

**MINUTES OF THE 2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
ABLESAIL NETWORK OF CANADA**

Held on Wednesday, the 12th of September, 2012

Danny McCoy, Chairman of the Board of Directors, called the meeting to order at 18h10 in the East Room of the Nepean Sailing Club.

In Attendance: See attached

1. Welcome & Introduction of 2011-2012 Board of Directors

Danny welcomed everyone and introduced the current board members in attendance.

2. Adoption of the Agenda of the 2012 Annual General Meeting

Moved by Al Nicolls
Seconded by Stephen Hunter
Motion Carried

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting

Moved by Tracy Delorme
Seconded by Bryan Doehler
Motion Carried

4. Objectives of ASN

Paula Stone, Vice-chair reviewed the objectives of the association for the benefit of those who were not familiar with ASN:

- To promote the therapeutic benefits of participation in sailing to persons with a disability and encourage organizations to develop able sail programs
- To promote best practises to existing and start up organizations
- To provide encouragement, administrative assistance *and mentoring* to organizations who wish to operate special events. These events would provide an opportunity to persons with a disability to participate in events that provide the therapeutic benefits and social networking of sailing
- To promote and facilitate communication amongst like minded sailing organizations

5. Report of activities 2011-2012 & plans for 2012-2013

Paula Stone reported on what ASN has accomplished in the past year:

- Charitable organization status received in June 2012. ASN's status is that of a charitable *foundation*, i.e. an organization that focuses on funding qualified donees (i.e. charities registered under the Income Tax Act)
- Discussions with Canadian Yachting Association (CYA) re: the signing of a memorandum of understanding which would see ASN recognized as responsible for the sport participation development aspect of disabled sailing
- Collaboration with CYA in the submission of two project proposals to Sport Canada resulting in the allocation of \$33,000 for rebuilding the ASN website and for financial support to sailors & volunteers participating in Mobility Cup 2012.
- Membership recruitment campaign resulting in 11 Affiliate Partner Members joining ASN so far.

Paula reported on the plans for 2012-2013:

- Finalize MOU with CYA
- Build database of sailors with disabilities
- Survey of members
- Recruit new members
- Website development
- Funding 2013-2014 – Sport Canada
- Fundraising – foundations & corporations

Discussion:

Robb Lawrence asked how to deal with the issue of privacy of information if ASN asks DSAs to provide the names of their members. Paula replied that this information will not be shared with other organizations and only serves the purpose of being able to document the number of disabled sailors across the country that ASN represents. She added that each DSA should include a phrase on their membership forms in which the person authorizes giving their name to ASN.

Danny McCoy explained that ASN will be able to fundraise at a higher level than each of the member associations as it will represent a larger number of people. The board will determine how the funds will be distributed at a later date.

6. Membership fee structure

The following membership fee structure was proposed:

Affiliate Partner Members:

0 – 20 members: \$ 50

20 – 50 members: \$ 100

50 – 100 members: \$ 150

Individual Partner Members: \$ 10

National & Provincial Partner Members: *reciprocal fees*
Honourary Partner Members: *\$0*

(Membership period: Jan 1 – Dec 31)

Paula explained that the membership fees will be used to maintain the ASN website (annual hosting fees, webmaster, etc.) A question was asked if a person is a member of a DSA which is a member of ASN are they automatically a member of ASN. Danny & Paula responded that yes they are, but not a voting member. According to the ASN bylaws, only Affiliate Partner Members have the right to vote. However an individual will be able to join the ASN website for an annual fee of \$10. Stephen Hunter asked if ASN will be sending Affiliate Partner Members an application form to become an individual member. Danny replied yes, or that a person will be able to apply through the ASN website. Stephen Hunter questioned if the DSA would collect the \$10 fee or ASN. Danny replied that these details remain to be worked out.

Peter Wood requested clarification re: the definition of National & Provincial Partner Members & reciprocal fees. Paula explained that this category is for provincial sailing associations & that ASN would charge the same fee to them that they would charge to ASN for membership, hence the term "reciprocal fees".

Paula explained how voting privileges are determined according to the ASN Bylaws:

Affiliate Partner Members:

0 – 20 members: 1 vote

20 – 50 members: 2 votes

50 – 100 members: 3 votes

Members of Board of Directors: 1 vote

Individual Partner Members: no voting privileges

Honourary Partner Members: no voting privileges

National & Provincial Partner Members: no voting privileges

Moved by Al Nicolls that the proposed membership fee structure be approved.

Seconded by Robb Lawrence

Motion carried

7. Election of new members of board of directors

Danny explained that four board members will remain as their terms have not yet expired (Danny McCoy & Paula Stone – two years left in term; Jenny Davey & Matt Palardy – one year left in term.) The following seven people are standing for election to the remaining six places on the board:

Rene Dallaire (AQVA – QUEBEC) (Re-election)

Dennis Fletcher (QUINTE SAILABILITY – ONTARIO) (Re-election)

Terry Leblanc (DSA BRITISH COLUMBIA) (Re-election)
Bryan Cuerrier (QUINTE SAILABILITY – ONTARIO)
Kevin Penny (ABLE SAIL NOVA SCOTIA)
Stephen Hunter (DSA BRITISH COLUMBIA)
Robb Lawrence (DSA ALBERTA)

Voting was carried out with Mike Stapleton acting as scrutineer and the following six people were elected to the board:

Rene Dallaire
Dennis Fletcher
Bryan Cuerrier
Kevin Penny
Stephen Hunter
Robb Lawrence

8. Martin 16 Class Association

Danny explained that the Martin 16 Class Association has been dormant for several years and that ASN would like it to be revived with its own board and hopefully a technical committee. There was discussion as to what a class association does and the need for volunteers to get this started again was mentioned.

9. Other business

No other business.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Christine Lavallée at 18h56
Seconded by Robb Lawrence
Motion carried