

Title: Coquitlam Lions Water Polo Annual General Meeting
Date: 24-April-2022
Attendees: Michael Zaklan, Christina Chung, James Andrusiw, Naomi Andrusiw, Jeff B., Duncan J., Christine S., Jeongae L., Sayaka B., Timothy L., Linus L., Bo L., Yan W., Corrie C., Juanito G., Carrie C.
Regrets: Paul Kim
Guests: Coach Luna Lim

Call to Order: 4:36 p.m. (Motion: Naomi; Second: Christina)

Agenda:

1. Call to order and establishment of quorum
 - Established quorum (requirement for minimum 5% of membership)
 - 16 in attendance (19% of total membership of 85)
2. Approval of Agenda
 - Motion: Christina; Second: Naomi
 - Approved unanimously
3. Introduction of 2021/2022 Board of Directors
 - Michael Zaklan – President
 - James Andrusiw – Secretary and IT support
 - Naomi Andrusiw – Directory of Coaches
 - Christina Chung – Registrar
 - Luna Lim – Head Coach
 - Paul Kim – Treasurer (absent)
4. Approval of 2021 AGM meeting minutes
 - **Action Item:** James to post 2021 AGM minutes
 - **Action Item:** Michael to circulate a updated copy via website
 - Motion: Naomi; Second: Christina
 - Approved as is
5. Presentation of Director's Reports
 - Presidents Report attached
 - Registrars Report attached
 - Secretary's Report attached
 - Coaching Director's Report attached
 - Treasurer's Report attached
6. Presentation of 2021 Financial Statements
 - Balance sheet and income statements distributed
 - No questions raised
7. Approval of 2021 Financial Statements
 - Motion: Jeff; Second: Linus
 - Approved unanimously
8. Update and discussion of 2022/2023 season plans
 - Expectation that fees will remain fairly consistent
9. Election to Board of Directors:

- President – Michael Zaklan, elected unanimously
- Vice President – To be elected
- Secretary – James Andrusiw, elected unanimously
- Treasurer – Paul Kim, elected unanimously
- Registrar – Christina Chung, elected unanimously
- Safety Officer / Director of Coaches – Naomi Andrusiw, elected unanimously
- Director of Tournaments – To be elected
- Volunteer Coordinator – Duncan Jackman, elected unanimously

Meeting Ended: 5:36 p.m. (Motion: Naomi; Second: Christina)

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Lions Water Polo Association 2021/2022 President's Report

Overview

The 2021/2022 season was the second season beginning in the COVID-19 pandemic and started with considerable uncertainty. We planned to enter the fall season with no cap as restrictions had eased somewhat, and had an expectation of a roster of approximately 65 participants.

Recruiting efforts during the summer including an outdoor sports fair at Lafarge and a 'Try it' event at Poirier pool were quite successful at bringing in new recruits to the club, especially at the younger development levels.

Under the direction of Water Polo West, we adopted a new age group model of 11U's, 13U's, 15U's, and 17U's. With considerable demand for young players, we also added a 9U group. Total enrollment was well over 80 players, a record high for the Lions.

Eight coaches returned to lead our four age groups. The strong leadership and cooperation of our coaching staff made for a seamless season as the coaches were ready and flexible for the changing rules and requirements in a pandemic year, and quick to cover one another as the need arose. They also rose to the challenge of making water polo fun, challenging and engaging during extended periods of pandemic restrictions and lack of games.

The 2021/2022 season also saw a resumption of our Coaching development program where we had a number of players volunteer as coaching assistants. Some of the senior volunteers were designated as Coaches in Training, and were provided a small stipend. Our coaching development program is crucial to the succession of coaches that may not be able to return in future years as advanced education or other life events pull them away from water polo.

Our league also saw some changes with only three teams joining through the year. Surrey was unable to field a tier two team, and Burnaby chose a path outside the league, leaving only Vancouver, North Shore, and Coquitlam to compete within the league.

For the first time since the pandemic, we had Christmas celebrations in small groups.

By late winter, with regulations easing, we were able to put together a schedule of games, and allow our players to put their honed skills to work in actual competitions. The excitement of returning to actual competition was palpable amongst the players, and those parents fortunate enough to attend.

The season concluded on a high note with Coquitlam hosting the first year-end tournament in three years, where the Lions swept all age group categories.

Parent volunteer opportunities were limited this season, but many of the parents stepped up to assist where required. We are grateful to those who did.

The board volunteered many hours to ensure the season unfolded as well as possible. We adopted PowerUp Sports as our new communications medium under the guidance of Water Polo West, and this created some learning challenges. Our registrar did a fantastic job of ensuring registration was as straightforward as possible and also kept the schedules up to date. Our secretary masterfully kept the minutes and ensured we stayed on our tasks to completion and also updated our website, updated our computers, and performed several volunteer training sessions. The Coaching manager/Safety officer maintained excellent communication between the coaches and the executive, and did a wonderful job of supporting the coaches when required or requested. Our treasurer kept our bills paid and our books balanced and supported our grant applications, which resulted in considerable funding which helps keep our enrollment cost low. Please consider volunteering as a board member or an associate in the coming year, as we can not survive without our volunteers

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

Michael Zaklan, President

**Lions Water Polo Association
2021/2022 Registrar's Report**

Registration Numbers for the 2021/2022 season:

9U – 11 players

11U – 14 players

13U – 18 players

15U – 19 players

17U – 24 players

Christina Chung, Registrar

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**Lions Water Polo Association
2021/2022 Secretary's Report**

It was a very busy year for the Coquitlam Lions Executive in terms of meetings. The Executive met monthly to plan for the pool schedule, practices, games and tournaments. We held 12 meetings (mostly via Zoom) from last season end until now, with 115 action items addressed.

For the website and Lions social media, much effort was put in to simplify and cleanup the website so that the most pertinent information was readily available. Further adjustments will be made to the website to allow for ease of use and provide direct action for those items most relevant throughout the various phases of the season. There were 18 News posts to the website covering schedules, game adjustments and events and 56 posts to our Lions Facebook page. I encourage all of you to follow us on Facebook and continue to comment on and share our social media content.

Finally, thank you to all our parent volunteers that came out to help for games and the spring tournament. As we are a volunteer run organization, we can't be successful without your help. We held 3 parent volunteer training sessions throughout the year – 2 for 13U and 1 for combined 15U/17U – and had an impromptu 11U parent training session during one of the games. Next season, with in-person restrictions hopefully still lifted, we will look to put on additional parent volunteer training sessions.

Thank you.

James Andrusiw, Secretary

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**Lions Water Polo Association
2021/2022 Coaching Director's Report
April 24, 2022**

Our coaching staff this year did an amazing job working with the players to develop both their individual skills and develop a team mentality and sense of community. The coaches worked well as a support network to each other as well, sharing ideas and seamlessly covering each other when absences occurred. The teams' great success at the year-end tournament was very much influenced by the coaches' efforts. Our 15 and 17U teams were able to increase their pool time and learn from each other by having their practice time simultaneously. Our 13U team had many opportunities to engage in games for the first time in over a year. Our 9/11U division grew from six players to 25 players by the end of the October.

One of our biggest challenges was our fast expending 9/11U division. It was wonderful to see but our youngest players need the most individual attention and we began our season with only two coaches. To answer the challenge, we instituted a CIT (Coaches in Training) program with older players who has volunteered in past years and reinstated volunteer coaching opportunities for 15U and 17U players. A very big thank you to Coach Luna and Taylor for working with these groups in doing training sessions, providing personalized feedback and organizing these rosters.

The executive and coaching staff are looking towards to our next season. We could lose as many as four of our current coaches so we have already started having discussions about developing our coaching team. I personally would like to thank all of our coaches this season and wish any of our coaches who will be moving on to their next adventure the very best of luck and warm wishes.

Naomi Andrusiw, Coaching Director

**Lions Water Polo Association
2021/2022 Treasurer's Report
April 24, 2022**

Our fiscal year runs from January 1 to December 31, so it covers portions of 2 water polo seasons. Our increased participation from ~60 kids in 2020 to 80 kids in 2021 and related activities are reflected in our cash inflows and outflows for the year.

Revenue and Cash Inflows

In 2021, we had \$65,000 in total cash-inflows. Of the cash collected, \$42,000 came from registration fees. We also received a provincial gaming grant of \$18,000 and a provincial grant of \$5000.

Operating Costs

Our total costs for the year, were \$59,000. The majority of our expenses were for coaching and pool fees. Those totaled just over \$48,000.

Overall, we had an operating surplus of \$6,000.

Bank Balance

We ended the year with a bank balance of \$47,000 compared to \$30,000 at the start of the year. We also had \$24,000 in outstanding commitments and liabilities to complete the rest of our current season.

As of today, our total cash balance is at \$21,000 without any significant outstanding obligations.

Paul Kim, Treasurer