

ASA BOD meeting minutes Feb 26th, 2024

Chair: SG

Invitees: PPax, PP, SG, JC, KD, HV

Guest:

Staff: KS, BD

Regrets: Heidi Veluw

Location: By Zoom.

Topic	Time
Call to order Quorum reached? Conflict of interest statement.	6:03 PM
Approve amended agenda: John/Paula Carried	
Adopt previous minutes: Incorrect version was sent out, tabled for next meeting.	
Board Opportunities and Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2024 season – Kathy will contact CYC and WSC re May training camps (CYC May 11& 12 & May 25 & 26, WSC May 18, 19, & 20)• Strategic Plan – add to website• Instructor Clinics – Ken/Paula moved to accept. Carried. Four hours prep rather than twelve to be stipulated to Braden.• Update on Ariana’s sail – payment has been made after an exchange of letters and Phil spoke with them.• Boat & Racing Insurance – Stacey was given a contact from Manitoba regarding insurance. Kathy to contact agent in BC. Manitoba offers insurance with their membership fees. We would love to offer this.• Coaches for Canada Summer Games – need a competitive developmental level coach (male or female) and a coach or manager. Cameron Hay has applied for clinic as well as Andrew Leitch. Letter of support for Cameron has been sent to Sail Canada and received.• Cameron has asked for support for clinic and will receive support from Glenmore. Cameron is a coach and not an instructor, discussion around supporting Andrew as well – both will reach competitive development level if they pass the course. \$1000.00 for each proposed. Kathy to contact Andrew, he needs to submit an expression of interest for funding. Motion: to put forward \$2000.00 for potentially two candidates to attend Sail Canada Development course in Vancouver for \$1000.00 each on or before March 4th. Ken/John Carried	

President report

- Kathy to send out information re Coaching Pilot Program to all clubs and schools. Stacey or Kathy to revise for 2024.
- Still no date or location for Sail West – BC sailing hasn't agreed to host it. Should be a three-day youth event with training beforehand, Stacey offered possible Alberta locations and dates and has contacted Sam at Sail Canada as well.
- Stacey to write Notice of Race for Alberta Series. CYC will host the 2024 Provincials.
- Coaching Pilot Program \$750.00 – clubs need to send applications by June 1st – advertise. **Motion: Run the \$750.00 pilot program in 2024 to support coaching to clubs using the supplied template. Paula/ Ken Carried**

Admin report

- Reported to Sail Canada that ASA has adopted the Safe Sport Policies
- Annual returns and address changes filed for 2022 & 2023 with Corporate Registry.
- Filed annual return with WCB
- Attended two Sail Canada webinars – Diversity and Inclusion
- Worked on Braden's spreadsheet – added up columns of costs
- Invoiced the sailing schools for 2024
- Added to an article re Safe Sport for Newsletter, asked for and received an article re the Casino from Sarah.
- Still working on marine insurance
- Scott Hayes from SPAR – prepared and added all required documents to their portal.
- Working on Regatta dates for 2024, waiting on CYC
- Yukon Breeze Sailing Club and School may join ASA
- Took Safe Sport training
- Meeting Ryan Kelley from Sail Canada and Cam Berwald re CSG
- Endorsement letter for Andrew Leitch
- Spoke with Braedyn about new program approach
- Still trying to meet with Meaghan re adding Safe Sport to website.
- Bradley Hillmo memorial award – will circulate to all clubs.
- Recorded and transcribed AGM minutes

Secretary report

- Ken asked about annual returns. Those have been submitted.

Treasurer report

- Concern about the next Casino date, it is right before Prairie Wind.
 - One sailing school has paid.
 - Paid Sail Canada bill for 2023.
 - Financials not available but we're on top of everything.
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- Casino address may be influencing number of available dates – Calgary address might be advantageous. Kathy will contact AGLC to confirm.
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Communications report

- Readership is slightly up. Contributions are welcome!
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Sailing and racing report from Head Coach. BD

- Phil has asked for a season plan in order to increase numbers and provide value to clubs by improving value and increasing camaraderie. Different approach is needed, Alberta goal is to have 100 opti sailors.
- Start by overhauling program – Cansail ½ not working. Four- or five-day course by taking kids out on water and showing them how to do things properly. Kids need to feel safe and understand how everything works.
- Next is an uncontrolled environment with supervision, more basic core techniques, good habits stressed, more wind. Next level would be building confidence for racing skills. Need to provide resources to schools to increase numbers. Hardest level to coach is kids who have never sailed, most instructors have no teaching skills. Instructors are not taught how to engage younger children.
- How to stay within Sail Canada guidelines is a challenge, theory will come along with skill development. Work alongside CanSail 1 & 2 in a different way. Better instructors will become better coaches. Ken would like to see Sail Canada approval. The goal is to keep kids sailing while being in alignment with Sail Canada.
- Stress is on improved teaching methods.
- Addressing how to keep kids sailing if no interest in racing.
- ASA Youth training squad for older kids. (Eureka moment)
- Keelboat pathway – clinics for all ages, regattas, match racing
- Regatta dates recommended for experience
- Training schedule draft, race committee, information package detailing pathways, volunteer opportunities, costs, events
- Hoping for more attendance at major regattas
- Braedyn to circulate presentation for discussion and edits
- Issue remains between club athlete/Alberta athlete/represent Canada perception
- Masters and Keelboaters feel left out, focus is mainly on youth

Equipment report.

- Tire prices have a range of \$1300.00 to \$1800.00 – warranty is needed. John feels that a topper on the truck would be a valuable addition for security although they range in price from \$3,000.00 to \$12,000.00.
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- **Motion to purchase summer tires for \$1600.00 or less, not including GST. Ken/Paula Carried**

Youth Report

- Paula has been emailing clubs and is waiting for responses. Possibly host a meeting using Zoom and invite clubs, parents and athletes to present a schedule for discussion. Paula will talk to Tyler and they'll plan it. Youth Whats App can be used. U of C does not have a sailing team.
- Sarah Garlow (GSC Youth Treasurer) unsure who to contact at ASA
- GSC interested in one spinnaker sail.
- **Motion: The CSG spinnaker sails are for sale at 80% plus GST. Phil/Ken Carried**

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- **Other Business:**
 - **In Camera if needed**

Next Meeting date: March 25, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Terminate at 8:45 PM Motion to adjourn: Ken

A. Accountability Review: Action register