



NANAIMO RIPTIDES SWIM TEAM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Oct. 8, 2025 7:00pm
Rooms A and B at the Nanaimo Aquatic Center

Board Attendees: Rob Cottrell, Erin McPherson, Mary Blackburn, Simon Rea-Palmer, Victoria Hayes, Travis Telfer

Staff: Katrina Pellegrino, Scott Flood, Roberta Roos

Membership Attendees: Michael Armstrong, Lisa Cajolet, Janelle Canning-Lue, Stephen Cardwell, Jessica Chalker, Sam Collins, Robert Cottrell, Chelsey Flood, Carly Gudjonson, Andy Gullins, Neil Hayes, Victoria Hayes, Taehee Kim, Natalia Kleimonova, Jason Lee, Audrey Leemburg, Khrystyna Liasota, Erin Lutz, Mark Ma, Erin McPherson, Rob McPherson, Chris Olynik, Robyn Orr, Kaiming (Mandy) Paproski, Jenny Pederson, Karol Rajchert, Simon Rea-Palmer, Capucine Stevenson, Steven Sun, Doris Tao, Travis Telfer, Marjolaine Tindall, Terry Van Der Mark, Jingtian Xia

1. Call to Order by Rob Cottrell at 7:05pm

2. Reading and approval of Minutes of last Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting were approved as presented.

3. Business arising from the Minutes

None.

4. Annual Reports of Officers and Directors

- The President explained the process to vote in new Board members.
- The President noted that the Nanaimo Riptides swim club is coming up on its 50th anniversary, so the Board will look at how to celebrate.
- With an increase in the number of swimmers comes the need to hire more staff to support the team. The Board noted the need for parents to volunteer to run the program effectively.
- The outgoing President thanked staff and Board members.

5. Presentation of Annual Financial Statements

- The Treasurer provided an overview of the Annual Financial Statement for fiscal year ending August 2025.
- The Treasurer noted an increase in costs alongside the increased number of swimmers, including staff salaries, Swim BC fees, pool rentals and bank charges and interest.
- Membership dues also increased alongside the increase in swimmers.
- New equipment was purchased in the fiscal year to replace aging assets and support swimmer training.
- Gaming grants were again received for 2025/26.
- The 2024/25 financials were approved as presented.

6. Annual Report of Head Coach

- Scott provided an overview of the program, the number of swimmers in the program and highlights from the 24-25 year.
- The Club ran four swim meets and 15 time trials across the 2024/25 year.
- Scott indicated that the Club continues to accept kids and indicated that the cap on the program is dictated by available pool space.
- Looking ahead, there is a focus on retention of talented swimmers and coaches.

7. Other Business

Special Resolution

A special resolution was presented to update the Club bylaws to align with the current Societies Act and align better with Swim BC. The new Bylaws ensure Directors are in compliance with both the Act and the Club's Bylaws.

AGM attendees discussed the number of votes per parent/guardian of each registered swimmer.

The resolution to adopt the new Bylaws was approved as presented.

Volunteers

The Board called for more volunteers to help fill vacancies in some of the committees, noting that the Club relies heavily on its volunteers to run events and swim meets across the year.

Swim Bag raffle winner: Owen Orr.

8. Election of Directors

There were five nominations to fill the five vacancies on the Board. All nominees were elected, with the following individuals joining the Board:

- Janelle Canning-Lue
- Neil Hayes
- Capucine Stevenson

- Chris Olynik
- Marjolaine Tindall

A special thanks was given to outgoing Board members.

9. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm.