

Annual General Meeting

September 30, 2021



CALL TO ORDER:

The Annual General Meeting for West Coast Synchrono began at 7:44 pm at Micki Ewert's home and was presided over by Micki Ewert, Treasurer.

ATTENDANCE:

Micki Ewert, Treasurer

Sarah Fandrich, President

Jo-Anne Emery, Secretary

Shirley Robertson

Drena Vanjoff

Janice Light

Courtney Armstrong (*observer*)

Brenda Gomez

Lesley Vandas

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Club Schedule: presented by Micki Ewert

- Walnut Grove pool is booked for the 2021-22 season for Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:30 – 9pm (and may change slightly). Next year we might revert back to the usual schedule of 8:30 – 10pm.
- Remembrance Day falls on a Thursday so there will not be a practice.
- The last practice for 2021 will be December 16th. There is a \$50 cancellation fee so we don't want to cancel that practice if possible.
- All members have committed up to April but some usually leave in May (holidays etc) so club fees are determined based on these adjustments to income.
- The Watershow will be held in May at Walnut Grove pool.
- The contract for Walnut Grove pool is still being finalized as they charge for every service now including moving the bulkhead.
- Please refer to the fee schedule and provide post-dated cheques.
- Walnut Grove pool will be closed in September 2022 for maintenance so our season will start in late September or early October as it had in the past.

COVID-19 Protocols: presented by Jo-Anne Emery, COVID-19 Risk Manager

Participants aged 22 years or older who are not vaccinated with a single dose (as of September 13, 2021) and a double dose (as of October 24) are NOT permitted to participate in artistic swimming activities.

The exemptions for pools outlined in the Public Health Order DOES NOT apply to leagues or sport participation. The Order treats adult sport programs differently than adult community aquatics programs.

Indoor adult sport programs involving athletes who are 22 years of age or older MUST follow the Proof of Vaccination Program. All participants, including coaches, must show proof of vaccination in alignment with facility requirements.

TOL has stated that they want me to verify vaccine status and keep a record of it in case they want to check that we have verified everyone. We are not permitted to record or retain any personal information acquired during the verification process, however, with each member's express consent I am permitted to store a record that the proof of vaccination was verified (for future reference). Each of our members has been asked to show me their proof of vaccination and sign a simple form that provides consent for me to record that I have verified it.

At this time, masks MUST be worn in all indoor public spaces. Masks are required for those 12 years of age and older inside Township facilities in all common areas.

Please stay home if you are not feeling well.

Financial Report: presented by Micki Ewert

- Please see Financial Statement handout which states income (fees) and expenses (pool rental, coach salary, BCAS/CAS membership etc).
- The balance in the account is \$2,180.00.
- We have \$500 deposit with TOL that is rolled over each year. The deposit is relatively low as we are deemed to be a low risk club.
- We anticipate that the new temporary members will join as full members.
- Costs are increasing (see Directors' Insurance below) and since we are a small club these large costs are difficult to absorb.
- Most clubs are much larger as they are part of a youth club and can have dozens of members. We are one of only two Masters-only clubs (not connected to a youth club).
- We need to develop a back-up plan if we cannot afford to operate. We may consider leaving our membership with BCAS and CAS to save costs and purchase insurance directly.
- Our accounts are held at Coast Capital which is now closed and may not reopen so it is recommended that we open a new account with a local bank.

Directors' Insurance: presented by Micki Ewert

BCAS has a new requirement for Director's Insurance which will cost the club \$650 per year. An example of how it works is:

A coach is fired. Coach sues club for wrongful dismissal. Club goes bankrupt. Members sue club for misappropriation of funds.

It is not a liability insurance as that is covered by BCAS membership insurance.

BCAS Name Change Requirement: presented by Sarah Fandrich

Our sport has been phasing out the use of the word "synchronized swimming" and using the newer term "artistic swimming" so BCAS is now requiring clubs to change their name to comply. We will not be required to change our club name as it is grandfathered in for us due to being below the club size threshold.

DISCUSSION:

Branded items: Jo-Anne Emery and Joanne Hellbach will look into the possibility of branded items such as caps, shirts etc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Executive members will keep their positions for the 2021-22 season.

MOTIONS:

Motion 1: Sarah Fandrich moved that West Coast Synchro move the club bank account from Coast Capital to a bank that is more conveniently located. Motion seconded. The motion carried with 8 in favour and 0 against.

Motion 2: Micki Ewert moved that 2021 Financial Statements be accepted as presented. Motion seconded. The motion carried with 8 in favour and 0 against.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jo-Anne Emery moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm and was agreed upon by the members.



Jo-Anne Emery, Secretary
West Coast Synchro

October 2, 2021

Date Approved