



ALBERTA ALPINE

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**Alberta Alpine Ski Association
Annual General Meeting**

October 2, 2024

Via Zoom

In attendance: see attached list.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by AASA Chair, Paul Boskovich.

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

MOTION: James Kucera moved to approve the agenda; Chad Mansell seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.

MOTION: Chad Mansell moved to adopt the minutes of the 2023 AGM; James Kucera seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.

Welcome and Report from the Chair – Paul Boskovich

- Paul welcomes everyone.
- The meeting will be recorded.
- Paul thanked everyone for their hard work, all volunteers, all Board members, and the staff of Alberta Alpine.
- Like many organizations, budget challenges are a reality, but we have strong support from our sponsors – GMC Dealers of Alberta, Karbon Sports, Genstar, Alberta Government, Silvertip, Cup Supply, and Liski. We are also actively seeking additional sponsors to fund our future programs and ambitious vision for alpine skiing in Alberta.
- Alberta Alpine thrives on its sense of community, which is key to our strength. As the governing body for ski racing in the province, AASA represents almost 5,000 members across 39 clubs. Our success depends on the health of our clubs and the active participation of Alpine Chairs in their respective North or South Zone meetings.
- Paul encourages everyone to stay connected and informed by subscribing to the Inside Track for updates on athletes and events.
- Paul is impressed by our athletes and the volunteers who make races for all age groups possible. Our grassroots programs are strong, and the Alberta Ski Team continues to produce national-level talent,

thanks to the dedication of our community.

- Paul thanks all board members for their time and commitment. He especially thanks Libby, Charles, and Geoff who time out after being on the AASA Board for 6 years. He 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 strong, credible, and sustainable.
- Paul hopes to see everyone at The Highest Peak Gala on November 7th at the Palliser in Calgary in support of the Alberta Ski Team.

Financial Statements 2023-2024

- Jeffery Swanson, the chair of the Audit and Governance Committee, gave a brief explanation of the audit process by Baker Tilly LLP. The audit was conducted under Canadian accounting standards. In general terms, Baker Tilly obtains an understanding of the organization and its policies, procedures, and risks. They review the preliminary financial data to assess the risks of a misstatement that is material, then they plan the audit according to those risks and perform various tests to give Baker Tilly sufficient evidence that there is no misstatement.
- It was again a clean audit opinion, there were no material errors, no issues, and no qualifications. There is no fraud.
- The Association had a surplus of revenue over expenses of \$89,665 which included the sale of a van. AASA has solid financial results.
- Jeffery thanks Allied.
- The AASA Financial Statements 2023-2024 are online.
- Robert Leeds asks if we would buy another vehicle: no, the GMC Dealers of Alberta currently sponsor all our vehicles.
- There were no other questions from the audience.
- Jeffery says that the AASA Board wants to amend the wording in the bylaws so that the Board can decide to have a review engagement instead of an audit engagement. AASA has always clean audits and in general no adjustments. This was also discussed with the auditors and they don't have any concerns at the moment to change to a review engagement. Kathi Gouthro asked if a special resolution is necessary to execute this change. Kerri Howard says that we will look into the Alberta Societies Act. Robert Leeds asks Paul Boskovich if we need a vote from a Societies Act perspective.

MOTION: Dan Berry moved to adopt the audited Financial Statements as presented; James Kucera seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.

MOTION: Jeffery Swanson moved to approve to amend the wording in the AASA Bylaws so that the AASA Board can decide to have a review engagement instead of an audit engagement; Kathi Gouthro seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.

President's Report – Patrick Gillespie

- Pat thanks everyone for attending.
- Pat thanks all the local ski hills, coaches, officials, and volunteers for all their hard work over the last year. Without their dedication and support this would not have been possible, we thank their staff for all their hard work.
- Pat also thanks our partners and sponsors for 2023-2024: GMC and the GMC Dealers of Alberta, Karbon Sports, Genstar, Alberta Government SPAR, Silvertip, World Cup Supply, Liski, CSA and Sporting Life. Unfortunately, Sporting Life will not continue to sponsor AASA.
- We had multiple EL courses and official courses in October, November, and December throughout the Province. Our first race was the GMC Cup at Mtn. Norquay and from then on, the calendar was full of racing, courses, and other events. We did have some cancelled races, but most races that were affected by the weather were rescheduled due to the hard work of the ROC, volunteers, and the ski hills.
- There was an international race this past season, the World Cup Ski Cross at Nakiska. As well we had the Alberta Winter Games held at Grande Prairie with the alpine events being held at Nitehawk.
- We have two Alberta athletes moving up to the DEVO CAST team, Kendra Giesbrecht and Jesse Kertesz-Knight. Congratulations and all the best for the upcoming season.
- Alberta Alpine will continue to use 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.
- Alberta Alpine will be on the ACA CGL, D&O, and SAIP insurance policies for this coming season.
- Pat thanks the Board of Directors of Alberta Alpine, both past and present for all their hard work, and especially the ones that have timed out, Libby, Geoff, and Charles. He looks forward to working with the new board members in the coming season.
- There are no questions for Pat.

Athletics Direct Report – Josh Bengel

- Josh thanks everyone for being integral members of this community.
- Our community had an eventful season that was full of challenges, amazing athlete success stories, and hard work.
- The work we have ahead is tremendous. We touched the tip of the iceberg last year and laid the foundations for the future by adjusting start philosophies, a re-emphasis on national planning centered around Project Excel and the working group, emphasis on skill development, a return to a balanced calendar, age class working group representation, and multiple other small initiatives. In looking forward, we should all be excited by the creation and support of the alpine development team and ski cross next-gen program, the prospect of once again hosting both ski cross and alpine Nor Ams in the province, an emphasis on earlier specific skill development, new snow stars programming (ACA), and a host of other adaptations across the province as part of Project 2030.
- The sports landscape in Canada is changing rapidly. This presents opportunities for excellence while creating challenges that we all need to work through together. Josh wants to challenge everyone to critically think about the adversities we face and find new perspectives and new ways to solve both athletic shortcomings and extraneous threats to the sport and our athletes.

- Josh thanks everyone for their continued support of AASA, our clubs, our coaches, our volunteers, and most importantly of all our athletes.

Nominating Committee Report – Libby Smith

- The following Board members are at the end of their term:
 - Libby Smith (appointed position and does not need to be replaced through election)
 - Charles Gushaty
 - Geoff Irwin
- Standing for re-election are:
 - Dan Berry
 - Daniel Jalbert
 - Jeffery Swanson
 - Marian Yuzda
- Chris Scheele will not be available for re-election.
- There are three elected positions available.
- Libby asks if there are nominations from the floor: no nominations.
- Paul Boskovich has an appointed position on the Board as the SZ Chair and is available for election. He is entering his second year as Chair of the Alberta Alpine Ski Association after being South Zone Chair for the past two years. He is the President of Genstar Development Company in Calgary and has been working in the real estate development industry for 20 years. He has volunteered with the BILD (Building and Land Development Advocacy Association) for the past 15 years and was Chair of BILD Calgary (2019) and BILD Alberta (2021) Board of Directors. He was born in BC and grew up ski racing with the Whistler Mountain Ski Club and is a BC Ski Team Alumni. He and his wife are active members of the Team Panorama ski team and have held many volunteer positions and board roles with the club and at races. They have three children racing in FIS, U14 and U12.
- Kerri Howard is a new candidate. Libby introduced Kerri. She is a partner at the law firm McCarthy Tétrault in Calgary and has been practicing corporate/commercial law in the energy space for 20 years. She sits on the board of directors of the Canadian Energy Law Foundation and has done lots of board advisory work. She is a born and raised Calgarian who grew up skiing in Panorama and throughout the Bow Valley. She raced until the end of what would now be U14 with Sunshine. She has two sons, one is in his second year of U16 and the other is in his first year of U14 with Lake Louise Ski Club. She and her husband have held many volunteer positions with the club and at races, from handing out candy and bib collecting to course crew, gate judging, team timing, and various referee positions, now she is the head RA for the Lake Louise Ski Club, working the past 4 years hosting U16 and FIS level races. She loves skiing and the race environment.
- Andre Quenneville is also a new candidate. Libby introduced Andre. Andre started skiing at age 3, ski racing at age 11, and racing up to the Nor-Am level. After retiring from ski racing, he took on the role of head coach for the Edelweiss ski team in Wakefield. Coaching eventually led to a role in ski area operations followed by the role of general manager of the Edelweiss ski area. In the fall of 2006, Andre jumped at an opportunity to take on the role of General Manager at Mt. Norquay in Banff where he has been ever since. He was a member of the CWSAA board and chairman in 2019-2020.

- The nomination committee recommends the following members to replace those elected positions not returning to the board:
 - Paul Boskovich (Pano) - current AASA Chair and SZ Chair
 - Kerri Howard (LLSC)
 - Andre Quenneville (Canada West/Norquay)

MOTION: Libby Smith moved to approve and accept Paul, Kerri, and Andre as Board members for the upcoming season and keep the four Board members who are up for re-election; Robert Leeds seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.

Other Business – all

- No other business, no comments.

Concluding Remarks – Paul Boskovich

- Thank you to everyone for joining this AGM today.
- Paul appreciates everyone's continued support.

MOTION: Paul Boskovich moved to adjourn at 7:34 pm; Charles Gushaty seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.

ATTENDANCE REPORT:

	Name	Club
1	Brady Leman	AASA Board of Directors
2	Chad Mansell	AASA Board of Directors
3	Charles Gushaty	AASA Board of Directors
4	Dan Berry	AASA Board of Directors
5	Daniel Jalbert	AASA Board of Directors
6	James Kucera	AASA Board of Directors
7	Jeffery Swanson	AASA Board of Directors
8	Libby Smith	AASA Board of Directors
9	Marian Yuzda	AASA Board of Directors
10	Paul Boskovich	AASA Board of Directors
11	Andre Quenneville	GM Mt. Norquay
12	Kerri Howard	Lake Louise
13	Brad G.	
14	Carin Wilde	Banff Alpine Racers
15	Cori	
16	Deb Schieman	Cold Lake
17	Derek Li	NASA U14/PASK
18	Jennifer Stielow	
19	Karen	
20	Kathi Gouthro	Fort McMurray
21	Lesley Thomson	
22	Luc Berthiaume	Banff Alpine Racers
23	Mark Sharp	Team Panorama & Team Panorama West
24	Maryse Daze-Wilson	
25	Meghan	
26	Michael Hys-Moore	Parkland Racers
27	Michaela Boehnisch	
28	Mike Kertesz	
29	Paul Stutz	
30	Peter Bosinger	Banff Alpine Racers and Bow Valley Quikies
31	Rob Miller	
32	Robert Leeds	Alberta Masters
33	Sean J.	
34	Scott Wallace	Sunshine Alpine Racers/Sunshine Speedsters
35	Sharon Langley	Calgary Alpine Racing Club/Calgary Alpine SnoFlyers/Fortress
36	Steph Johnston	Lake Louise
37	Tim Zarski	Dinos
38	Thomas Penney	NASA
39	Todd McNutt	
40	Viacheslav Guk	
41	Kaitlyn Betts	AASA
42	Josh Benge	AASA
43	Patrick Gillespie	AASA
44	Alied ten Broek	AASA