

**Alberta Whitewater Association
2014 Annual General Meeting**

January 25, 2014

Bass Pro Shop, Iron Mills Shopping Centre
112-261055 Cross Iron Blvd
Rocky View AB

Minutes of Meeting

Recorded by Carl Scheuerman

Attendees:

Eric Lund	AWA, UAPS
Carl Scheuerman	AWA, UAPS
Nathan Muir	Sundre Paddling Club
Mike French	Sundre Paddling Club
Jens Lind	Airdrie Kayak Club
Matt Gregory	Paddle Junkies
Blaine Walker	Paddle Junkies
Chris Chisholm	Paddle Junkies
Danny Groeneveld	Cottonwood Kayak Club
Emil Ohler	AWA, Waterwerks
Mark Taylor	AWA, Waterwerks
Mike Holroyd	ASCK
Chuck Lee	AWA Executive Director, POCC
Karla Handy	Paddle Alberta

Morning Discussions

Executive Director reports and group discussion on:

- Facilities – Kananaskis
- Canoe Meadows campground
- Facilities – Harvie Passage
- Facilities – Boulder Run, Blue Bridge, Double Ledge
- Leadership Development
- Club Development
- Annual Schedule of Festivals, Races and Events

Annual General Meeting

1. Call to Order

Annual General Meeting called to order at 1:10 PM.

2. Agenda Review and Approval

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented (**M:** Dan, **S:** Jens, **Carried**)

3. Past AGM Minutes and Approval

Motion: To approve the minutes for the 2013 AGM as presented (**M:** Emil, **S:** Nathan, **Carried**)

4. Club Reports

Refer to written reports submitted by the clubs. Highlights:

a) Pinch-o-Crow Creekers

- Hired club coach who worked with five athletes, very successful
- River features have washed out, but the club is applying to upgrade other sites
- POCC will make their application available to other clubs for use as a template on future projects

b) Waterwerks

- Ran instructor courses in 2013 and looking to repeat in 2014
- Successful camps (ASCK collaboration) and Toonie Tuesday drop-in sessions

c) Cottonwood Kakak Club

- Continued youth focus with good success
- Coaches hired for slalom and polo
- Junior girls were selected for national polo team

d) Paddle Junkies

- Another successful year safely introducing new paddlers to whitewater; a lot of new members on exec
- Continued success recruiting members by providing club ambassadors at Aquabatics courses

e) Airdrie Kayak Club

- Small membership
- Working to increase presence and bookings at the pool
- 2014 summer games upcoming in Airdrie

f) Sundre Paddling Club

- Continued intro sessions, polo program, and weekly river runs
- Attended polo nationals
- Developing a program in Olds

g) UAPS

- Continued open sessions, intro courses, and beginner and intermediate summer programs
- Sponsored volunteers to attend certification courses and swiftwater rescue

h) Bow Valley

- High numbers through kids / youth programs

5. Executive Reports

a) Vice President (Eric Lund)

- Filled role as Acting President
- Major board accomplishments for the year:
 - Drafted bylaw revisions (first since 1988)
 - Bookkeeping services subcontracted

b) Recreation North (Carl Scheuerman)

- Painless year in Director-at-Large capacity

c) Recreation South (Emil Ohler)

- Large role in development / updating of AWA strategic plan

d) Facilities (Mark Taylor)

- Facilities updates as per morning discussions
- 50% increase in instructor certifications for the year through the new program
- Pool instructor manual in progress
- New Learning Facilitators certified

6. Discipline Chair Reports

a) ASCK (reported by Mike Holroyd)

- Hosted nationals @ Kananaskis; excellent results by our athletes
- Hired 3 summer employees
- Consistent attendance at races and events (30 to 35 participants)
- 5 athletes on national team
- Special mention of results by Mikkel @ Sickline and Jessica @ Pan Am games
- Harvie Passage event not held due to flooding, but event framework is developed and ready for future events

b) AFKA (not present)

c) ACPA (not present)

7. Financial Reports and Approval

a) 2012 Financial Statements

Motion: To approve 2012 financial statements as presented (**M:** Mark, **S:** Emil, **Abs:** Dan, **Carried**)

Motion: To approve POCC to audit the 2012 financial records (**M:** Matt, **S:** Mark, **Carried**)

b) 2013 Financial Statements (presented for information only)

Motion: To approve Bow Waters to audit the 2013 financial records (**M:** Chris, **S:** Emil, **Carried**)

8. Executive Director Report

Refer to written report submitted by the Executive Director.

9. Old Business

a) Bylaw review – bylaws have been prepared by the board for approval by the membership; to be handled under new business below.

b) Membership structure review – the board has reviewed the membership structure. No changes will be made for the 2014 year.

c) Club coaching review – the club coaching program will now be run on a cost recovery basis instead of the AWA subsidizing the program.

d) Water safety, education & awareness – board has not set a separate budget as this is central to our existing programs

10. New Business

a) Draft Bylaws

Draft bylaws were reviewed by the group. The following amendments were made:

- Name of the society is to remain “Alberta Whitewater Association”. Replace all references to “Alberta Whitewater Association Society”.
- Past President is not to be an executive role. Strike all references to Past President.
- 3.1.1 and 3.1.3 – Add “apply to and be accepted into the society by a motion of the board.”
- 3.2.1 – Membership year to be January 1st to December 31st.
- 3.2.3 – Membership fees are due January 31st.
- 4.3.4.1 and 4.3.5.5 – Replace “President” with “presiding officer”.
- 5.3.1 – Delete “present”.
- 5.5.4(a) – Replace “immediate Past President” with “Secretary”.
- Other typographical and numbering corrections not affecting the interpretation

Motion: To approve the revised bylaws as amended (**M:** Mark, **S:** Matt, **Carried**)

11. Elections

3 calls were made for nominations. The following slate of candidates was nominated and ratified by vote:

Even-year Elected Positions (Term expires 2016):

President – Eric Lund

Secretary – Andrew Osis

Communications and Marketing – (vacant)

Recreation Development – Carl Scheuerman

Education and Leadership – Mark Taylor

Odd-year Elected Position (Term expires 2015):

Vice President – (vacant)

Treasurer – (vacant)

Facilities and Development – Tom Jacklin

Director at Large – Matt Gregory

12. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn (**M:** Mark, **S:** Chris, **Carried**)

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM