

ASA BOD meeting minutes

April 29 & May 6, 2024

Chair: SG

Invitees: PPax, PP, SG, JC, HV

Guest:

Staff: KS, BD

Regrets:

Location: By Zoom.

Topic	Time
<p>Call to order Quorum reached?</p> <p>Conflict of interest statement.</p>	6:03 PM
<p>Approve agenda: Phil/John Carried</p>	
<p>Adopt previous minutes:</p> <p>March 25, 2024 Stacey/Heidi Carried</p>	
<p>Board Opportunities and Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion around Provincial Sailing Association insurance model: cons are that it would require a large amount of administrative work, explaining it to clubs would be time consuming, questions arose around processing claims and resulting premiums. On the pro side, there might be some revenue, risk is removed from clubs, and all boats would be insured. Costs would be divided between clubs (550-600 members) and it would take some time to gain complete understanding of the coverage, the member costs, and preparation and implementation.• Most recent coach boat insurance quote was discussed, Kathy to check on renewal dates.• A request for compensation for LF rookies was discussed, more information to come.• More discussion around a possible Centre of Excellence, possibly form a subcommittee to investigate options.• May Training Camps: Eugene will be the ASA coach for the three camps, pre-registration is needed and clubs will supply more coaches and boats. Sophie Heldman will arrive in Alberta in time for the last camp which will be held at CYC May 25 & 26th• Braden Gray has resigned from Glenmore Sailing School after twenty years and Julie Christiansen will be his replacement.• AGLC casino money: there are clubs who haven't asked for their donations as yet, reminders will be sent out.	

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- There is no difference between urban and rural casino frequency, and monies do not have an end date if they are being used regularly.

President Report

- The ASA board is looking for two more directors, a secretary and a director at large.
- A CPP joint application was received from Sunshine Bay and EYC - approved
- Request for a coach and coach boat from Argentinia in July was discussed, Braedyn will try to adjust his calendar to accommodate and will contact Michelle.
- Sophie Heldman sent her resume to ASA and will be working for GSS full time; ASA will hire her to as a back-up coach; she's a very talented 29er sailor. She is planning to attend the Development Coach program before she arrives in Alberta the third week of May.

Motion: The ASA will support Sophie with \$500.00 toward the Development Coach Program. Moved by Stacey, seconded by Heidi. Carried

Admin Report

- Insurance on the truck and trailers has been re-activated.
- Processing several book orders
- Website needs several changes and updates
- Discussed an Alberta driver's license for Braedyn Denny
- Worked with Braden Gray to comply with Glenmore's stipulations for coach boat on reservoir
- Instructor clinics in progress
- Asking clubs for Casino volunteers
- Attended Canada Summer Games meeting – Games start August 9, 2025 and sailing will take place the first week.
- Dave Robertson has started a sailing school
- Uploading certifications to Sail Canada database
- Assisting a club with Safe Sport questions

Secretary Report

- Position not filled

Treasurer Report

- Bills are up to date, financials are in good shape, cleaning up receivables
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Communications Report MS

- It appears that the newsletter is being read.
- Meaghan submitted a discussion regarding the ASA website: “The site we have is limited and it really just is not working for us. The ASA's primary front door and reception desk is their website. It is the communications channel that could amplify ASA’s presence across Alberta and better service its members. With a modernized site, we could greatly improve not just ASA’s level of communication but also the image and brand. A refresh of sorts with a much more powerful delivery of information and services. Oftentimes organizations overlook the importance of things like this, but we need to remember that this is how we present our services to membership, and our members deserve an experience that feels good and something they feel proud to be a part of.

I believe our membership would be in support of a project like this because I am sure there is frustration with the existing website (due to its limitations).”

Meaghan also supplied a quote from a website developer that she has worked with in the past, for no more than \$6000.00.

After much discussion, an on line motion was made.

**Motion: To allow Meaghan Sullivan to design and operate the new ASA website along with MORAD up to a price of \$6,000.00.
Moved by John, seconded by Phil Carried**

Sailing and racing report from Head Coach BD

- Braedyn reviewed his Club Pilot Program which is a revamp of teaching methods in order to teach kids to sail quickly and break bad habits in others. He has prepared a comprehensive package for all levels of sailing and racing and is anxious to increase the number of sailors at all levels, and see growth at all clubs. He proposes to explain it to clubs to achieve a uniform approach overall.
- He recommends the purchase of an RS Quest boat which will help kids feel safe on the water while they learn the key components of sailing, with proper techniques.
- Braedyn explained his proposed schedule for the summer
- He will arrive in Alberta on May 27th

Equipment Report.

- John has had Elmo certified for use on Glenmore Reservoir and will deliver it on May 3, 2024.
 - The ASA truck now has new tires (80,000 km warranty) and has been detailed and registered.
 - He has been searching for a topper for the truck, and possibly a roof rack.
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- There was discussion around adapting the five-boat trailer to accommodate more boats.

Youth Report

- Cam also received \$1000.00 from GSC for his Development Coach Program.
- Sarah will give updates to Paula re GSC youth
- Five are confirmed for the first training clinic at CYC, with Nathan coaching
- Neil is interested in purchasing the spinnaker sails
- There are three GSC kids planning to go to the Gorge so far, depending on the dates.
- There are some youth that have already booked flights and accommodation for CORK (all ILCA, not sure if any optis).

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

Next Meeting Date: May 6, 2024 at 6:00 PM (continuation of meeting)

Terminate at 9:16 PM Motion to adjourn: Phil

May 6, 2024, Continuation of April 29th 2024 Meeting 6:04 PM

Missing: HV

Paula gave her Youth Report, see above.

Meaghan submitted her Communication Report, see above.

Travel:

There must be at least five sailors for ASA support. The board will gauge the Gorge and Cork, travel time is one day for the Gorge and four days for Cork. The Gorge will hold a training camp July 23-25, with a regatta July 26-28.

Skamania Cove is for Masters only, not youth.

Once Sophie arrives, we'll know her GSS schedule and will be better able to plan.

Requests:

Michelle from Pigeon Lake sent a request for the last two weeks of July, Braedyn will call her.

DSAA also has a request for some coaching but isn't sure of dates until the accessible docks are installed.

Invoicing Clubs:

Kathy will invoice the clubs by the end of May, she'll need their active member numbers as well as age range and gender information. There is a chart to send out with the details required.

2.4 Boats:

Avery is welcome to use one of the 2.4 boats this summer, Kathy will email and ask if there is interest in using it or buying it. These are older boats, not that competitive. CYC might be interested in purchasing the two boats and the trailer for \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00. New ones are from \$15,000.00 to \$20,00.00

Casino:

- Kathy will check with Sarah to see if we need any casino angels, and how many. She'll send another reminder out to clubs asking for volunteers

Prairie Winds Regatta:

- Manitoba sailors will attend Prairie Wind, there may be 60 optis, and there is a hope that Saskatchewan will also attend.
- John is looking for two optimists, Paula said she can bring them, more could probably be available from CYC.
- John reminded everyone that coach boats and sail boats must be washed and dried before they can be launched, they can stop at Dunmore weigh scale east of Medicine Hat if travelling from the east.

Next Meeting Date: June 4, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Terminate at 7:07 PM Motion to adjourn: HV
