



ALBERTA ALPINE

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**Alberta Alpine Ski Association
Annual General Meeting
September 28, 2023
Via Zoom**

In attendance: see attached list.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chair, Libby Smith.

Roll Call – Completed through attendance list showing up on Zoom.

MOTION: *Chris Scheele moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Dan Jalbert. All in favour. Motion carried.*

MOTION: *Marian Yuzda moved to adopt the minutes of the 2022 AGM; Chad Mansell seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.*

Welcome and Report from the Chair – Libby Smith

- Libby welcomes everyone.
- The meeting will be recorded.
- Libby thanked everyone for their hard work, all volunteers, all Board members, and the staff of Alberta Alpine.
- We have strong relationships with our largest sponsors– GMC, Karbon, Sporting Life, Raymond James, and the Alberta Government, but we are always looking for additional sponsors and donations to fund both current and future programs.
- We respect and acknowledge the Indigenous peoples' ancestral and traditional lands in which we operate and each other.
- The Association represents the whole community of ski racers and volunteers whose numbers continued to grow this past year, exceeding 5500 members across 39 clubs. Alberta Alpine is made up of clubs, athletes, coaches, and volunteers. The association will only be healthy if the clubs and the community are healthy, so we need to continue to work together and respect and support each other.
- We had a tight budget last year, however, produced a surplus resulting from our increased membership and proactive management that may help us deal with the uncertainties of our current

environment.

- Provincially, we've had huge success at the high-performance level and continue to punch above our weight moving athletes beyond Alberta to join the National Team. The success that we see from our Alberta Ski Team and Canadian team found its beginning through strong grassroots programs at the club level, and we should all be very proud.
- Libby hopes to see everyone at The Highest Peak Gala on November 9th at the Palliser in Calgary in support of the Alberta Ski Team.
- There are no questions for Libby.

Financial Statements 2022-2023

- Jeffery Swanson thanks the leadership of Alberta Alpine.
- Jeffery gave a brief explanation of the audit process by Baker Tilly.
- The audit went very well, there were no material errors and there was no fraud. It was a clean audit opinion.
- The audit was conducted under approved standards.
- The Association had a surplus of revenue over expenses of \$74,007.
- Membership enrollment and therefore revenue was up compared to the previous year's, in 2023 5536 members compared to 4973 in 2022.
- Sponsorship revenue is similar to last season.
- The budget for 2023-2024 once again aims to balance revenues and expenditures. There are some funds in the bank, so can weather the unexpected in the years to come.
- The Financial Statements 2022-2023 are online.
- Jeff hopes to see many volunteers at the Casino in Calgary on November 7th and 8th.
- There were no questions from the audience.

MOTION: *Dan Jalbert moved to adopt the audited financial statements as presented; Chris Scheele seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.*

President's Report – Patrick Gillespie

- Pat thanks everyone for attending.
- There was a national and international race this past season, one being the Canada Winter Games in PEI where both our para and able body U16 athletics did Alberta proud.
- One of the international events was the Men's WC Speed Event in Lake Louise, sadly to most of our surprise this would be the last WC at Lake Louise, at least in the near future.
- A very successful international event was the Wood Buffalo Arctic Winter Games held in the community of Fort McMurray and Vista Ridge Ski Resort. This event brought athletes from all across the Northern Hemisphere, including Sweden, Finland, Canada, and Greenland.
- Pat thanks all the local ski hills, coaches, officials, and volunteers 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.

- Pat congratulates Kiki Alexander (from the Sunshine Ski Team/AST) for making the CAST, it wasn't the year she wanted with her injury, but Kiki will be back this season and going strong. Pat congratulates a few other Albertas on making the National Next Gen Ski X Team, Haley Cunningham (Pano Ski Team/AST), and Callum MacEwan (Sunridge Ski Club). Three other athletes he congratulates that come through either Evolve, ASXT, or both are Sage Stefani, Garrett Musgrave, and Zachary Reynolds on making the Next Gen Team.
- Safe Sport has been an ongoing process. Alberta Alpine has signed on to ITP Sports as our third party to manage Safe Sport. All claims will be made through them, and they will look at the claim and determine the next step. There will be an info session for AASA members with ITP Sports in November via Zoom. Clubs will get more info on this info session as we get closer to a date.
- Alberta Alpine will be on the ACA GLC for this coming season, the deductible has been reduced substantially to \$10,000 per claim.
- Pat thanks the Board of Directors of Alberta Alpine, both past and present for all their hard work and looks forward to working with the new board members in the coming season, and thanks all AASA employees for their hard work.
- There are no questions for Pat.

Athletics Direct Report – Josh Bengé

- Josh thanks everyone for all the hard work.
- From athletes' first races at U8 to the Canada Winter Games, to World Juniors, our community had an eventful season that spanned 105 days of competitions, 47 days of coach education courses, multiple camps, AASA events, and untold hours of training. The season brought us triumphs, defeats, and an enormity of learning.
- The work we have ahead is tremendous. Josh wants to bring attention to the fact that the sport, athletic targets, funding environments, and our culture are always in constant flux changing sometimes faster than we can react. If we truly want to be the best and operate in excellence, we need to adapt our methods, philosophies, resource allocation, and the way we operate to enhance our athlete, coach, volunteer, and club support.
- Throughout the fall and early winter, we will be rolling out multiple new initiatives, re-designs, philosophy tweaks, and a comprehensive plan to enhance services for our membership in the future. The current plan is currently dubbed Project 2030. Josh wants to make clear that this plan is an outline for the next 7 years and it starts now, not in 2030.
- Josh asks every member to help support our Alberta-made plan so we can better serve everyone.

Nominating Committee Report – Libby Smith

- Libby asks if there are nominations from the floor: no nominations.
- As of 2023-2024, Libby will be the past chair, so there is one spot open on the Board.
- Standing for re-election is James Kucera.
- Brady Leman is a new candidate. He is willing to join the Board. Geoff Irwin introduced Brady. He started at CARC, went to ACA and the Ski Cross Team, had 3 Olympic experiences, and won the first Canadian SX gold medal.

MOTION: *Marian moved to approve and accept James and Brady as Board members for the upcoming season, and Jeffery Swanson seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.*

Other Business – all

- No other business, no comments.

Concluding Remarks – Libby Smith

- Thank you to everyone for joining this AGM today.
- Libby hopes to see everyone at The Highest Peak Gala on November 9th at the Palliser in Calgary.
- Looking forward to the season and meeting everyone on snow.

MOTION: *All moved to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. All in favour. Motion carried.*

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ATTENDANCE REPORT:

	Name	Club
1	Daniel Jalbert	AASA Board of Directors
2	Libby Smith	AASA Board of Directors
3	Chad Mansell	AASA Board of Directors
4	Charles Gushaty	AASA Board of Directors
5	Chris Scheele	AASA Board of Directors
6	Geoff Irwin	AASA Board of Directors
7	Jeffery Swanson	AASA Board of Directors
8	Marian Yuzda	AASA Board of Directors
9	Allan Zivot	Banff Alpine Racers
10	Brad G.	
11	Cameron	
12	Candice Aceti	Banff Alpine Racers
13	Carey Luxford	
14	Carin Wilde	Banff Alpine Racers
15	Claudio Berto	
16	C. Morgie	
17	Duane Baird	BAR
18	Gregg Ferguson	
19	Julie Parchewsky	
20	Kevin Erickson	
21	Kevin S.	
22	Luc Berthiaume	Banff Alpine Racers
23	Margot Ferguson	
24	Mark Sharp	Team Panorama & Team Panorama West
25	Michael Lemanski	
26	Peter Bosinger	Banff Alpine Racers and Bow Valley Quickies
27	Philip Moran	
28	Rip Pridday	ESC Alpine
29	Rod Garossino	
30	Ryan Currie	Sunridge
31	Sadie M.	
32	Scott Wallace	Sunshine Alpine Racers/Sunshine Speedsters
33	Sharon Langley	Calgary Alpine Racing Club/Calgary Alpine SnoFlyers/Fortress
34	Steph	
35	Sue Greenberg	ESC Alpine
36	Sue Schwartz	
37	Vaages	
38	Sanne Zonneveld	AASA

39	Josh Benge	AASA
40	Patrick Gillespie	AASA
41	Alied ten Broek	AASA

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