

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



Annual General  
Meeting  
September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023



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
  - Fraser Valley Water Polo Club
  - English Bay Whiskey Jacks
  - 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 2022 Water Polo West AGM”

# President's Report Shane Solomon



## Presidents Report

- Increasing participation at all levels of the sport will continue to be a priority of Water Polo West
- The long term financial outlook of Water Polo West is stable but limited by 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

- Team BC (19U) competed at Provincial National Championships (July)
- 2 Bronze Medals
- Team BC last competed in 2015
- Provincial Training Centre entered 3<sup>rd</sup> year of operation
- Carding Criteria approved by CSI Pacific
- Water Polo West developed selection criteria for athlete selection
- Piloted BC Novice Coach Course
- Held Regional Referee Course (Practical session still required)
- 2023-24 Priorities
  - 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
  - Club development/Strategic Planning
- We will continue to base our decisions on the LTAD Model approved by all the clubs in 2020-21

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## Funding

- Water Polo West (and all other PSOs) completed a comprehensive funding level review by Via Sport
- Government of BC elected to maintain status quo on all PSO core funding levels
- As a result, WPW core grant will remain at \$43k~
  - Based on funding levels of other PSO's core funding should be \$100K+
  - Lower funding level is a direct result of the BC Water Polo era
- Application submitted for 2023-24 gaming grant
- Secured grants from Water Polo Canada
- Secured Via Sport Grant – participation, lead forward
- Secured Sport BC Grant - participation
- Executive Director is member of Sport BC Funding Advocacy Working Group (5 members)

# Executive Director's Report Keith Ryan



## **Water Polo Canada**

- WPC focus is NCL and National Teams
- Almost zero focus on the development of coaches or officials
- Executive Director will continue to advocate for substantial increase in coach and referee development
- New WPC Executive Director has already made positive changes in the operations of the NSO
- Water Polo West ED and WPC Executive Director have held very constructive discussions on how best to grow water polo in BC and Canada
- WPW ED is attending planning sessions at WPC AGM
- Safe Sport issues remain a considerable concern and is starting to impact insurance costs
- Water Polo Canada increased membership fees for 2023-24

# Executive Director's Report Keith Ryan



## Membership Report – National Comparison

- BC has 2<sup>nd</sup> largest registrations (all types)
- BC very close to national average for F/M ratio
- Only Ontario has more registrants
  - Population of Ontario is 15 million
  - Population of BC is 5 million

• Data provided by Water Polo Canada (July 18th)

|               | WPW         | AWPA        | WPS        | MWPA       | OWP         | WPQ         | WPNS      | WPNL      | WPC       | TOTALS      |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Female        | 486         | 506         | 227        | 184        | 864         | 331         | 16        | 2         | 9         | 2625        |
| Male          | 853         | 580         | 286        | 239        | 1506        | 847         | 62        | 14        | 17        | 4404        |
| Non-Binary    | 4           | 0           | 1          | 8          | 15          | 16          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 44          |
| <b>TOTALS</b> | <b>1343</b> | <b>1086</b> | <b>514</b> | <b>431</b> | <b>2385</b> | <b>1194</b> | <b>78</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>7073</b> |

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|------------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|-----|--------|
| Female     | 36% | 47%  | 44% | 43%  | 36% | 28% | 21%  | 13%  | 35% | 37%    |
| Male       | 64% | 53%  | 56% | 55%  | 63% | 71% | 79%  | 88%  | 65% | 62%    |
| Non-Binary | 0%  | 0%   | 0%  | 2%   | 1%  | 1%  | 0%   | 0%   | 0%  | 1%     |

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## Membership Report – National Comparison

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| Membership Category | WPW         | AWPA       | WPS        | MWPA       | OWP         | WPQ         | WPNS      | WPNL      | WPC       | TOTALS      |
|---------------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Competitive         | 293         | 230        | 119        | 79         | 534         | 274         | 0         | 3         | 3         | 1535        |
| Provincial          | 168         | 319        | 120        | 23         | 467         | 323         | 37        | 2         | 0         | 1459        |
| Community           | 311         | 228        | 167        | 215        | 372         | 3           | 32        | 10        | 0         | 1338        |
| Introduction        | 268         | 49         | 4          | 40         | 405         | 376         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1142        |
| Volunteer           | 21          | 155        | 77         | 37         | 65          | 42          | 3         | 0         | 19        | 419         |
| <b>TOTALS</b>       | <b>1061</b> | <b>981</b> | <b>487</b> | <b>394</b> | <b>1843</b> | <b>1018</b> | <b>72</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>5893</b> |

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## Membership Report

- Membership levels continue to stabilize/grow

| Membership Type | # of Registrants |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Community       | 382              |
| Provincial      | 302              |
| Competitive     | 288              |
| Learn To Swim   | 244              |
| Introduction    | 201              |
| Free Trial      | 169              |
| Splash Polo     | 27               |
| Volunteer       | 10               |
| Total           | 1623             |



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## Membership Report – Club Registrations by Category

- Membership levels continue to stabilize/grow

| Club                              | Introductory | Community  | Provincial | Competative | Total      |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| Pacific Storm Water Polo          | 65           |            | 40         | 58          | 163        |
| Fraser Valley Water Polo          | 29           | 45         |            | 84          | 158        |
| Surrey Water Polo Club            | 34           | 12         | 29         | 43          | 118        |
| Kelowna Water Polo                | 37           | 69         | 10         | 1           | 117        |
| Vancouver Vipers Water Polo       | 27           | 52         | 28         | 5           | 112        |
| Coquitlam Lions Water Polo        | 1            | 83         |            |             | 84         |
| North Shore Titans Water Polo     | 6            | 43         |            |             | 49         |
| Vancouver Whiskeyjacks Water Polo |              | 9          |            | 18          | 27         |
| Vancouver Senior Water Polo       |              |            | 15         | 12          | 27         |
| UBC Water Polo                    |              |            |            | 14          | 14         |
| SFU Water Polo                    |              |            |            | 8           | 8          |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>199</b>   | <b>313</b> | <b>122</b> | <b>243</b>  | <b>877</b> |

- Above table excludes volunteer, free-trial, learn to swim registrations



## Motion to Accept Reports

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



Financial  
Statements:  
2022-23

Motion:

“to approve the previously distributed  
2022-23 Unaudited Financial Statements”

# Elections Directors



## Nominees (alphabetical order)

- Curtis Christopherson
- Mark Block
- Helena Fehr
- Matthew Halajian
- Laura Marquez
- Sahar Peiravani



Adjournment

Motion to adjourn