

# 2021 SASSA AGM Minutes

12:00PM, Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Zoom Video Conference:

## Attendance:

Jordan St.Onge	Tim Comfort	Lenita Bracha
Norm Cloutier	Jason Coutu	Ben Capili
Roland Scutchings	Fritz Schumann	Andrea Schumann
Margot Benning	Chris Veeman	Jill Golding
Corinne Harms		

### 1. Call to Order

Order was called at 12:03 PM

### 2. Approval of Agenda

**Motion:** To approve the agenda for the 2021 SASSA AGM.

**Moved:** Fritz Schumann

**Seconded:** Jason Coutu

**Carried**

### 3. 2020 Annual General Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** To approve the 2020 SASSA AGM Minutes.

**Moved:** Ben Capili

**Seconded:** Fritz Schumann

**Carried**

a) Business Arising

No business arising from the 2020 SASSA AGM minutes

### 4. Membership Development Update

- a) Jordan discussed current membership numbers and the opportunity to capitalize on the Olympics next season.
- b) Roland discussed school presentations for schools at the LT Oval. Rental skates are available for try speed skating events.
- c) High School students are required to do community service hours. Those skaters could talk to schools about when they are coming and demonstrate speed skating.
- d) Ben discussed that SASSA should create a promotional video again that is more current. There could be a video made at the Fast is Fun camp to be released at the start of the season. There could also be a video made during the season at the Oval and at SASSA Competitions.

### 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:** As submitted

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

**Highlights:** As submitted.

**d. Provincial Coach: Tim Comfort**

**Highlights:** As submitted.

**7. New Business**

**a. Dr. Bernie Goplen Volunteer Award-**

The 2020-2021 Dr. Bernie Goplen Volunteer Award was presented to Fritz and Andrea Schumann by Tim Comfort.

**b. Presentation of the 2020-21 Financials**

**Motion:** To accept the 2021 audit of SASSA as presented.

**Moved:** Roland Scutchings

**Seconded:** Fritz Schumann

**Carried**

**c. Appointment of Auditor for 2021-2022**

**Motion:** To appoint Dudley and Company as the auditor for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

**Moved:** Margot Benning

**Seconded:** Chris Veeman

**Carried**

**d. Club Updates**

**Moose Jaw-** Ben discussed that the season ended March 14<sup>th</sup> for the MJ Club. They had a surplus at their AGM, the Covid Emergency Funding helped. The reduced ice time also helped. They had more Learn to Skate kids register because other groups cancelled their Learn to Skate programs. Furthermore, some University age skaters were home because of online classes. They were around, Olivia Moyses help coach MJ skaters. They had no Covid 19 cases in the club. Moose Jaw participated in some online competitions and hosted a few mini meets within the club. There are plans to host a Duathlon with the local track club. The Club is planning on properly honoring Graeme Fish for his 10,000m World Record when he is there in person.

**Melville-** No report submitted.

**Regina-** Margot discussed the Covid Pandemic limiting group sizes for practices. The Short Track season was cut short due to the restrictions implemented in November. They were able to extend the Long Track season. The older athletes skated Short Track in March. The Club held a successful event at Mosaic Stadium. The Regina Police service came out and had radar at the event. Kali Christ was clocked at 40 kilometers per hour, she recorded the fastest speed. The Regina Club held their AGM May 25<sup>th</sup>. They are looking forward to regular meets next season including the Sask Winter Games in Regina.

**Prince Albert-** Jill discussed the Prince Albert Club. They did not run Learn to Skate this year, but they did run regular practices. With no competitions allowed, they cancelled their meet. They want to host a meet in March next season. There were extra funds in the SASSA Budget used to buy half mats. As a result, they should have enough mats to host their meet next year.

**Saskatoon-** Chris discussed that the Saskatoon Club did the best we could in tough circumstances. They had to limit registrations due to practice group size limitations. They practiced 1 day per week, instead of the regular 2 times per week. Having no competitions was difficult. The Club ran some Saturday races that used the time format. The Learn to skate numbers were down. There was good ice at the Gordie Howe Long Track Oval. The Staff at Gordie Howe complex kept the ice in good shape. The Building is nearly complete. When bidding on the Canada Cup the Club thought the mats were going to be a capitol purchase, but now SLSSC has to pay for mats. The Club is back into summer training, led by Tim. They are training on the track at the Gordie Howe complex.

**Nipawin-** No report submitted.

**e. Official Upgrades**

Jason reported that Moyca Stoffel has been upgraded to a Level 4 International Long Track Referee. Moyca has also been selected onto the ISU Refeing Committee.

**Coaching Upgrades**

Tim stated that there were two coaching clinics held this year on Zoom. The following people attended the clinics

**Fundamentals-** Joshua Comfort, Liam Dallaire, Shannon Dallaire, Bon Lowe, Avery Seman, Morgan Capili, Molly Morris, Rob Millar, Collen Patterson, Brendan Garritty, Tyan Cherepusak, Vanessa Coutu and Jesse Cline.

**Intro to Comp-** Joshua Comfort, Molly Morris, Lee Millar, McKenzie Millar and Terry Livingstone.

**f. 2021-2022 Schedule of Events**

Here is the planned schedule of events for next season.

**Long Track:** Saskatoon LT Meet- January 8-9, 2022 or January 15-16, 2022. Regina LT Meet- January 22-23, 2022 or January 29-30.

**Short Track-** Saskatoon ST Meet- October 23-24, 2021. Regina ST Meet- November 13-14, 2021. Melville ST Meet- December 4, 2021. Moose Jaw ST Meet- February 5-6, 2022. Sask Winter Games- February 20-23, 2022. Prince Albert ST Meet- March 5, 2022.

**SLSSC is bidding to Host Canada Cup 3 Feb 11-13, 2022.**

**g. U Sports**

Corinne discussed the proposal of Speed Skating being added as a sport at the U Sports level. To be a sport in U Sports, there must be a National

Championship. They need 3 of the 4 Conferences to participate and 20 Universities across Canada. After the Canada Winter Games the athletes could look forward to competing in U Sports. There was a question of if Huskie athletes could still be on the SASSA Provincial Team? University students could see a reduced registration fee. How much does SASSA Help with in terms of financially or with coordinating meets. Corinne will add a sample meet budget into the presentation. The proposal is for a Short Track and Long Track team at the U of S. There is supposed to be a Zoom call with Dave Morrison from SSC and the other Provinces to inform about U Sports and see if there is interest across Canada.

**Motion:** To submit the application for Speed Skating to become one of the official University Sports.

**Moved:** Jason Coutu

**Seconded:** Roland Scutchings

**Carried**

## 8. Motions and Recommendations

1. **Motion:** None

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

### **VP Membership Development:**

**Nominations:** Chris Veeman nominates Jason Coutu

VP Membership Development acclaimed by **Jason Coutu**

### **Member at Large:**

**Nomination:** Chris Veeman nominates Corinne Harms

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### **Member at Large:**

**Nominations:** Jason Coutu nominates Norm Cloutier

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### **VP Finance:**

**Nominations:** none

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### **Athlete Representative:**

**Nominations:** Corinne Harms nominated Vanessa Coutu.

**Vanessa Coutu** will be contacted to see if she will let her name stand. There were no other Nominations.

## 10. Announcements –

- a) The Fast is Fun Camp is planned for August 21-22, 2021 in Regina.
- b) The 2022 SASSA AGM will be held Saturday June 4 2022.

**11. Adjournment**

**Motion:** To adjourn the 2021 SASSA AGM at 2:27 PM

**Moved:** Fritz Schumann & Andrea Schumann

**Carried**