

Title: Coquitlam Lions Water Polo Annual General Meeting
Date: 28-March-2021
Attendees: Michael Zaklan, Christina Chung, James Andrusiw, Naomi Andrusiw, Paul Kim, Jenny Y., Rick O., Tania C., Jeongae L., Hoyoung C., Ruby J.
Regrets:
Guests: Yu-Chen Lim, Melissa S.

Call to Order: 4:06 p.m. (Motion: Naomi; Second: Chistina)

Agenda:

1. Call to order and establishment of quorum
 - 10 people, incl. 5 executive
2. Introduction of 2020/2021 Board of Directors
 - President: Michael Zaklan
 - Treasurer: Paul Kim
 - Secretary: James Andrusiw
 - Safety Officer: Naomi Andrusiw
 - Registrar: Christina Chung
3. Approval of 2020 AGM meeting minutes
 - Motion: Paul; Second: Christina
 - Passed unanimously
4. Presentation of Director's Reports
 - President's Report Attached
 - Treasurer's Report Attached
 - Registrar's Report Attached
 - Safety Officer's Report Attached
5. Presentation of 2020 Financial Statements
 - Presentation of Treasurer's Report above
6. Approval of 2020 Financial Statements
 - Motion: Christina; Second: Rick O.
 - Passed unanimously
7. Update and discussion of 2021/2022 season plans
 - Still a fair amount of uncertainty
 - Expectation is that we'll have some type of "regular" season – possibly scrimmages and games
 - Migrating to Power-Up Sports (from TeamSnap) via Water Polo West
 - Will be reviewing what the Lower Mainland League will look like
 - i. Currently Burnaby has pulled out of Water Polo West so we do not know whether there will be games against their club
 - One goal is to increase rosters in the fall
8. Election to Board of Directors:
 - Motion to appoint scrutineers in the event of an election
 - Nominations and Elections
 - i. Director of Coaches: Naomi Andrusiw
 - Motion to destroy ballots if election held
 - Election by proclamation:

i. Motion: Rick; Second: Tania

9. Door Prizes:

- Jeongae Kim
- Jenny Kim
- Tania Overington

10. Meeting adjournment

Meeting Ended: 4:38 p.m. (Motion: Christina; Second: Naomi)

2020/2021 President's Report

Overview

The 2020/2021 season was truly unique for the Lions as a global pandemic was in place for the entire duration. This created numerous challenges including many regulations and restrictions such as mask wearing, and physical distancing. The potential of pool shutdowns was also looming as a possibility as we carefully proceeded with heavily modified activities to comply with rules and regulations and do our part to mitigate community spread of the coronavirus.

The season began with the creation of a return to play document that outlined how we could deliver on our mission of providing water polo skill development in a safe, fun environment to our membership while complying with federal, provincial, and local rules that were, at that time, in constant flux. We had a training session with the parent members to ensure that everyone had a full understanding of the requirements that included health checks, physical distancing inside and outside the pool, forbade the attendance of spectators in the facility, and required mask wearing while not in the pool. Fortunately, the cities of Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam worked with us and other aquatic user groups to ensure we were all doing our collective best to keep the facilities open, while limiting viral transmission opportunities.

Though no games were played, and no tournaments planned, success for this season could be measured by the fact that we had regular access to the aquatic facilities throughout the season. Our brief attempt at developing a scrimmaging plan in the fall was quickly quashed by heightened health regulations in November. At that point, it became fairly clear that there would likely not be any further opportunities for intra club scrimmaging, let alone league games, for the remainder of the season.

Although no games occurred, the lower mainland water polo league continued to hold regular meetings to share information and ideas about managing through the pandemic, and discussing plans to return to league play post pandemic. Similarly, Water Polo West, our provincial sports organization, was quite active in keeping us up to date with changing requirements, and also discussing forward looking plans to develop water polo in the province. WPW is looking to play a larger part in coordinating league activities as well as providing development opportunities for referees and coaches in the coming year.

Coaches

Our eight coaches played an enormous part in the success of the season. Each one took the return to play requirements to heart, and did the utmost to ensure our players abided by the requirements. At the same time, they mustered up considerable creativity to alter practice plans to conform to the pandemic rules, which was not an easy task considering the highly contact nature of our sport. We are grateful to this team of young leaders who have taken on the initiative to provide our members with a season focussed on skill development, and more importantly, safety.

Parent volunteer opportunities were limited this season, but the board volunteered many hours to ensure the season unfolded as well as possible. Our safety officer was unfailingly present through rain, snow, and in the cold, to ensure our health checks were completed fully and thoroughly. Our treasurer was key in developing and maintaining the schedule on TeamSnap, and ensuring our coaches, pools, and other providers were paid. Our registrar did a fantastic job of ensuring everyone interested in joining the Lions had an opportunity to do so, and also was regularly present at most practices to ensure things

ran smoothly. Our secretary masterfully kept the minutes and ensured we stayed on our tasks to completion and discovered a funding opportunity with the city of Coquitlam that we were able to exploit. Please consider volunteering as a board member or an associate in the coming year, as we can not survive without our volunteers.

Funding & Enrollment

One of the early decisions faced by the board was whether to limit the membership. On reflection, the board put a cap of 50 players overall, and limited enrollment in each group to ensure we could abide by our own plan without difficulty. In addition, the board provided a heavily discounted membership rate recognizing that many players may have been financially burdened through the pandemic and noting that the high uncertainty of access to pool time and games/tournaments could have led to a shortened season. These two elements contributed to a deficit season for the Lions, but with the help of provincial grants, and prior surpluses, we ended the season in a reasonably healthy financial position.

This coming season will also have some level of uncertainty, but as we are more than a year into the pandemic, and vaccinations are well on the way, our expectation is that the 2021/2022 season should be back to a more regular type of season with scrimmages, league games, and possibly tournaments. We'll all need to continue to be patient and flexible, but let's plan for a strong comeback for the Lions in the fall. This means that we'll need to spread the word to increase our roster at all age groups, and especially at the U10 and U12 levels. We have applied for 3 separate grants to assist our funding for the upcoming season. The amounts we receive will in part determine our rates for the fall, but we will not be in a position to provide discounted rates to the level we were able this season.

Thank you for being a part of the Lions during this unprecedented season, and let's plan for a fantastic season starting in the fall!

Michael Zaklan, President

2020/2021 Treasurer's Report

Our fiscal year runs from January 1 to December 31, so it covers portions of 2 water polo seasons. Our reduced participation and related activities are reflected in our cash inflows and outflows for the year.

Revenue and Cash Inflows

In 2020, we recognized \$36,000 in cash-inflows. Of the cash collected, \$18,000 came from registration. We also received a provincial gaming grant of \$18,000. This was down from 2019 when we collected a total of \$57,000 from registration fees and grants.

Operating Costs

Our total costs for the year, were \$50,000. The majority of our expenses were for coaching and pool fees. Those totaled just over \$39,000.

Overall, we had an operating deficit of \$13,000 funded from existing savings; similar to our net costs in 2019.

Bank Balance

We ended the year with a bank balance of \$30,000 compared to \$48,000 at the start of the year. We also had \$12,000 in outstanding commitments and liabilities to complete the rest of our current season.

As of today, our total cash balance is at \$19,000 without any significant outstanding obligations.

Budget for 2021

For this past season, the club made a decision to significantly reduce player fees to help families impacted by Covid-19 and keep our program as accessible as possible. At the same time though, the rate for pool times charged by the city actually increased due to the resources required to run the pools with COVID restrictions.

An annual budget for the year has been drafted assuming a resumption of normal activities but given the uncertainty of our program for the upcoming season, it could be significantly amended like our past season has been. There is concern about the level of government grants that may be available to us and could impact fees for the upcoming year. However, we will continue to make our program as financially accessible as possible but will need to be careful about continuing to draw down on our cash reserves in upcoming seasons.

Paul Kim, Treasurer

2020/2021 Registrar's Report

The 2020-2021 season was a little different than past seasons. Due to Covid registration had to be limited to 60 players. All divisions were fully rostered for the exception of U14 & Youth.

U10 7/7

U12 13/13

U14 17/20

Youth 17/20

Christina Chung, Registrar

2020/2021 Health and Safety Report

This season volunteer members of the executive have been at practices to complete a personal health checks with each player prior to entering practice facilities. When needed, members were provided with hand sanitizer and disposable masks to ensure players were in compliance with the facility's public health requirements.

Players were very cooperative in completing these checks. Parents and guardians were proactive at ensuring their players were in good health when arriving to practices and also in communicating with the executive regarding player health and any public health information. This season games were suspended and practices were in compliance with changing public health orders. Coaches were instrumental in ensuring distancing measures during both check in procedures and during practices.

As a result, the Lions have had no exposures this season. A big thank you to parents and coaches for all of their assistance in maintaining player health and public health measures, ensuring that the Lions club was able to stay in operation during the entire season.

Naomi Andrusiw, Safety Officer