



Minutes of the

Annual General Meeting of the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) GoToWebinar Platform Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 1 p.m.

1. Call to Order

TJ Biemans, President, welcomed everyone to the 2021 SPRA Annual General Meeting (AGM) and called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

TJ referred to and read the following.

The Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association would like to acknowledge that our programs, services and support reach lands covered by Treaties 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10, the Traditional Territories of the Cree, Dakota, Dene, Lakota, Nakota and Saulteaux peoples, and homeland of the Métis.

This land has been part of the lives of Indigenous peoples long before our organization existed and will continue to be for many more years to come. We extend our gratitude to those who have called this ancestral land home for generations, and whose histories, languages and cultures continue to influence our communities.

We respect and honour the Treaties, reaffirm our relationships with one another, and move forward together in the spirit of truth, reconciliation and collaboration.

We are all Treaty people.

TJ acknowledged that along with its partners, Sask Sport and SaskCulture, SPRA has a signed Lottery License Agreement with the Government of Saskatchewan. Through this Agreement, proceeds from Sask Lotteries are dedicated to sport, culture and recreation organizations to benefit communities throughout the province.

He acknowledged the special guests from the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport, SaskCulture and Sask Sport, the 2020-2021 SPRA Board of Directors and Past Board of Directors.

TJ also thanked Murray Hidlebaugh, past President, for filling the role of Parliamentarian again this year.

TJ announced that the SPRA Conference would be held separately from the Annual General Meeting (AGM), and be hosted on November 24 and 25, 2021. The theme is "Connect - Educate - Inspire". The SaskFit Conference will be held November 5 and 6, 2021. Both events feature great speakers, sessions and learning opportunities. Members were encouraged to register on the SPRA website.



Members were advised that digital copies of the agenda, 2020 AGM minutes and summarized financial statements are available on the SPRA website or in the handouts dropdown menu in the GoToWebinar control panel.

Members were also advised that the 2020-2021 [Annual Report](#) is available on the SPRA website and also includes the summarized financial statements. Detailed financial statements have not been included in the Annual Report but have been forwarded to those SPRA members that requested them prior to the AGM. Members were advised that if they want to receive the detailed financial statements, they should contact the office after the meeting's conclusion.

The Honourable Laura Ross, Minister of Parks, Culture and Sport and the Minister responsible for the Status of Women Office brought greetings on behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan.

Leanne Schinkel, SPRA Consultant - Strategy and Policy, confirmed quorum for the meeting, identifying 74 members and 41 observers, then provided instruction on how to participate in the virtual meeting, requested each participant sign in for attendance and explained voting procedures. Click [here](#) to view the list of registrants.

2. Adoption of the 2021 Annual General Meeting Agenda

21:10:19:01
Agenda

Motion:

That the 2021 Annual General Meeting Agenda be adopted, as presented

Moved by: Saskatchewan Outdoors & Environment Education Association (Leah Japp)

Second by: Town of Pilot Butte (Brian Chmarney)

Carried

3. Adoption of the 2020 Annual General Meeting Minutes

No errors or omissions were brought forward.

21:10:19:02
2020 AGM
minutes

Motion:

That the 2020 Annual General Meeting minutes be adopted, as presented

Moved by: City of Warman (Coralie Bueckert)

Second by: South West District for Culture, Recreation and Sport (Christie Saas)

Carried

4. Business arising from the 2020 Annual General Meeting Minutes

There was no business arising from the 2020 Annual General Meeting minutes.

5. Report from the President

TJ Biemans provided a reflection on the Association's past fiscal year. He noted this year's Annual Report highlights how SPRA is working together to make meaningful connections, foster partnerships with organizations, governments, and communities with a shared desire to positively impact the lives of Saskatchewan people. [To view the report click here.](#)

There were no questions brought forward.



21:10:19:03
President's
Report

Motion:

That the President's message, as included in the SPRA 2020-2021 Annual Report, be accepted

Moved by: Town of Nipawin (Chelsea Corrigan)

Second by: City of Swift Current (Nicole Spenst)

Carried

6. Adoption of the Auditor's Report and the June 30, 2021 Audited Financial Statements

TJ Biemans called upon Mark Sather, Finance and Administration Manager, to deliver the Financial Report to the membership.

KPMG reported a clean audit report. SPRA continues to be satisfied with the performance of KPMG.

Assets increased by \$540,000 from last year.

Liabilities increased \$314,000 compared to last year. This is based on accounts payables, adjudication payable increase, and grants payable funding.

General fund increased by \$225,000.

Net surplus of \$225,974 due to increase in revenues and savings in travel expenses.

A copy of the summarized financial statement is included in the Annual Report, available electronically, or by contacting the SPRA Regina office.

21:10:19:04
Auditor's
Report

Motion:

That the Auditor's Report and the June 30, 2021 Audited Financial Statements be approved, as presented

Moved by: Town of Wilkie (Lori Fenrich)

Second by: Rivers West District (Donna Johnston-Genest)

Carried

7. Appointment of the Auditor for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Years

20:10:19:05
Appointment of
Auditor
2021-2022

Motion:

That the firm of KPMG LLP be appointed as Auditor for the SPRA 2021-2022 fiscal year

Moved by: Town of La Ronge (Connor Tessier)

Second by: City of Yorkton (Darcy McLeod)

Carried

8. 2020-2021 Resolutions

No resolutions were received.

9. Other Business

No other business to address.

10. Notice of Motions

No other motions were presented.



11. Ratification of Officers and Directors

11.1 2021-2022 SPRA Board of Directors Election Results

TJ introduced the 2020-2021 SPRA Board of Directors and thanked them for their commitment to the organization over this past year. He also recognized the efforts of the SPRA staff. He noted that the SPRA staff team is a passionate, committed and talented group of professionals who are committed to working hard everyday to serve the membership and the industry. A request for Board of Director nominations was sent out to all SPRA Active members on April 1, 2021. Due to COVID-19, the Board extended the deadline for nominations to close at 12 midnight on June 30, 2021.

TJ thanked all of the 2021 nominees and the organizations who nominated them.

Five Board of Director positions were up for nomination – each for a two-year term, from October 2021 to 2023. The positions were:

- President
- Director for Cities
- Director for Towns
- Director at Large – two positions

TJ announced that all positions were filled by acclamation, pending ratification by the membership. The following Directors will be joining the 2021-2022 SPRA Board of Directors:

- Jody Boulet, President
- Amy Kent, Director for Cities
- Chelsea Corrigan, Director for Towns
- Heidi Carl, Director at Large
- Larry Hall, Director at Large

21:10:19:06
Election
Results

Motion: That the membership ratifies the 2021-2022 appointments to the SPRA Board of Directors as per the election process

Moved by: Town of Pilot Butte (Brian Chmarney)

Second by: Lakeland District for Sport, Culture & Recreation (Lyle Campbell)

Carried

TJ congratulated and introduced the 2021-2022 SPRA Board of Directors:

- Jody Boulet, President
- Amy Kent, Director for Cities
- Chelsea Corrigan, Director for Towns
- Taylor Morrison, Director for Villages
- Tonia Logan, Director for the North
- Heidi Carl, Director at Large
- Jennifer Burgess, Director at Large
- Dean Dodge, Director at Large
- Larry Hall, Director at Large



11.2 Recognition and Acknowledgement of Outgoing Board Members

TJ acknowledged that there are three outgoing Board members following this AGM: himself, Jaime Helgason and Ken Ottenbreit. He shared a few words of thanks to Jaime and Ken for their dedication and six years of service to the SPRA Board.

Incoming President, Jody Boulet, then shared a few words thanking TJ for his seven years of service to the SPRA Board, the last two as President.

12. Adjournment

21:10:19:07
Adjournment

Motion: That the 2021 Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association Annual General Meeting adjourn at 1:39 p.m.

Moved by: City of Martensville (Angela Reddekopp)

Second by: Prairie Central District for Sport, Culture and Recreation (Stephanie Cuddington)

Carried