

# 2020 SASSA AGM Minutes

12:00PM, Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Zoom Video Conference:

## Attendance:

Jordan St.Onge	Tim Comfort	Lenita Bracha
Norm Cloutier	Jason Coutu	Ben Capili
Roland Scutchings	Fritz Schumann	Andrea Schumann
Kim Engel	Amy Beck	Carina Ong-Scutchings
Jana Beesley-Capili	Steve Cousineau	Margot Benning
Darcie Gravel	Nicole Finch	Steve Cousineau
Melanie Cousineau	Mike Dallaire	Darla Saunders
Kim Engel	Chris Veeman	

## 1. Call to Order

Order was called at 12:04 PM

## 2. Approval of Agenda

**Motion:** To approve the agenda for the 2020 SASSA AGM.

**Moved:** Jason Coutu

**Seconded:** Darla Saunders

**Carried**

## 3. 2019 Annual General Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** To approve the 2019 SASSA AGM Minutes.

**Moved:** Nicole Finch

**Seconded:** Ben Capili

**Carried**

a) Business Arising

No business arising from the 2019 SASSA AGM minutes

## 4. Membership Development Update

a) Jordan discussed the different membership development strategies that SASSA has undertaken this past year.

b) There was discussion held regarding the need to focus more on this area with total membership having decreased the last 4 years.

## 5. Appointment of Scrutineers

**Motion:** Any voting that is needed, will be conducted through email.

## 6. Reports

a. **President: Lenita Bracha**

**Highlights:** As submitted

b. **HP Committee:**

**Highlights:** No report submitted.

c. **Executive Director: Jordan St.Onge**

**Highlights:** As submitted.

d. **Provincial Coach: Tim Comfort**

**Highlights:** As submitted.

7. **New Business**

a. **Presentation of the 2019-20 Financials**

**Motion:** To accept the 2020 audit of SASSA as presented.

**Moved:** Steve Cousineau

**Seconded:** Fritz Schumann

**Carried**

b. **Appointment of Auditor for 2020-2021**

**Motion:** To appoint Dudley and Company as the auditor for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

**Moved:** Jason Coutu

**Seconded:** Darla Saunders

**Carried**

c. **Club Updates**

**Moose Jaw-** Ben discussed the Moose Jaw club from this past season. The end of the year was cut short due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. They are in a pretty good position coaching wise. However CJ has left the club. As a result the MJ Club is looking at coach succession plan. Currently there are a number of skaters doing dry-land training through Zoom.

**Melville-** Kim discussed the Melville Club. The Club only has ice booked until the second week of March. As a result, not much of the season was missed due to the pandemic. There were a few new families that joined the club. The club is doing well. There is doubt regarding all skaters coming back due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. Many families are busy at this time of the year, with farming.

**Regina-** Margot spoke to the success and challenges for the Regina Club. There were 34 skaters plus 2 Oval skaters this past season. They had two membership growth events one was cancelled due to the weather, one due to Covid 19. This was disappointing. The Club hosted 2 meets both were well attended with around 70 kids at each. The Regina LT meet was a challenge due to the weather. The meet started earlier than normal to try to get all the races in. The volunteers did a fantastic job to help pull off the Long Track meet this year. At the end of the season there were only two missed practices due to Covid 19.

**Prince Albert-** Nicole discussed the Prince Albert Club. There were a few new skaters this past year. Prince Albert ran a successful Learn to Skate program. The club planned to host a mini meet and wanted to host a Short Track meet. They were both cancelled due to Covid 19. The Club is planning on hosting a Short Track meet in 2021.

**Saskatoon-** Darla talked about the SLSSC membership from 2019-20. Mike talked about competitions from this past year. The SLSSC changed the name of the Short Track meet to the Prairie ST Opener, which ran in

October. They ran a very successful Learn to Skate program retaining about 50% of the members, transitioning them into the Club. The oldest group of skaters is skating at the U of S Merlis Belsher Arena. This rink is larger than the Lions Arena, which allows them to skate faster and safer. There was talk about the current Long Track ice situation and the challenges they have had. Right now they would not be able to host a Canada Cup, due to the quality of ice. This year the Saskatoon Long Track Meet had to be cancelled due to cold weather. There was talk about the Friends of the Bowl group. Chris spoke about the progress in terms of the building that is supposed to go up beside the ice. There is more fundraising that needs to be done before construction can begin. It would be very difficult to host a National Competition without a building being completed.

**Nipawin-** Jordan reported that Nipawin had five skaters in their Club this year. Those skaters were traveling to meets, which was great to see. They are doing quite well for their age. Rick continues to be the Head Coach of the Nipawin club and Chair the SASSA High Performance Committee.

**d. Official Upgrades**

Jason discussed the Officiating Clinics that were held this past year. Due to Covid 19 we have not submitted our full list of Officials upgrades to Speed Skating Canada. There were several people that received their Level 1 certification. Furthermore, Terry Stribbell was upgraded to a Level 2 Starter.

**Coaching Upgrades**

Tim discussed the Coaching Clinics held this past year. There were two clinics held, a Fundamentals Clinic and an Intro to Competition Clinic.

**Fundamentals-** Kim Engel, Curtis Timmerman, Makayla Schmalz and Tom Simpson were in attendance.

**Intro to Comp-** Aaron Carter, Norm Cloutier, Kim Janzen, Curtis Timmerman, Jason Warrick and Kim Engel were in attendance. Lambert Schwartzenberger was evaluated this year as well.

**e. 2019-2020 Schedule of Events**

Here is the planned schedule of events for next season.

**Long Track:** Saskatoon LT Meet- January 16-17, 2021. Regina LT Meet- January 30-31, 2021.

**Short Track-** Saskatoon ST Meet- October 24-25, 2020. Moose Jaw ST Meet- November 7-8, 2020. Regina ST Meet- December 13, 2020. Melville ST Meet-either February 27-28 or March 6-7, 2021 depending on the date of RU Fast. Prince Albert ST Meet- March 20, 2021.

**f. Covid 19**

Jordan discussed the guidance provided by SaskSport regarding re-introduction to sport. There was discussion on how our competitions will look for next year. We might need to do split meets. It was noted that there is a detailed document that the Quebec Speed Skating Federation

has created, which addresses these issues. This document is in French. Steve will translate the FPVQ document to English.

There was further discussion on our low membership numbers. There is a need for an action plan. This will be discussed further at SASSA Board Meetings.

## 8. **Motions and Recommendations**

1. **Motion:** None

## 9. **Nomination Committee Report – Election of Officers and Appointment of Directors**

**President:** Lenita Bracha will let her name stand

**Nominations:** Nicole Finch nominates Lenita Bracha

**President acclaimed by Lenita Bracha**

**VP Competitions:** Vacant

**Nominations:** none

**VP Competitions** will remain vacant

**Member at Large:** Roland Scutchings will let his name stand

**Nomination:** Fritz Schumann nominates Roland Scutchings

**Member at Large acclaimed by Roland Scutchings**

**Member at Large:** Vacant

**Nominations:** None

**Member at Large** will remain vacant

**Athlete Representative:** Vacant

**Nominations:** None

**Athlete Representative** will remain vacant

## 10. **Announcements – 2020 SASSA AGM**

a) The Fast is Fun Camp is planned for August 21-22, 2020 in Caronport.

b) The 2021 SASSA AGM will be held Saturday June 5 2021.

## 11. **Adjournment**

**Motion:** To adjourn the 2020 SASSA AGM at 2:36 PM

**Moved:** Jason Coutu

**Carried**