



**MINUTES OF THE 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON AUGUST 28, 2013
ROYAL NOVA SCOTIA YACHT SQUADRON**

In attendance: see attached

1. Welcome & introduction of Board of Directors 2012-2013

Danny McCoy, Chairman of the Board of Directors, called the meeting to order at 18:09. The members of the board present introduced themselves.

2. Adoption of the agenda of the 2013 Annual General Meeting

Moved by Robb Lawrence, seconded by Stephen Hunter, carried.

3. Approval of minutes of AGM of September 12, 2012

Moved by Paula Stone, seconded by Dennis Fletcher, carried.

4. Treasurer's report

Bryan Cuerrier presented a verbal report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013:

Total revenue: \$23,700 (Sport Canada funding received from Sail Canada; annual membership dues from Affiliate Partner Members)

Expenditures: \$17,049 (Mobility Cup 2012 travel reimbursement; website fees; 2012 AGM & Symposium expenses)

Balance: \$6651

Moved by Robb Lawrence to approve treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Stephen Hunter, carried.

5. Report on activities 2012-2013

Presented by Paula Stone:

- Distribution of Sport Canada funds for athlete/volunteers travel to MC2012
- Promotion of CANSail training centers: ASN wants to encourage all disabled sailing associations to teach sailing following the new Sail Canada CANSail program
- Promotion of CANSail number: ASN is working with Sail Canada to build a national database of sailors and volunteers involved with disabled sailing programs. These numbers are important in order to promote our sport.
- Funding request (unsuccessful) to Sport Canada
- Development of ASN website: Paula presented an overview of the members' section and encouraged all present to make contributions to it. Bryan presented the blog that he has created and explained plans for future topics.

- Membership recruitment (currently 17 DSAs are Affiliate Partner Members)
- ASN survey: A tool was developed to assist DSAs in collecting program statistics in a standard format so that we can accurately report participation.

6. Plans for 2013-2014

Presented by Paula Stone:

- Creation of a group Insurance Policy in order to lower cost of premiums
- Ongoing website development including building the library and activating the blog
- Ongoing promotion of CANSail and Checklick software. Existing Checklick checklists will be adapted for disabled sailors.
- Re-apply to Sport Canada for funding
- Para - Long Term Athlete Development Summit organized by Canadian Paralympic Committee will be held in Montreal October 24-25 at Sail Canada Annual Conference. Several members of ASN board will be attending, as well as representatives of high-performance.
- Membership recruitment – new programs starting in Lunenburg, Sydney, Charlottetown
- Membership survey
- Fundraising – Board has established four objectives:
 - Solicit funds from national corporations & foundations
 - Conduct annual appeal to ASN members
 - Assist DSA members with their fundraising efforts at the regional and local level
 - Create framework for allocation of funds at club level
- Transition to new Industry Canada Not-for-Profit Act.

Danny encouraged all present to get their CANSail number to help us build the Sail Canada database.

7. Election of new members to board of directors

Paula explained that two members of the board's terms are expiring (Jenny Davey and Matt Palardy) and they have chosen not to stand for re-election. There has only been one candidate, Tracy Schmitt from the Disabled Sailing Association of Ontario, to fill the positions. Therefore Tracy Schmitt is elected to the board by acclamation and one position remains unfilled.

8. Other business

- Christine Lavallée questioned how ASN sends information to Partner Members. Paula explained that emails are sent to the contact email address given when Partner Members register and pay their dues each year.
- Donald Boudreau requested information on the transition to the new Canada Not-for-Profit Act which was provided by Dennis Fletcher & René Dallaire who encouraged all to check with their provincial government re: the need to do this.

9. Adjournment

Moved by Paula Stone at 18:44, seconded by Jenny Davey, carried.

ATTENDANCE

ASN Board members:

Bryan Cuerrier, Robb Lawrence, Danny McCoy, Paula Stone, Stephen Hunter, Jenny Davey, Kevin Penny, Dennis Fletcher

Other:

Patrick Innes, Dale Keith, Kaz Gruszzynski, Christine Lavallée, Hafsa Char, Scott Simon, Tracy Schmitt, Steve Franczuz, Katie Paialunga, Ryan Shannon, Karell Régnier, Kennedy MacLean, Mike Stapleton, Donald Boudreau, Pierre Richard, Marc Villeneuve, Nicole Mongeon, Madeleine Palfreeman, Al Nicholls, Wendy Frazier, Roger Redwin, Laurie Alphonse, Sara Cooper, Steve Payette