

2023 AGM Report for Secretary & Treasurer

I started the year as Secretary. We had new administration staff and there was real hope we could get back on track with some administration work that we had fallen behind on. Unfortunately, that did not work out. This put us further behind. As our season unfolded, we managed to secure a coach and I was kept busy organising all that entailed.

In the middle of the season work commitments caught up with our Treasurer Luke and he sadly had to resign. I moved into the Treasurer role and Sasha took over as Secretary. Sadly, a month later Sasha resigned due to family issues in the Ukraine. I have been handling both roles since then.

I am thrilled with the addition of Kathy Speck as the ASA Administrator. Kathy has taken lots of work off my plate and we are slowly catching up. Braedyn Denney also joined us a coach from New Zealand and he, too, took some of the load. The culmination was a hugely successful Provincials at Sylvan Lake. Having that event in a new location and including keel boats for the first time in my memory, was particularly rewarding.

I will run through the financials in detail at the AGM. The commentary with this report is that we are in a great financial position. We have new or nearly new assets. We have a casino booked for Q1 2024. I think we can invest in our community and build on past successes for years to come. Securing our first gold medal at Canada Summer Games was a major milestone in 2022. We also had competition for spots which is refreshing.

Sylvan Lake was the centre of 2 ASA training clinics this year. This enables our coaches to start ranking athletes and we hope to use that system to enable funding in 2024.

I am willing to stand for the ASA board in 2024 and will stand as Treasurer.

I would like to thank Sasha and Luke for their commitment to being a volunteer for ASA. I appreciate all of their wisdom. Additionally the ASA community is in debt to Thomas Kelm and Mark Bugiak who acted as readers in 2023. I also feel the same way but I have no intention of giving Mark any quarter in 2024 on the water!

I look forward to serving our community with the 2024 Board.

Phil Paxton (Calgary Yacht Club)