

Grant submission for SPARK – no update – will keep board informed

Wakeboard Boat Nationals application – Wake Canada is interested in working with WWSWS on hosting Nationals in Saskatoon in 2024. Danny is working on dates, as our proposed dates conflicted with another event. The Aug 16-18 time frame is proposed, and if the river is not able to be used, WWSWS would be the proposed alternate site, and has availability as Waterski Nationals are that weekend. An email will be sent to WWSWS to confirm availability for the Aug 16-18 time frame at their site if it is needed due to the inability to host it on the river.

Sask Sport Hall of Fame History Project – we have received \$9000 from the SaskSport Hall of Fame for Phase 1 development, which is the research portion of the project. This will begin in Jan., to be completed by May. Phase 2/3 will be an additional grant, with the goal of creating a dedicated WWSWS Hall of Fame Legacy Website, and a Traveling Exhibit with a trailer to be also used for competitions and events, and wrapped in our logo and advertising for our partners.

Adaptive Dock grant – Federal Grant – Enabling Accessibility Fund – this was approved for \$39000, will be installed at WWSWS and become part of Adaptive Programming program grants and grassroots events and Excellence training. Memorandums of Understanding have been written for the installation of the dock at WWSWS and the loan of the current dock at WWSWS, which will be moved to the 64th St. Retention Pond for use at the Cable Park. Len will work on the insurance of both docks at both sites.

Cable Park Update – We will be working on grants for the installation of features for the park, and the installation of the building and infrastructure for guest services. A full report will be presented to the board in January, with the draft of the registration process and site user rates.



Wakesurf Update – Len is working with Sask Prov. Parks and Sask Regional Parks Assn. on creating an educational package to be displayed and distributed in SK regarding Wakesurf etiquette. The association is not planning to host any clinics or events for Wakesurf.

Governance – Safe Sport Policy template from SaskSport – this has not been approved by the SaskSport board, so we are not able to provide any updates at this meeting.

Strategic Plan update - 2024-27 – No edits have been suggested, Len will work on the final copy of the document to be presented to the board in January for approval.

Governance – still discussing potential benefits/risk with governance change. The goal would be to address succession planning, and a strong group of candidates provided by the Nominating Committee and subsequent AGM attendance supportive of recommended candidates from the committee has the potential to help reach this goal. The option that Len provided for the board to consider is still on the table, and will be presented to the board in January. Any changes would have to occur at the AGM, and membership would need to be informed of the Bylaw amendments proposed by Feb. 1st.

New Business

Motion by Jerry, seconded by Mike S.: Len Thomas, Executive Director for Waterski and Wakeboard Saskatchewan, will be added as a signing authority along with current authorized authorities Norm Lucas, Jerry Kristian and Nolan Barnes, for Waterski and Wakeboard Saskatchewan with RBC. Carried.

Saskatoon Wildlife Show kiosk – Len will reserve a spot, this has the potential for our Team Sask athletes to support it by working the kiosk to promote our programs and possibly fundraise.

Fundraising opportunity with Rafflebox – The potential to use Rafflebox in coordination with other smaller Sport organizations was discussed. This opportunity, along with others, will be part of the Powerpoint presentation to parents/athletes for the Team Sask program.

Westerns 2024 Saskatoon – SWSC was asked to host, but does not have the capacity, and asked WSWS if there was interest. It is Manitoba's turn to host, so it was suggested that we could explore the option to co-host with them. Norm is going to reach out to Manitoba to present this idea and inform the board in January.

SaskFirst Team Applications – Waterski and Adaptive athletes have been selected, Wake will provide their list asap. The announcement will go out next Monday. There will be a zoom meeting for the athletes/parents with a Powerpoint presentation by Norm/Jerry/Len. Date TBD. Len and Jerry will work on Athlete Awards for 2023.

Canada Student Job Grants – early application this year, by Jan. 10th. Len will put in for 5 positions instead of usual 3. Travel Clinic head coach, junior coach, provincial waterski coach, and 2 Cable operator positions.

Adaptive Program Grant – SWSC – no news, SaskSport has not informed on results.

Travel Clinic date bookings and Club development – working with Glaslyn and Marean Lake on potential clubs. Need to work on succession for Madge Lake, as Nolan has moved to Kelowna and doesn't have the capacity to manage the club. Areas in our province to work toward development are in the North, and the Central East and South East. Travel Clinic dates already tentatively booked include Lac Pelletier, Sask Landing, Kipabiskau, Pleasant Hill Comm. Assoc. We hosted 11 in 23, and



13 in 22. I have been invited to present at the Sask Regional Parks Association AGM about our programs on Apr. 11.

Capital Assets Policy – Len has written a draft, will be presented to the board in January.

Memorandum of Understanding for Adaptive Dock – Len has written a draft, and will get signed when the grant money arrives and when dock is purchased.

Memorandum of Understanding for Cable Park – Len has updated the original agreement, which was for access to the site for installation and expires in Feb.. This MOU has a 5 year time frame, matching the City of Saskatoon and SWSC MOU for the 64th St. site.

Outstanding grants for Cable Park – City of Saskatoon, Tourism SK, Coop Community Grant. Len will keep the board informed on the results.

Grand Opening Cable Park – June 22-24, 2024 Len will work with the Wake team to combine the Nationals event in Aug if it is awarded to Saskatoon, and meet with Discover Saskatoon and Tourism Saskatchewan on promotion of this event, and possibly Westerns if the board decides this is an opportunity to add.

Motion to adjourn – Mike S. carried.

Next meeting date: Board Meeting - Jan. - TBD