

As many as possible
For as long as possible
In the best possible environment



Annual General Meeting
September 18th, 2024



Welcome

- Introductions
- Zoom Housekeeping
 - Recording Meeting
 - Mute Mic
- Meeting Housekeeping
 - Meeting Chair
 - Rules of Order



Election of Chair



- The bylaws of Water Polo West require the current board of directors to appoint a chair for the meeting.
 - Shane Solomon has been appointed chair



Rules of Order

Motion:

“to accept Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised for the meeting”

Roll Call & Identification of Voting Delegate



- List of clubs:
 - Coquitlam Lions Water Polo Club
 - Burnaby Hurricanes
 - English Bay Whiskey Jacks
 - Fraser Valley Water Polo Club
 - Kelowna Water Polo
 - North Shore Titans Water Polo Club
 - Pacific Storm Water Polo Club
 - Simon Fraser University
 - Surrey Water Polo Club
 - UBC Water Polo Club
 - Vancouver Seniors
 - Vancouver Vipers

Establishing Quorum

- Quorum is $\frac{1}{3}$ of voting members or 3 clubs

Agenda



“to adopt the agenda as defined by our bylaws”

1. Adopt Agenda
2. AGM Minutes
3. President’s Report
4. Executive Director’s report
5. Financial Statements
6. Elections
7. Adjourn

2022 AGM Minutes



Any changes?

Motion:

“to approve the minutes to the 2023 Water Polo West AGM”

President's Report Shane Solomon



Presidents Report

- Thank you to all the clubs for your efforts in building a stronger water polo west community
- We have made good progress but still have more to build
- The long-term financial outlook of Water Polo West is stable but limited by low external funding
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion needs to have a greater priority within the sport of water polo.
 - More outreach to diverse communities
 - Reducing barriers (e.g. financial)
- Athlete retention must be a priority if we are to grow the sport to its fullest potential:
 - Focus on the athlete experience
 - Increase quality of coaching
 - Increase quality of referees

Executive Director's Report Keith Ryan



Sport Development

- Hosted Club Summit
- Water Polo West hosted 15 U Provincials
- Water Polo West funded Community Sport Referee courses held in Surrey and Kelowna
- National Development Centre – BC was formally launched
- Team BC (19U F, 15UF, 15UM competed at Provincial National Championships (July)
 - 2 teams won bronze medals & one secured a 4th place finish
- 2024-25 Priorities
 - Affiliating new clubs will remain a priority.
 - Supporting the development of younger/emerging coaches
 - Supporting the development of all coaches
 - Advocating for coach and referee development to be a priority for Water Polo Canada
- Hope to add a new club in Vernon in the next few months

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Funding

- Need to prepare for next review of PSOs (discussed at Summit)
- PSO and Clubs need to adopt best practice in governance to secure increased funding which in turn provides more resources to the water polo community in British Columbia
- Received a 2024 gaming grant

Executive Director's Report Keith Ryan



Water Polo Canada

- Recently advised that the CEO of Water Polo Canada was no longer an employee of Water Polo Canada (Steve Chenier was in the role for 15 months)
- WPC has a continued focus on NCL and National Teams
- Almost zero focus on the development of coaches or officials
- Safe Sport issues remain a considerable concern and is starting to impact insurance costs
- Water Polo Canada removed Community membership for 2024-25
- RAMP software remains a major challenge for most user groups



Motion to Accept Reports

“To accept the report from the President and
Executive Director”



Financial
Statements:
2023-24

Motion:

“to approve the previously distributed
2023-24 Unaudited Financial Statements”

Elections Directors



Nominees (alphabetical order)

- Laura Marquez (nominated for President)
- Nicolas Duprey
- Dante Prins

All elected by acclamation



Adjournment

Motion to adjourn