



*Edmonton Keyano Swim Club*

**2023 Edmonton Keyano Swim Club Annual General Meeting Minutes - *UNAPPROVED until Annual General Meeting in 2024***

Date: Wednesday, November 1, 2023

Time: 4:45 PM

Location: Kinette Room, Kinsmen Sports Centre, Edmonton

Presiding: Ian Boreyko

Recorder: Kristi Williams

**Members in Attendance:** 53 Members in attendance. Quorum satisfied.

**Board Members in Attendance:** Ian Boreyko (President), Cian O'Kelly (Vice President), Ryan Mo (Treasurer), Cathy Finlin-Shepherd, Kristi Williams (Secretary), Erica Solomon, Sara Pretzlaff, and Jill Edwards (Past-President)

**Regrets:** N/A

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

Ian Boreyko welcomed the members to the meeting. He thanked the members for their continued support of the club, the coaches and staff for their hard work and dedication over the past year, and the board members for their work throughout the year. The meeting was called to order at 4:50 pm.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

A motion was brought forward by Jill Edwards and seconded by Erica Solomon that the agenda be approved as posted. All in favour.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

A motion was brought forward by Sara Pretzlaff and seconded by Ryan Mo to approve the minutes from the 2022 AGM held on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, as posted and circulated. All in favour.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **4. Report of the Board of Directors - Ian Boreyko**

- The year 2022/2023 was a “bounce back” year; our membership has seen unprecedented growth over the past year, our commitment to competitive swimming and volunteerism within the community is unparalleled, and our financial viability is strong.
- A highlight for the club was the success of EKI at the end of the season.
- The year ahead has seen a small (4%) increase in program costs along with a decrease in Bingo commitments.
- Ian Boreyko thanked coaches, swimmers, and families for their continued support of Edmonton Keyano Swim Club.
- [2022/2023 Board of Directors Report](#)

#### **5. Presentation of 2021/2022 Audited Financial Statement - Ryan Mo**

- Ryan Mo introduced himself as the Treasurer for the Board of Governors of EKSC. He has been working alongside VKO (our auditor), our bookkeeper, and Chris Nelson in the completion of the 2021/2022 Financial Statement.
- Overall, Keyano is in a good financial position. We anticipate a debt free position for the next year.
- Our revenue increased compared to the previous year (which saw some decrease due to the impact of COVID-19) along with expenditures, which increased accordingly.
- We have a net deficit of \$163,000, which is in line with our budget.
- The cash position of the club is also good. There was one question regarding the amount of cash the club has - some has been carried over from the previous year and some is membership deposits, which are sometimes refunded so we need to keep cash available.
- In general, the auditor has said our audit is good.

#### **5.1 Appointment of Auditor for 2023/2024 Financial Year**

Brookes Merritt made a motion to approve VKO LLP as the auditor for the 2023/2024 financial year. The motion was seconded by Sylvia Harte. All in favour.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **6. EKSC ByLaw Changes**

- A committee was established about four years ago to review and update the bylaws; there was agreement that some areas required improved clarity and precision.
- The amendments were completed and reviewed by the board just prior to COVID-19.
- Because of COVID-19, there was a significant delay in presenting the changes to members.

Jefferson Kreeke made a motion to approve the ByLaw Amendments as circulated. Jill Edwards seconded the motion. All in favour.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **7. Member Points for Discussion**

- Brookes Merritt introduced himself as a new member of Keyano Swim Club.
- Brookes is a government relations worker who has knowledge of government funding and allocation.
- Brookes has indentified an opportunity for EKSC to work alongside the City of Edmonton to advocate for funding for facility maintenance and infrastructure.
- Brookes made a case for EKSC to work with the City of Edmonton to develop a position to advocate for funding from the Community Recreation Centre Infrastructure Fund ( a \$1B new capital infrastructure fund).
- Brookes proposed a resolution that *“EKSC Board of Directors develop a fall budget submission to the Government of Alberta that positions EKSC and the City of Edmonton as competitive recipients of funding from the Community Recreation Centre Infrastructure Fund”*.
- Ian Boreyko agreed that the Board of Directors will discuss the resolution at the next meeting.

## **8. Election of Members to the 2020/2021 Board of Directors**

- This year there were two vacancies on the Board of Directors.
  - One existing Board Member, Cathy Shepherd-Finlin was eligible to serve on the board again and she has put her name forward for re-election.
  - Another member, Tarek Motan, put his name forward for nomination to the Board of Directors.
  - Both members were appointed by acclamation to the Board of Directors.
- Erica Solomon made a motion to appoint Tarek Motan and Cathy Shepherd-Finlin to the Board of Directors by acclamation. Linda Bowie seconded the motion. All in favour.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **9. Report from the General Manager - Chris Nelson**

- Chris Nelson reiterated the success of the 2022/2023 year and the fact that 2022 still saw the impact of COVID-19 on membership numbers and the cancellation of swim meets.
- The membership numbers, as well, show the result of the “lag” in swim lessons during COVID-19, resulting in fewer children being ready to enter competitive swimming.
- The club is extremely happy with the growth in membership overall - a 118% increase in the past five years.
- The partnerships with University of Alberta and YMCA have been a strong addition to the Keyano Swim Club.

## **10. Report from the Head Coach - Paul Birmingham**

- Paul Birmingham emphasized the strength of the club's membership, but as well, reminded members that with increased membership comes the challenge of keeping up with administration and managing this growth.
- There remains a "lag" in the performance stream of the club but as the younger development group members move up, this will change.
- Paul Birmingham also expressed frustration with the change in the swim meet calendar offered by Swim Canada; there is currently a void for many swimmers with loss of Junior Nationals and Westerns. Paul is working with other swim clubs in an attempt to manage this void.

## **11. Adjournment**

Cathy Shepherd-Finlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:08pm. All in favour.

**MOTION CARRIED**