



**Alberta Amateur Wrestling Association
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Saturday October 5, 2024
Red Deer, AB**

Attending

Micheal Drought	Owen Dawkins	Gordon Peavy	Ella Burk
Jane Burns	Adam Link	Kelsey Prenevost	Taylor McPherson
Lenis Thockle	Mitch Ostberg	Blake Gourly	Meghan MacLean
Joanne Mannin	Katie Mulkay	Kelly Rich (non-voting)	Andrew Ross (staff)
Heather Lothian (staff)			

1.0 Standing Orders

- 1.1** Call to Order- The meeting was called to order at 10:05am
- 1.2** Confirmation of Notice of Meeting As Required- Confirmed 24 Days prior to meeting
- 1.3 Motion: to adopt the minutes of the 2023 AGM as circulated – Kelsey Prenevost/Gord Peavy**
- 1.4** Additions to the 3.5 Agenda Beach Wrestling

2.0 Old Business

2.1 President's Report- Mike Drought

- Welcome to the new Executive Director
- Thank you to Andy Ross who is leaving the organization
- Positives
 - Inagural year for the Pronghorns with U Sport
 - McEwan is starting up
 - U Sport- UofA and UofC great representation and good results
 - Collaboration approach to athlete development
 - Youth and Development programs growing in new places
 - AAWA continues to be a leader in the country
- Challenges
 - Still litigious, hoping that decreases
 - Wrestling Canada does not have an avenue for concerns to be brought forward
- WCL is working on developing programs for the PTOS's to utilize

2.2 Officials Report- Ella Burke

- Good growth
- 4 provincial rated officials to C
- 64 participants in the beginner clinic, about the same as last year
- Focus is on retention
- Rethink 90% goal of 4 or more tournaments by new officials
- Highschool officials, working with High Schools and clubs, are able to miss a practice
- Limit the number of people for practice sessions

2.3 Financial Audit

The June 20, 2023 audited financials statements were presented. These statements had previously been resented and accepted by the Executive Board.

- Biggest expenditure is legal
- Good financial position, lots in savings
- Grant from WCL for Try It Programs
- Increase revenue from memberships, numbers have been growing.

Motion to appoint accounting firm Metrix Group LLP to carry out the Alberta Amateur Wrestling Association's annual financial audit- Lenis Thokle/Jane Burns

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2.4 Program Director Report- Andrew Ross

- Saw an increase in both membership numbers and high school participation
- Female coaches and officials have decreased
- Participation in tournaments is increasing
- Percentage of female wrestlers has gone down

Motion to accept all reports as presented- Owen Dawkins/Blake Gourly

3.0 New Business

3.1 Policy Updates- ITP/Dispute Resolution Policy

- Policy was drafted by Michael Keyes
- SPAR will now have a process, yet to be released
- WCL has a policy
- Path forward is in flux, mandates by the AB Government and the NSO, unsure what they are at this time

3.2 Schedule

- Preliminary schedule was included in the Annual Report and presented

3.3 Proposed Budget

- Preliminary schedule was included in the Annual Report and presented
- Changes requested by those in attendance

3.4 WCL AGM and Member's Meeting

- Michael Drought represented AB at the WCL AGM and Member's Meeting
- Positive interaction with other provinces, more collaboration
- Wrestling Canada does not have an avenue for concerns to be brought forward

3.5 Beach Wrestling

- Beach wrestling is coming to Canada/Alberta
- Format is different- no coaches on the mat, can have a liquor license, spectator friendly, same skill set as other combat sports, music plays, more relaxed atmosphere
- Plan for next year, set up a series, maybe in co-ordination with Saskatchewan

4.0 Election of Officers

4.1 President

- Mike Drought
- Owen Dawkins

Elected Owen Dawkins

4.2 Coach Representative

- Gord Peavy

Acclaimed Gord Peavy

4.3 Director at Large

- Adam Link

Acclaimed Adam Link

Motion to destroy ballots- Gord Peavy/Adam Link- carried

5.0 Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn- Katie Mulkay-carried