



October 1, 2023

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held virtually through a Zoom call

Attendance:

Jeremy Cooper (FA)

Michel Ghert (FA)

Shawn Dawson (FA)

Mike Leeds (FA)

Rich Butland (FA)

Mike Burnyeat (FA)

Rene Aldana (FA)

Rex Thomas (RT Freeski)

John Power (Castle)

Jolene Kober (Bow Valley)

Dallas Phillips (Observer)

Ryan Sawula (Central)

Mike Holub (Proline)

Greg Cruickshank (Evolution)

Faye Hushagen (Southern)

Cara Bonney (Calgary Freeriders)

Jennifer Russell (Edmonton)

Jennifer Konopaki (Winsport)

Rob Laidlaw (Jasper)

David (Observer)

Carl Allen (Tawatina)

1. Call to Order by Michal Ghert as Chair for the meeting at 12:00 pm MST. Mike Burnyeat volunteered to act as Secretary for the meeting.
2. Indigenous Land Acknowledgement provided by J Cooper
3. Scrutineer was identified as Ann-Cay Zurbriggen.
4. Agenda was tabled for approval as previously distributed – **J Russell motion, M Holub 2nd – Carried.**
5. Declaration of any conflicts of interest – NONE.
6. Prior meeting minutes were tabled for approval as previously distributed – **S Dawson motion, M Holub 2nd – Carried.**
7. Chair Remarks – M Ghert.
 - a. Highlighted the newly revised and adopted strategic plan.
8. Sport Director Report – J Cooper.
 - a. Jeremy thanked MG for his many years of service with FA including his time as Chair of the Board.
 - b. Outlined the membership increases across most categories including athletes and volunteers. Also provided a breakdown of gender and age breakdown in the athlete category. One exception was a small decline in the number of coaches in the Association.
 - c. Continuing to partner with Sask and Manitoba and work collaboratively with Freestyle BC.
 - d. Provided an update with respect to CWSAA



- e. Provided an update on the Alberta Winter Games to be held in February 2024.
 - f. An update on the high performance teams for Alberta was provided.
 - g. Commentary on coach development was given noting there had been an audit conducted of coach certifications to ensure the coaches are properly certified and the records were up to date.
9. Head Judge Report – J Cooper
- a. Announced Rich Hiron as the new Head Judge for Freestyle Alberta.
 - b. A thank you was extended to Curt Witteron for his many years of service as the head judge.
 - c. M Ghert also thanked all volunteers that come out and judge competitions across the province.
 - d. Provided some stats on the competitions attended and judged.
 - e. A plea for new judge volunteers from all clubs across the province was made.
 - f. An outline of a FA judge clinic to be held at the Symposium on October 14.
10. Financial Update – M Burnyeat
- a. Reviewed the Financial statements for FA to April 30, 2023, as previously distributed. These had been reviewed by the independent accounting firm of Rutwind Brar. Motioned to approve the financials statements **M Burnyeat motion, R Aldana 2nd – Carried.**
 - b. Motion to appoint Rutwind Brar to review the financial statements for the year ended April 30, 2024. **M Burnyeat motions, S Dawson 2nd – Carried.**
 - c. Reviewed the financial position for FA to the end of Aug 2023 noting a strong balance sheet position and reviewing operational results year to date with respect to the approved budget and providing some commentary as to the improved controls and reporting with respect to the financial systems.
11. Election of Directors.
- a. Voting held online with the number of votes member clubs are entitled to in accordance to the by-laws of Freestyle Alberta. The eligible votes were pre-determined and distributed in advance based on club membership numbers.
 - b. Votes submitted were sent to A-C Zurbriggen as scrutineer.
 - c. First election was for Chairperson of the Board – one person stood for election. **Shawn Dawson elected as Chairperson for a 2-year term.**
 - d. Next election was for Vice Chair position. One person stood for election. **Ryan Sawula elected as Vice Chairperson for a 2-year term.**
 - e. Lastly, election for directors at large were held. 3 persons stood for the election of 2 director positions. **Dallas Phillips and Michael Leeds elected as Directors at Large for a 2-year term.**
12. Adjournment at 7:45. **MOTION – M Burnyeat – Carried.**