



**Saskatchewan Amateur Speed Skating Association
Annual General Meeting
Saturday June 4, 2022
Start time -12:00 pm**

**Location: 1870 Lorne Street, 510 Cynthia Street (Room 140) &
Zoom Video Conference**



Annual General Meeting

Agenda

12:00PM, Saturday June 4, 2022

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. 2021 Annual General Meeting Minutes
 - a. Approval
 - b. Business Arising
4. Membership Development Update
5. Appointment of Scrutineers
6. Reports
 - a. President: Lenita Bracha
 - b. HP Committee: Jordan St.Onge
 - c. Executive Director: Jordan St.Onge
 - d. Provincial Coach Report: Tim Comfort
7. New Business
 - a. Dr. Bernie Goplen Volunteer Award
 - b. Presentation of the 2021-22 Financials
 - c. Appointment of Auditor for 2022-23
 - d. Club Updates
 - e. Coaching & Officials Upgrades
 - f. 2021-2022 Schedule of Events
8. Motions and Recommendations
 - a.
9. Nomination Committee Report – Election of Officers and Appointment of Directors
10. Announcements – 2022 Fast is Fun Camp & the 2023 SASSA AGM
11. Adjournment

2021 SASSA AGM Minutes

12:00PM, Saturday June 5th, 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		

12. Call to Order

Order was called at 12:03 PM

13. Approval of Agenda

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

Moved: Fritz Schumann

Seconded: Jason Coutu

Carried

14. 2020 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the 2020 SASSA AGM Minutes.

Moved: Ben Capili

Seconded: Fritz Schumann

Carried

c. Business Arising

No business arising from the 2020 SASSA AGM minutes

15. 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.

16. Appointment of Scrutineers

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

17. Reports

e. **President: Lenita Bracha**

Highlights: As submitted

f. **HP Committee:**

Highlights: As submitted

g. Executive Director: Jordan St.Onge

Highlights: As submitted.

h. Provincial Coach: Tim Comfort

Highlights: As submitted.

18. New Business

g. Dr. Bernie Goplen Volunteer Award-

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

h. Presentation of the 2020-21 Financials

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

Moved: Roland Scutchings

Seconded: Fritz Schumann

Carried

i. 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

j. Club Updates

Moose Jaw- Ben discussed that the season ended March 14th 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 25th. 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.

k. 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.

i. 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.

m. 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

19. Motions and Recommendations

1. **Motion:** None

20. 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

Member at Large acclaimed by **Corinne Harms**

Member at Large:

Nominations: Jason Coutu nominates Norm Cloutier

Member at Large acclaimed by **Norm Cloutier**

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.

21. 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.

22. Adjournment

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

Moved: Fritz Schumann & Andrea Schumann

Carried

Reports

2022 Presidents Report

This past year was a year of renewed hope that things will get back to normal, and that we could get back to the business of helping young skaters achieve all that they work for.

This marks the end of my term as a member of the SASSA Board, and also my time with speed skating as both of my own skaters have moved on to different things in their lives and we find ourselves incredibly busy. My oldest still tries to make the time to help with coaching when she can, and I hope she continues to do that because it continues to be a good environment for her mentally and physically.

Back in 2009, we had little idea what speed skating was, but with 2 girls who didn't have any desire to be figure skaters or hockey players, but just wanted to go fast, we looked, and that's when we discovered there was a club in Saskatoon.

Through all the years, I truly believe we got more out of the speed skating community than any other sport could have given us. We all learned what it was like to be part of a community that supported and helped my girls grow into people that are caring and supportive and know that it takes hard work and dedication to achieve great things.

We of course started volunteering and helping out at meets and found ourselves completely engulfed in all things speed skating and loved it. We made some great friends and through them our girls and ourselves got to experience so much more.

Thank you to everyone who has been such a big part of our lives. There are so many amazing people that have come into and gone out of our lives because of this sporting community, and it's impossible to name them all, but I do have to thank one person in particular.

Tim Comfort, because of you, the girls, and Jon and I have gained so much. Not only did they learn to train and compete in speed skating, but you gave them the joy of biking. Without you, so many would never have experienced the Golden Triangle or biking in Moab, Utah. You have such great belief in our skaters and use your experience to make people better. Although the girls got to experience all these things as they were the athletes, you always made me feel included. You quickly became a dear friend and I will miss our chats by the fire in the mountains at our training camps.

Thank you to all those in our speed skating community who continue to work hard to keep their clubs healthy and growing, and help to keep our skaters motivated to continue doing what they love.

Lenita Bracha,

SASSA President

2022 HP Committee Report

Here are the significant results we had from this past season:

- **2022 Olympic Winter Games-** Graeme Fish 6th 10,000m, Marsha Hudey 21st 500m.
- **Canadian Long Track Championships-** Graeme Fish 2nd 5000m, 2nd 10,000m. Marsha Hudey 1st 500m.
- **Canadian Junior Long Track Championships-** Luca Veeman 3rd Overall, Daniel Pauli 6th Overall, Bon Lowe 8th Overall, Keagan Waddington 9th Overall, Fergus English 11th Overall. Ella Cloutier 11th Overall.
- **Canadian Youth Long Track Championships-** Sophia Dvorak 4th Overall.
- **Canadian Youth Short Track Championships (West) -** Relay 11F 3rd, Relay 14M 2nd, Taras Beveridge Warick 2nd Overall, Matthew Engel 5th Overall, Liam McKague 5th Overall.
- **Alberta Open Long Track-** Serena Dallaire 2nd Overall, Sophia Dvorak 6th Overall, Lena Veeman 2nd Overall, Kamaya Makowsky 6th Overall, Eryn Carr 3rd Overall, Luca Veeman 1st Overall, Bon Lowe 3rd Overall, Keagan Waddington 4th Overall, Daniel Pauli 5th Overall, Fergus English 6th Overall. Chris Veeman 1st Overall. Mikko Veeman 2nd Overall, Mitch Williams 3rd Overall, Matthew Engel 4th Overall, Taras Beveridge Warick 5th Overall, Reece Beck 1st Overall, Alexander Beaulieu 3rd Overall, Carter Budge 4th Overall.
- **Western Elite Circuit #1-** Sophia Hrycuik 1st Overall.
- **Western Elite Circuit #2-** Max Williams 2nd Overall, Liam McKague 5th Overall, Serena Dallaire 7th Overall, Cara Harms 4th Overall.
- **RU Fast-** Max Williams 5th Overall, Lambert Schwartzenberger 1st Overall, Matthew Engel 2nd Overall, Taras Beveridge Warick 6th Overall, Marcus Capili 3rd Overall, Isaac Schwartzenberger 2nd Overall, Elizabeth Rea 2nd Overall, Kohl Olson 2nd Overall, Levi Derry 2nd Overall, Kira Mathies 5th Overall, Adria Northey 4th Overall, Nicolas Gravel 1st Overall, Meredith Armstrong 4th Overall.

On behalf of the High Performance Committee I would like to thank outgoing Members, Rick Slusar, Mykola Makowsky, Malcolm Conly, Brad Hudey and Verna Kergan. They have been unbelievable the last number of years and I am proud to have sat beside them for so many meetings. I am excited to move forward with our current HP Committee of Norm Cloutier, Lambert Schwartzenberger, Daryl Janzen and Marie Fish. Of course our Committee couldn't function without the expertise of our Provincial Coach, Tim Comfort. I am excited for what the future holds with these great people.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jordan St.Onge
Executive Director, SASSA

2022 Executive Director Report

It was great to get back to competitions this season. We were able to run a normal competition season other than meets that needed to be canceled in January due to the Pandemic. I was happy to volunteer at a number of meets this year as a Manual Timer, it was a fantastic experience.

I am very proud of the work put in by our volunteers, athletes and coaches. Our skaters trained very hard and did very well this year. It was an Olympic Year. We are so proud of Marsha Hudey and Graeme Fish representing Saskatchewan at the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing. I hope the Speed Skating community was inspired by their strong performances and work ethic. Next year projects to be even busier with the Saskatchewan Winter Games and the Canada Winter Games in the same season.

In terms of membership, we had a total membership of 593 members during this past season. Our total membership increased 151 members (*from 442*). This was a very big jump thanks largely to the Saskatoon Lions Speed Skating Club and the Kinsmen Speed Skating Club of Moose Jaw. They both saw significant increases to their membership, thanks in part to their Learn to Skate Programs. I also believe that families were more willing to return to sport since the start of the Pandemic. It also didn't hurt that this year was an Olympic Year and many of our Clubs focused on Membership Development this past season. Of our 593 members, only 161 are active skaters (Fundamentals to Masters) that attend competitions.

Financially SASSA continues to be in a strong position. As of March 31st SASSA had \$241,855 dollars in our RBC investments. Furthermore, Sask Speed Skating had a surplus of \$4,214 dollars this fiscal year. The surplus is close to our budgeted amount.

The breakdown for SaskSport Annual Funding and MAP Grant for next fiscal year is...
2022-23: Annual Funding: **\$227,200**, MAP Grant: **\$16,700**.

We saw several Saskatchewan skaters move to Calgary this season and skate at the Olympic Oval. We supported the following athletes training in Calgary: Liam Dallaire, Meela Riben, Keagan Waddington, Bon Lowe, Daniel Pauli, Marc-André Doyon and Kali-Ann Friesen. We are very proud of their dedication to the sport.

Our Coaching Mentorship Program was able to run this season. This season SASSA supported Keegan Christ as a Mentor Coach at WEC, Kim Janzen at the Alberta Open Long Track Meet and Lambert Schwartzenberger at the Canadian Youth Short Track Championships (West). Verna Kergan was selected as a Mentor Coach at the Canadian Youth Long Track Championships (CYLTC), but they were postponed until April. With only two skaters attending that re-scheduled competition the decision was made to not send a Mentor Coach to CYLTC.

This was the first season we were able to implement the SASSA Officials Development Grant. This Grant is awarded to Referees and Starters in their first 5 years of Officiating. Shea Stevenson and Rob Makowsky received the Grant this season. We hope that this will incentivise our new Officials to volunteer for these Major Officiating roles.

I would like to thank the SASSA Board of Directors for their excellent work this year. The Board has done an outstanding job of attending meetings and being engaged. It is not always an easy job, but I feel like the Board does try to do what is best for the sport of Speed Skating. I am proud of the work they have done to try to grow the sport and improve our product.

I also would like to thank SASSA's Provincial Coach, Tim Comfort for all his hard work and dedication throughout the year. He was back to traveling around the Province including multiple trips to Calgary and other Provinces. I love his passion for Speed Skating and his dedication to Coaching Development.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of our coaches, officials, skaters and volunteers that have made this season possible. The amount of volunteer hours put in is remarkable and is a huge reason why our skaters can achieve success and strive for greatness.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jordan St.Onge
Executive Director, SASSA

2022 Provincial Coach Report

Highlights of the year included...

- Fast is Fun in Regina
- Waskesiu bike camp
- Fundamentals coach clinic for 12 coaches
- SSC Sport Development committee member and SSC Competition Review committee member
- Coach evaluating Manitoba and Alberta coaches
- Administer Sport Medicine and Science programs
- Club visits
- Attend banquets, Attend SSC AGM, virtual
- Oval LT camp
- HP Committee
- Revise NTC policy
- Revise development and provincial team bulletins
- Summer Classic
- SWG technical chair
- CWG technical chair
- Fall Classic
- WEC
- Oval Invitational
- Can Am
- CC ST
- Media interviews, Bon, Luca
- Saskatoon LT camp
- Alberta LT
- WEC 2
- RU Fast
- CC3
- Oval Finale
- CYST Selkirk
- CYLT, 2 skaters

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Comfort
Provincial Coach, SASSA

2022-23 Budget

Account Name	2021-2022 Budget	2022-2023 Budget	increase/decrease
Revenue			
1.) Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust			
Annual Funding	199,000	227,200	28,200
MAP Grant	17,100	16,700	-400
Hosting Grant	3,000	3,000	0
Sask Sport Coaching Grant	43,700	48,700	5,000
Future Best Grant	0	0	0
	\$262,800	\$295,600	32,800
2.) Self Help - Internal			
Meet Registration Fees	4000	4200	\$200.00
Officials Clinic Fees	700	700	\$0.00
Coaches Clinic Fees	400	400	\$0.00
Provincial Summer Camp Fees	6600	6600	\$0.00
Other Camp Fees	4000	4000	\$0.00
COMPETITION & CLINIC FEES	15700	15900	\$200.00
SASSA Membership Fees	17000	17500	\$500.00
SSC Membership Fees	8000	8150	\$150.00
SASSA Affiliation Fees	1575	1575	\$0.00
MEMBERSHIP FEES	26575	27225	\$650.00
Other	300	320	\$20.00
	42575	43445	\$870.00
3.) Self Help - External			
Sponsorship	5500	5200	-\$300.00
Fundraising	3200	3100	-\$100.00
Interest	2600	2700	\$100.00
Sales	2500	3500	\$1,000.00
	13800	14500	\$700.00
Total Revenue	\$319,175	\$353,545	\$34,370.00
Expenses			
Administration			
Administration Salary	57800	65000	\$7,200.00
Administration Benefit Costs	8200	9905	\$1,705.00
Administration Salaries/Benefits	66000	74905	\$8,905.00
Audit	4200	3500	-\$700.00

Insurance	2500	2650	\$150.00
Office Rent and Storage	3800	4000	\$200.00
Telephone and Fax	2300	2100	-\$200.00
Office Supplies	530	500	-\$30.00
Printing and Copying	550	300	-\$250.00
Postage	835	300	-\$535.00
Bank Charges	320	320	\$0.00
OFFICE OPERATIONS	8335	7520	-\$815.00
	81035	88575	\$7,540.00
Capacity/Interaction			
Volunteer Recognition	325	350	\$25.00
Staff Recognition	100	0	-\$100.00
AWARDS AND RECOGNITION	425	350	-\$75.00
Sask Sport AGM	0	0	\$0.00
SASSA AGM	1300	1100	-\$200.00
SSC AGM	3600	3200	-\$400.00
CONFERENCES/SYMPOSIUMS	4900	4300	-\$600.00
Cost of Sales	2500	3500	\$1,000.00
SaskSport Hosting Grant	3000	3000	\$0.00
SASSA Nat. Event Hosting Grant	2000	2000	\$0.00
Marketing/Promotions	4000	5000	\$1,000.00
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Executive Meetings	2975	290	-\$2,685.00
Committee Expenses	400	400	\$0.00
MEETINGS (BOARD, COMMITTEE, AGM)	3375	690	-\$2,685.00
Planning/Policy Meetings	1000	800	-\$200.00
Staff Professional Development	500	500	\$0.00
PROFESSIONAL/LEADERSHIP DEV.	500	500	\$0.00
Association Membership Fees	200	200	\$0.00
Administration Expenses	1050	1050	\$0.00
PROGRAM/ADMIN COSTS	1250	1250	\$0.00
	22950	21390	-\$1,560.00
Participation			
LT Camp	5475	7500	\$2,025.00
Provin. Summer/Fast is Fun Camps	8200	8000	-\$200.00
ST Camp	3150	3100	-\$50.00
ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT - COMPETITIONS	16825	18600	\$1,775.00
Membership Development	9000	31000	\$22,000.00
New Club Development	2650	2000	-\$650.00

ATHLETE DEV. INTRO/PARTICIPATION	11650	33000	\$21,350.00
Coaches Clinics Levels 1-2	3500	3500	\$0.00
COACHING DEVELOPMENT	3500	3500	\$0.00
Officials Clinics - Levels 1-2	3500	3500	\$0.00
	35475	58600	\$23,125.00
Excellence			
Athlete Dev. - Athlete Assistance	5000	17000	\$12,000.00
High Performance Programming	36000		\$36,000.00
Meet Registration Fees	4000	6000	\$2,000.00
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ATHLETE DEV. - COMPETITION	45000	23000	\$22,000.00
Oval Training Centre	10000	10000	\$0.00
ATHLETE DEV. - TRAINING	10000	10000	\$0.00
Coaches Clinics - Levels 3+	3300	7000	\$3,700.00
COACHES DEVELOPMENT	3300	7000	\$3,700.00
Electronic Timing System Training	3000	5000	\$2,000.00
Officials Development	3000	4000	\$1,000.00
OFFICIALS DEVELOPMENT	6000	9000	\$3,000.00
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	64300	49000	\$15,300.00
Categorical Grants			
MAP	17,100	16,700	-\$400.00
Provincial Coach - Salary	69,000	79,000	\$10,000.00
Provincial Coach - Benefits	8,300	10,000	\$1,700.00
Provincial Coach - Travel	6,000	6,300	\$300.00
Total Categorical Grants	100,400	112,000	\$11,600.00
Other			
SSC Membership Fees	8000	8100	\$100.00
Total	8000	8100	\$100.00
Total Revenue	\$319,175	\$353,545	\$34,370.00
Total Expenses	\$312,160	\$337,665	\$25,505.00
Difference	\$7,015	\$15,880	

2022-2023 Schedule of Events

SHORT TRACK MEETS

- Saskatoon Short Track Meet: October 22-23, 2022
- Regina Short Track Meet: November 5-6, 2022
- Melville Short Track Meet: December 3rd, 2022
- Saskatchewan Winter Games (Regina): February 19-22, 2023
- Moose Jaw Short Track Meet: TBD
- Prince Albert Short Track Meet: March 11th, 2023

LONG TRACK MEETS

- Can Am & CWG LT Qualifier: Nov 19-20, 2022
- Saskatoon Long Track Meet: January 7-8, 2023
- Regina Long Track Meet: January 21-22, 2023