

2014 AGM Minutes

September 27, 2014

Call to Order

Confirmation of Quorum – not achieved, as we would need 3% of our roughly 5000 members to attend the AGM

Introduction of BOD and Staff – Hugh chaired the meeting. Ian, Mike, Glenn, Kent, Paddy, Stephen are present. Jordan and Rose send their regrets. Linda Bruce and Laurie Loshack are resigning their positions on the board. David Robinson is the Executive Director. Sarah Hilworth has resigned and has been replaced by Sebastian Porten as Administration and Program Manager. Dana Torgalson is our new office manager.

Adoption of 2013 Minutes. Motion to accept – Glenn Wilson. Second – Troy Aulenback.

Business Arising from 2013 AGM – nil.

President Report – Hugh Brown. Recognition for Sarah Hilworth's hard work. Recognition for the fine work done by Tim Wilson as our ED before he left the ATA to become CEO of Triathlon Canada. Thanks given to Sheila O'Kelly for her efforts to get the ITU Grand Final staged in Edmonton. Over 800 Canadian Athletes competed in the event. The ATA was very active at the Grand Final as volunteers and providing equipment and support for the events. Hugh acknowledged the Silver Medal of Stefan Daniel in his paratriathlon event, and the 5th place finish in Junior Worlds for Russell Pennock. Our membership has increased to nearly 5000. We plan on a fee increase to \$50 for the 2015 season.

Treasurers Report – Kent Neilson. He noted that financial statements are available at the 2014 AGM. This was not the case in 2013. We have a flat cash position. Our Casino funds need to be spent within the 2 year time limit, and we are working to expand the list of allowed casino expenditures. We had a dip in revenues in 2014 as membership numbers dropped and a number of race directors did not sanction with the ATA. This has been rectified and our membership numbers are increased. More money was allocated for athlete development. Cash was moved into investment vehicles with a guaranteed rate of return.

HP Report – Elizabeth Aulenback. Mandate of the High Performance Committee is to develop and support athletes in draft legal racing, and to provide financial support to help athletes train at a national level. Six camps were held, in Edmonton, Calgary, Arizona and Red Deer, as well a weeklong camp in Quebec held between two marquee races in Quebec. ATA helped to fund the Quebec camp. There was a marked increase in participation by Alberta athletes in the four National races compared to 2013. The number of U16 and Junior Elite athletes increased substantially in 2014.

Technical Committee Report – Mike Chui. He noted that Alberta has traditionally lagged behind B.C. and Quebec in Club development and in the staging of marquee races, but this is changing. There has been greater collaboration between Race Directors (RD) and Technical Directors (TD). The ATA provides oversight for safe, fair and fun racing. Two new courses have been developed. Level One is for race officials. Level Two is for Technical Delegates. Mike notes an increased effort to brand and promote Provincial Championships in the future.

ED Report – David Robinson. He notes that ATA membership has increased to nearly 5000, and he has a goal of 5500 members for 2015. He has a goal of enhancing revenues which would allow greater funding of areas such as High Performance. David noted that the ITU is showing more interest in Winter Triathlon, which is logical given our climate. In addition to an existing race, the Silver Skate Festival at Hawrelak Park, other races have been planned for Grand Prairie and Half Moon Lake. The ATA will be providing support at these races. There has been discussion with Elk Island Park about possibly hosting a Winter Triathlon event there. The ATA will be holding a golf fundraiser at Belvedere Golf Course on May 27, 2015, with proceeds going towards athlete development. The ATA is going to be developing a new website with a different provider which will allow faster updates and greater interaction between members and the Association.

Elections to the Board – VP Linda Bruce stepped down. A nomination was received for Sean Young, who has extensive experience in business and in triathlon with the Kronos club in Calgary. Motion to accept from Kent, second from Mike Chui. Nomination accepted. Kent Neilson agreed to stay on as Treasurer. Motion to accept – Troy Aulenback. Second Mike Chui. Nomination accepted. Ian, Jordan and Rose volunteered to stay on the Board. Glenn Wilson will remain on the board as well. Three new members are to be added for 2014-2015: Paul Tichelaar, Lisa Mensink, and Hazel Thompson. This brings the total number of board members to thirteen.

Other Business – none.

Motion to Adjourn – Ian Laxdal. Meeting adjourned at 1730h.