



ALBERTA ALPINE

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Alberta Alpine Ski Association
Annual General Meeting
September 28, 2022
Via Zoom

In attendance: see attached list

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm by Chair, Libby Smith

Roll Call – Completed through attendance list showing up on Zoom

MOTION: *Dan Berry moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Chad Mansell. All in favour. Motion carried.*

MOTION: *Kathi Gouthro moved to adopt the minutes of the 2021 AGM; Shauna Clarke seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.*

Welcome and Report from the Chair – Libby Smith

- Libby welcomes everyone.
- The meeting will be recorded.
- Libby thanked all ROC's for all the work they did to organize great races after two years of COVID.
- Libby thanked all employees for their hard work.
- We have strong relationships with our largest sponsors– GMC, Karbon, Sporting Life, Raymond James, the Alberta Government, and Parks Foundation, but we are always looking for both additional sponsors and donations to fund both current and future programs.
- Following a dip in registrations during COVID, our membership numbers this past year rebounded approximately 20%, to exceed both the 2019 and 2020 seasons.
- We had a tight budget last year, however, produced a slight surplus resulting from our increased membership and proactive management that may help us deal with the uncertainties of our current environment.
- Alberta Alpine is the governing body of Ski racing in the province and manages the high-performance Alberta Ski Team. The Association represents the whole community of ski racers whose membership numbers this past year were four thousand, nine hundred and seventy-three within 38 clubs. Alberta Alpine is made up of all the clubs, athletes, coaches, and volunteers. The association will only be

healthy if the clubs and the community are healthy, so we need to work together.

- Libby is asking the Alpine Chairs to participate in their North or South Zone meetings so they can have a voice at the table and hear what is happening at other clubs.
- As a province, we have had huge success at the high-performance level and punch well above our weight. Kiki Alexander (Sunshine Alpine) was on the Alberta Ski Team in the last years and is now on the National Team. We dedicate a lot of time to finding funding for our high-performance athletes and we should all be super proud of their success because it finds its beginning at U8, U10.
- Libby thanked all Board members for their hard work. Being part of the Board takes a significant commitment of time and energy with problems and issues to deal with that aren't always easy. Libby feels very proud to have been able to work with such a collaborative and supportive group of people who are interested in making the association stronger.
- Recognition of board members who left this year: Greg Sylvestre, Shauna Clarke, Monique Levesque, Emily Shilletto, and Kelly McBroom.
- Libby hopes to see everyone at The Highest Peak Gala on November 8th at the Malcolm Hotel in Canmore in support of the Alberta Ski Team.
- There are no questions for Libby.

Financial Statements 2021-2022

- Shauna gave a brief explanation of the audit process by Baker Tilly.
- The audit went very well – no material errors and there is no fraud. It was a clean audit and zero adjustments.
- The audit was conducted under approved standards.
- We ran a balanced budget of \$59,298 before factoring in COVID-19 assistance. The Association had a surplus of revenue over expenses of \$82,934 including COVID subsidies.
- Membership enrollment and therefore revenue was up compared to the previous year's, in 2022 4,973 members compared to 4,028 in 2021.
- Sponsorship revenue is up about \$90,000 as a result of \$20,000 from Western GMC and \$61,000 value-in-kind from GMC and Karbon.
- The budget for 2022-2023 once again aims to balance revenues and expenditures and to retain the cash reserves we have accumulated so that we can weather the unexpected in the years to come.
- Shauna thanks the leadership of Alberta Alpine.
- The Financial Statements 2021-2022 are online.
- There were two questions from the audience:
 - What are AASA's total expenses: in fiscal year 22 almost 2.3 million.
 - What are AASA's retained earnings since the beginning: roughly \$500,000.

MOTION: *Dan Berry moved to adopt the audited financial statements as presented; Charles Gushaty seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.*

President's Report – Patrick Gillespie

- Pat thanks everyone for attending.
- We started the season with COVID protocols. Then the AHS removed the protocols mid-season and we started to operate in a more normal manner. Skiing was one of the only sports that maintained and, in some cases, grew. Alberta Alpine went from 4028 in 2020-21 to 4973 in 2021-22, we expect to see a slight increase again this season.
- Pat and Josh had the opportunity to visit several clubs throughout the province this past season, it was so impressive to see how engaged, and enthusiastic the athletes all were. The coaching staff from all clubs were creating a fun, exciting, and a high-level training and racing experience through a strong coaching staff.
- Pat thanks all the ROC, Coaches, Clubs, Ski Hills, and AASA members for all their hard work over the last year. It truly showed the strength of our ski community.
- Pat also thanked our partners and sponsors, without their support it would be exceedingly difficult to run all the races, and camps and help support the AST: GMC, the GMC Dealers of Alberta, Sporting Life, Mission Wealth Advisors-Raymond James, Karbon Ski Wear, Silvertip Golf Resort, SPAR and the Alberta Government, Calgary Parks Foundation, CSI, World Cup Supply and Liski. Along with all those donors that support individual athletes and camps, and our home club ski hills.
- Pat congratulates all the athletes that made the Alberta Ski Team as well as those who have been asked to be part of the invitee group and congratulates Kiki Alexander for moving up to the Canadian Alpine Ski Team, joining our other Albertans Brit and Cassidy that help make up a young and strong female team.
- Safe Sport has been an ongoing program that we have been working with ACA on fine-tuning the program to work with each province. Safe Sport is required to work and volunteer on FIS race courses in Alberta. Pat strongly suggests that all members take this course. Please go to the ACA website and follow the links to take the Safe Sport course. Steve Harrison and his group at ACA can help with any questions.
- ACA has gone with a new CGL insurance provider, this has been a little painful but ACA seems to have got it to where it needs to be for your membership, Steve Harrison's team looks after this program as well and can answer any questions.
- Pat thanks the Board of Directors of Alberta Alpine, both past and present for all their hard work and look forward to working with the new board members in the coming season.
- Pat presented the Strategic Plan for 2023-2027. This document will be available on our website.
- There are no questions for Pat.

Athletics Direct Report – Josh Bengé

- Josh thanks everyone for all the hard work. It was an extraordinary year, from shifting out of a COVID year to a full-on race season and schedule. He is proud of what everyone was able to accomplish as this is truly your athletes, coaches, volunteers, and clubs' success!
- Over the season there were 9 AASA events, 16+ coach education courses, and 127 individual days of competition across all age groups.

- We have accomplished our goals on the athletic side transitioning back to a more traditional Schedule. This does not diminish the challenges our sport faces or the work we have ahead.
- There will be increased emphasis in 2022-23 put on:
 - coach education;
 - supporting the athletic pipeline through innovative camps and initiatives;
 - spreading our sport and stoke to the youth;
 - supporting our member clubs and partners.
- This community has shown its resiliency and we will continue to drive forward together for the benefit of our athletes, clubs, members, and communities.

Nominating Committee Report – James Kucera

- James asks if there are nominations from the floor: no nominations.
- Five Board members retire: Greg Sylvestre, Shauna Clarke, Monique Levesque, Emily Shilletto, and Kelly McBroom.
- Standing for re-election: Charles Gushaty, Dan Berry, Geoff Irwin.
- The Board maintains the size at 11 directors.
- New nominees are:
 - Daniel Jalbert: Mr. Jalbert is a Mechanical Engineer from the University of Alberta and holds an executive MBA from the University of Calgary. He brings a perspective from a wide variety of companies, both large and small, to fill executive and leadership roles. Since 2015 he has held numerous volunteer roles with the Nakiska Alpine Ski association and is the association's current President.
 - Jeffery Swanson: Jeff Swanson is a CPA, CA with several years' operating experience in the railway industry. Jeff is currently the Director of Operations of Audit at Canadian Pacific. Mr. Swanson previously led the finance function for a privately held railway contractor. Mr. Swanson has several years of governance experience with Not for Profit Entities including the Predator Bay Waterski Club and The French International School of Vancouver He was on the Albert Alpine's Audit and Governance Committee in 2021-22.
 - Marian Yuzda: Marian Yuzda is senior legal counsel at the Canada Energy Regulator, with 20 years of experience in administrative law, regulatory law pertaining to pipelines and electricity transmission, and labour and employment law, among others. She has extensive experience as hearing counsel, representing the Regulator at public interest hearings, and various levels of court including the Federal Court of Appeal. She has held the positions of treasurer and president with Calgary Alpine.
 - Chris Scheele: Chris is an alumnus of the Alberta Ski Team. He is very excited about the opportunity to be considered for a role on the Alberta Alpine board. He has many years of experience in ski racing in Alberta as an athlete, coach, parent, and volunteer. He has prior board experience including on the Parks and Recreation board plus as director and eventual President of his Local Chamber of Commerce.
 - Chad Mansell is the new North Zone Chair and Paul Boskovich is the new South Zone Chair.

MOTION: *David Howard moved to accept the new nominees as presented; Luc Berthiaume seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.*

Other Business – all

- Nicola Veasey asked for a status update of the calendar: it is up on our website and final, only 2 more races have to be added.
- No other business, no comments.

Concluding Remarks – Libby Smith

- Libby thanks all retiring Board members.
- Thank you to everyone for joining this AGM today.
- Looking forward to the season and meeting everyone on snow.

MOTION: *Dan Berry moved to adjourn at 7:45 pm; James Kucera seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.*

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ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Name	Club
Emily Shillette	
Chad Mansell	North Zone Chair
David Howard	Lake Louise Athletic Development Association
Craig Steinberg	
Ryan Campbell	Red Deer Ski Club
Kathi Gouthro	Fort McMurray Ski Club/Team
Darren Kormos	Calgary Westside Alpine Ski Club
Josh Bengé	AASA
Charles Gushaty	AASA Board of Directors
Tim Zarski	University of Calgary Alpine Ski Team/Dinos
Garrett Wilson	Sunshine Alpine Racers/Sunshine Speedsters
Carin Wilde	
Kelly McBroom	AASA Board of Directors
Alied ten Broek	AASA
Chris Scheele	AASA Board of Directors - Nomineee
Geoff Beuerlein	
Scott Radford	Nakiska Alpine Ski Association/Paskapoo Alpine Racing Team
Ralph Wunsch	National Alpine Training Centre
Daniel Jalbert	AASA Board of Directors - Nominee
Ozzie Sawicki	Canadian Adaptive Snowsports - Alberta
Luc Berthiaume	Banff Alpine Racers and Bow Valley Quickies
Austen Wedge	Parkland Alpine Racers
Warren Coates	
Pete Bosinger	Banff Alpine Racers and Bow Valley Quickies
Patrick Gillespie	AASA
Rob Miller	Westcastle Ski Club
Mark Sharp	Team Panorama & Team Panorama West
Kyle Buchanan	Snow Valley Racing Association
Shauna Clarke	AASA Board of Directors
Daniel Hadley	Nitehawk Alpine Ski Team
Mairi McEwen	Sunridge Ski Club
Dan Berry	AASA Board of Directors
James Kucera	AASA Board of Directors
Tanya McPeak	Rabbit Hill Ski Club/RH Ski Team
Paul Boscovich	South Zone Chair
Libby Smith	AASA Board of Directors
Sharon Langley	Calgary Alpine Racing Club/Calgary Alpine SnoFlyers/Fortress Alpine Ski Team (CARC)
Beverley Holoboff	Cold Lake Alpine Ski Society
Nicola Veasey-Jalbert	Mount Allen Ski Team/Skimeisters Alpine Race Club
Marian Yuzda	AASA Board of Directors - Nominee
Tessa Dakin	

Eric Bohn	
Steph Robertson	
Todd Haywood	
Karnie Vertz	
Gregg Ferguson	
Peter Rybarik	AASA
Andrea Veale	
Martin Halek	
Geoff Irwin	AASA Board of Directors

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