***Edmonton Keyano Swim Club***

***Board of Directors Meeting Minutes***

Date: November 6, 2023

Time: 19:00 Location: Online

Presiding: Ian Boreyko Recorder: Cathy Shepherd-Finlin

**Attendance**: Ian Boreyko, Cian O’Kelly, Cathy Finlin, Chris Nelson, Paul Birmingham, Sara Pretzlaff, Kristi Williams, Erica Solomon, Tarek

**Regrets:**  Ryan Mo

1. **\*Board In Camera Session - 19:00 to 19:45.** During in camera Kristi Williams a motion to approve the EKSC changes to board executive. Motion seconded by Ian Boreyko.

Ian – President

Sara – Vice President

Cian O’Kelly – Director at large

Cathy Finlin – Secretary

Ryan Mo – Treasurer

Kristi Williams – Director at Large

1. **Welcome and Call to Order**

Ian Boreyko called the meeting to order at 7:48 pm. Chris Nelson and Paul Birmingham joined.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

A motion was brought forward by Sara Pretzlaff and seconded by Cian O’Kelly to approve the agenda as circulated. All in favour.

**CARRIED**

1. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings**

A motion was brought forward by Sara Pretzlaff and seconded by Cian O’Kelly to approve the

minutes from the meeting of [October 3, 2023](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1h2BG_kCS4ZSTKTRtncADLLo20tjWP_5F/view?usp=drive_link), as circulated. All in favour.

**CARRIED**

1. **New Business**
   1. Discussion on AGM [motion from the floor](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jhWx6oQpGHZMkteoFNEsZQDAVr2hCL7N/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=109616958081611358901&rtpof=true&sd=true) by Brookes Merritt

* Brookes is a lobbyist by profession – primarily municipal and provincial politics.
* Board discussed whether Brookes is looking to be hired on behalf of Keyano or would be willing to consult. Also wondering about Conflict of Interest as a new member of EKSC club.
* Board reviewed the motion as shared by Ian. Discussed the merit and importance of Brookes’ concern regarding the importance of EKSC being a voice for swimming in Edmonton and the critical nature of a positive relationship with the City of Edmonton.
* Board querying whether the clubs are able to apply for the provincial funds mentioned by Brookes or if it needs to be in combination with the City of Edmonton as it appears that the funding is related to infrastructure.
* Sara agreed that we need to be proactive as a board and a club related to the City of Edmonton pools and the risk to our club.
* A suggestion of utilizing Brookes as a lobbyist for the Aquatic Council of Edmonton – there are no funds available to pay him, but the various clubs could potentially chip in money
* Board agreed to explore further through and Ad Hoc committee (Sara, Chris and Cathy)
* There is a survey to be circulated to the members already with questions regarding committee memberships (fundraising etc.) this can be added to it.
  1. Addressing situation with the [2021 Bylaw document](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Fk7NfEoDX4bUDfXVrsypX19hYavdogmG/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=109616958081611358901&rtpof=true&sd=true)
* Ian and Kristi have discovered that there is no way to access and editable version of the 2021 Bylaw document as they are in locked pdf. only.
* Needs to be converted into a format that can be edited.
  1. Candy Cane preparations
* No discussion beyond Stephanie Slee is doing a great and thorough job of recruiting for key positions as well as training for timers and beyond.

**6. Ongoing Business**

Update/status regarding Swim Canada Submission 2025-28 - Paul/Chris

* Submission was put into Swim Canada but no reply as of this date.
* Provincial associations have been out of the loop with the Swim Canada decision making related to calendar changes.
* Risks are:
  + Lack of national direction of age group swimming
  + East/West separation
* Consider rebranding EKI to fill the gap in the new calendar.

**7. Standing Reports**

* 1. Head Coach Report - Paul Birmingham – see attached



7.2 General Manager Report - Chris Nelson – see attached



**8. Upcoming Meetings**

● December Board Meeting – Motion to land on December 4, 2023 (7 pm)

**9. Roundtable**

Kristi inquired regarding the change of signatures for banking etc. related to new board members/change in position. Ian will follow up and complete.

Cathy and Kristi will meet to discuss the secretary role and the annual return (board member names)

**10. Adjournment**

A motion was brought forward by Kristi Williams to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Sara Pretzlaff

**Meeting adjourned by 8:39 pm.**