



**Alberta Amateur Wrestling Association
Annual General Meeting Agenda
Saturday September 12, 2026
Red Deer Resort and Casino**

Attendance

Owen Dawkins	Adam Link	Gord Peavy	Vianne Rouleau
Aidan Stevenson	Russell Friend	Mike Drought	Stephen Ohene-Adjei
Lenis Thokle	Mitch Ostberg	Jenna Pepper	Artem Paprotsky
Alex Turov	Meghan MacLean	Karen Harfield	Chad Frey
Amy Bennett	Jeremy Woolward	Roger Pike	Kelly Rich
Nick Portieous	Kevin Lomas	Evelyn Li	Shane Rybak
Nick Papalia	Darah Provencal	Joanne Manning	Kelsey Prenevost
Alan Hansen	Patrick Loyer	Dallin Kay	
Aleah Nickel (staff)	Heather Lothian (staff)	Greg Gilhooly (Legal Expert)	

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:11am

2. Welcome and Introduction

2.1. Attendance and Quorum

Confirmed Quorum was met

2.2. Verification of Votes

Attendance and verification was completed prior to the call to order.

3. Approval of 2025 AGM Minutes

Motion to approve the 2025 AG Minutes- Mitch Ostberg/Kelsey Prenevost- carried

4. Reports

4.1. President Report

- recognition of Tammie Bradley and Andy Ross, thank you to both for their years of service
- Summarized report as circulated
 - o Acknowledge athletes on the international stage
 - o future of wrestlers in AB looks good

- focus on in the future- develop more draw masters, athlete council, coaches symposium/forum, create cohesion in the community meeting face to face, board engagement weekend,
- changes completed include an excellent contract for ED thanks to Russ Friend Adam Link, and Gord Peavy) contract is aligned with strategic plan, biweekly meetings with staff, new website, new logo
- Excited for the year ahead
- Thank you to Russ Friend for bringing the website up to standards

4.2. Officials Report

- Teachers strike really effected officials with training opportunities
- Officials did quite well despite the barriers
- Alberta games went well- experienced and new officials
- AAWOA went through an AGLC audit
- Was asked to Address the relationship between the 2 organizations as outlined in the report
 - Seems to be a coordinated attack on the AAWOA by AAWA
 - In camera meeting was set up to attack the AAWOA and Lenis Thokle in particular
 - Seem to be getting undermined
 - Proposed bylaw changes attack on AAWOA
 - Series of things in the specifically in the last couple of years
- Suggestion by Kelsey Prenevost to have a meeting between two parties regarding relationship

4.3. Coaches Report

- AAWA provided opportunities for coach training
- Several coaches were part of team Canada programs and international competitions
- 2 coaches completed Competition Development
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4.4. Athlete Report

- Recognized the accomplishments of AB athletes
- Struggled to get interest in creating an athletes council, looking to go through coaches
- Had an athletes town hall, important voices from Masters/Senior athletes
- Formed an email for the Athletes Reps, parents can utilize if they have questions, good way to be more accessible to the athletes

Motion to accept reports as presented- Kevin Lomas/Mike Drought- carried.

5. Approval of 2025 Audited Financials

- Completed by Metrix group, no issues found
- Cash has dropped- key factors, casino every other year, grants being used
- Revenue has dropped- grant revenue has dropped, i.e. no Wrestling Canada grants
- Expenses dropped- linked to less grants received
- Direction- growth in games and competitions
- Deficit came out of unrestricted cash

- Sanction fees rolled into membership fees, no sanction fees any longer, membership revenue went up
- Question-2 years of deficits what steps taking to stop or slow down deficits?
 - o Looking for revenue generation opportunities, funding has not increased but costs for programming has increased
 - o Recognize the concern, boards intent is to decrease the deficit
- Is there anyone on the board heading the revenue generation?
 - o Looking forward to having a committee
- Run the company has a business, tangible ways to become more efficient, utilize the website to build and collect data which can market to protentional partnerships
- Discussed grant opportunities, and what is being done to increase revenue from these

Motion to approve the audited financial statements as presented- Stephen Ohene-Adje/Adam Link-carried

6. Election of Officers

6.1. President

Nominations- Owen Dawkins
Adam Link (declined)

Owen Dawkins acclaimed

6.2. Coach Representative

Nominations- Kelsey Prenevost

Kelsey Prenevost acclaimed

6.3. Director at Large

Nominations- Chad Frey
Adam Link

Adam Link elected

7. Approval of Auditors

Metrix Group approved

8. Proposed Bylaw Amendments

8.1. Bylaw 44

- Proposed change would have the Officials Representative voted in at the AGM by members and limit the maximum terms a Director can hold the same role to 3 terms
- Greg Gilhooly from Sport Law went through the proposed bylaw changes
- Spoke about governance and the standards of the day including how fiduciary duties work
- Discussed not changing officials now and instead changing all representatives moving forward

- Discussion around the Officials Representative, currently set so the position represents another organization and fiduciary duty becomes clouded
- Discussed an amendment to the athletes representative, have the positions voted in at the AGM instead of by athletes

After discussion the proposed bylaw to read:

The Executive Officers of the Society shall be:

- (a) *President*
- (b) *Past-President*
- (c) *Vice-President*
- (d) *Secretary-Treasurer*
- (e) *2 Executive Officers at Large as required by the Board*
- (g) *Coaches' Representative*
- (h) *Female Athletes' Representative*
- (i) *Male Athletes' Representative*

All officers of the organization are elected by the AAWA voting members and will serve two (2) year terms.

Directors may not serve more than three (3) consecutive terms in the same role.

The Past-President shall be the individual who most recently completed a term as President, and that individual shall serve as Past-President for a term coinciding with the term of their successor as President.

If the immediately preceding President is unable or unwilling to serve as Past-President, or if a President did not complete a full term, the Board may either: (i) appoint the most recent individual to have completed a full term as President to fill the role for the remainder of the term; or (ii) leave the position vacant until the next Past-President becomes eligible under this section.

There must be at least one Executive Officer from each of the following regions of Alberta:

- 1) *Calgary (Zone 3)*
- 2) *Edmonton (Zone 6)*
- 3) *North (Zones 5, 7, 8)*
- 4) *South (Zones 1, 2, 4)*

Motion to adopt the proposed change to Article 44 in the AAWA By Laws- Kelsey Prenevost/Artem Paprotskyi- carried with 85% of the vote

8.2 Bylaws 46 and 47

- Bylaw change to reflect positions elected in odd and even years to include the athlete representative female, athlete representative male and officials representative.

Bylaws put to the floor – no objections

9. Other Business

9.1. 2026-2027 Budget Overview

- Heather Lothian went over for information with the budget shared to those in attendance, projected deficit, no major changes from previous years
- Budget has been passed, for information only

9.2. Events Calendar

- 2026-2027 events calendar shared as it currently stands
- Alex Turov put forth the proposal to have a league for youth wrestlers, Alex Turov and Kelsey Prenevost to work on a proposal
- Will be hosting 2 coaches super weekends
- Proposed a collegiate cup for athletes out of High School who did not move onto university- after the university duals
- Should it go back to ACAC for wrestling path?
- Discussed the opportunities for growth of those not going to university
- Discussed growth and tournament standards.

10. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn Pat Loyer