



Minutes of the

Annual General Meeting of the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA) GoToWebinar Platform Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 1 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Darcy McLeod, President, welcomed everyone to the 2025 SPRA Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Darcy acknowledged there were several special guests that joined the AGM, as well as welcomed all former Board Directors and past presidents. Darcy also thanked Murray Hidlebaugh, past President, for filling the role of Parliamentarian again this year.

Darcy called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Darcy referred to and read the following land acknowledgement:

I would like to acknowledge that SPRA's 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 Saukteaux peoples, and homeland of the Métis.

As a descendant of Scottish and Irish ancestry, I recognize the complex histories that interweave my heritage with the story of this land. My ancestors also carried deep connections to their own lands and traditions, which shape my understanding of the importance of stewardship, respect, and community. I carry this heritage with humility as I reflect on the privilege of living on these Treaty lands and share in the responsibility to honour the agreements made and the relationships formed.

I extend my gratitude to the Indigenous peoples who have cared for this land, the waters, and the skies for millennia. Their wisdom and resilience are a guiding light for us all as we strive to live in harmony and respect with the Earth. This acknowledgement is a commitment to learning, listening, and contributing to the ongoing process of reconciliation.

May we walk forward together, recognizing our shared history and building a future rooted in truth, justice, and collaboration. In Saskatchewan, we are all Treaty people, united in our responsibility to care for this land and to honour the promises made.

Members were advised that digital copies of the agenda and the 2024 AGM minutes were sent to all SPRA members on September 4. The meeting documents are available on the SPRA website and under the materials icon on GoToWebinar. Summarized financial



statements are included on the back page of the Annual Report. Detailed financial statements have been forwarded to those SPRA members that requested them prior to the AGM. Members who want to receive the detailed financial statements should contact the office following the meeting. The board proposed a few amendments to the SPRA constitution, these amendments along with the rationale were also shared in the September 4 communication with members to be voted on during the AGM.

Darcy acknowledged that at SPRA, we have the privilege of contributing to recreation's impact on quality of life for people in Saskatchewan. He thanked the Government of Saskatchewan for their continued support for the sport, culture and recreation sector in the province through the signing of the Lottery License Agreement. Through this agreement, proceeds from Sask Lotteries are dedicated to sport, culture and recreation organizations to benefit communities throughout the province. Along with our partners at Sask Sport and SaskCulture, we are grateful for this support and the impact it has had across our province over the past 50 years.

Darcy provided instruction on how to participate in the virtual meeting, requested each participant sign in for attendance, and explained motions and voting procedures. Quorum was confirmed with **91** voting delegates, SPRA will keep the full attendee list on file for record.

2. Adoption of 2025 Annual General Meeting Agenda

25:10:21:01
Agenda

Motion:

That the 2025 Annual General Meeting Agenda be adopted, as presented
Moved by: Rivers West District for Sport, Culture & Recreation, Bonnie Mills Midgley
Seconded by: City of Melfort, Shannon Marshall
Carried

3. Adoption of 2024 Annual General Meeting Minutes

No errors or omissions were brought forward.

25:10:21:02
2024 AGM
Minutes

Motion:

That the 2024 Annual General Meeting minutes be adopted as presented
Moved by: Lakeland District for Sport, Culture & Recreation, Helen Meekins
Seconded by: Town of Foam Lake, Julia Schofer
Carried

4. Business Arising from the 2024 Annual General Meeting Minutes

There was no business arising from the 2024 Annual General Meeting minutes.

5. Report from President

Darcy McLeod provided a summary of the President's Message on the Association's past fiscal year. To view the Annual Report, including the President's Report, click [here](#).



25:10:21:03
President's
Report

Motion:

That the President's Report be accepted as presented

Moved by: City of Yorkton, Taylor Morrison

Seconded by: Parkland Valley Sport, Culture & Recreation District, Wendy McLeod

Carried

6. Adoption of Auditor's Report and the June 2025 Audited Financial Statements

Darcy called upon Mark Sather, Business Operations Manager, to deliver the 2024-2025 Financial Report to the membership.

KPMG reported a clean audit report for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. This was the eighth year KPMG conducted an audit for SPRA and the organization continues to be satisfied with KPMG's performance.

Mark highlighted that assets increased by \$1M compared to last year, mainly in the Unrestricted Fund Investments line. This increase was a result of the surplus and an increase in liabilities. The increase in current liabilities is mainly in the accounts payable line and deferred contributions line. The increase in accounts payable is due to timing of expense invoices being received in June and payment being made in July. The increase in deferred contributions is funds received for multi-year projects. Funds were received upfront for services in this fiscal year as well as next fiscal year. The deferred amount represents the amount to be used in the next fiscal year

The General Reserve fund increased by \$428,954, which matches the surplus on the Statement of Operations. Restricted Net Assets were unchanged.

On the Statement of Operations, under our Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund Grant, there is a sustainable increase due to lottery ticket sales. Program Initiatives funding recognized is consistent with prior years. The grant from the Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport, which is for the Community Rink Affordability grant is consistent with prior year. For Self-Generated Revenues interest revenue is down due to decrease in Bank of Canada interest rates, however the interest revenue is still significant. Registration revenue is down as the Major Recreation Gathering event was co-hosted with CPRA in 2024-25 (Canadian Inclusive Green Spaces Symposium). Training and other event registrations are comparable with prior year.



Expenses are being presented differently as we begin the new strategic direction, this will align to match our six core functions and organizational structure, meeting requirements of SLTF.

- Business Operations – expenses are down due to one vacancy and the reallocation of staff positions to the appropriate functions.
- Consulting – expenses are up due to reallocation of staff positions.
- Funding – expenses are up due to increases in Member Initiative Grants and launch of the one-time Provincial Recreation Assoc Framework grant.
- Communications – expenses are up due to reallocation of staff positions and increased investment associated with the return of Sask Rec Awards.
- Training – expenses are down due to one staff vacancy and a staff maternity leave, and transfer of responsibility for the Regional Park Pass Lending program to external partners.
- Program Initiatives – expenses are comparable to prior year and are balanced with the SLTF grant as planned for Program Initiatives.
- Partnership Grants – CRAG expenses are consistent with prior year.

The 2024-2025 the overall net surplus was added to the General Reserve Fund and was achieved as increase in lotteries operation grant revenues and delayed hiring for five staff vacancies.

25:10:21:04

Auditor's
Report

Motion:

That the Auditor's Report and the June 30, 2025 Audited Financial Statements be approved, as received

Moved by: Lakeland District for Sport, Culture & Recreation, Guylaine Green

Seconded by: South East Sport, Culture & Recreation District, Joni Hagen
Carried

7. Appointment of Auditor for the 2025-2026 fiscal year

The SPRA Board of Directors has been very satisfied with the thorough approach taken to audit the SPRA financial records and are recommending appointment of KPMG LLP to conduct the 2025-2026 Audit.

25:10:21:05

Appointment
of Auditor

Motion:

That the firm of KPMG LLP be appointed as Auditor for the SPRA 2025-2026 fiscal year

Moved by: City of Saskatoon, Lori Brown

Seconded by: Town of Rosthern, Tonya McEachern
Carried

8. 2025-2026 Resolutions

No resolutions were received by membership.

The board is tasked with regularly reviewing the SPRA constitution and proposed a few amendments this year. The proposed amendments, including the rationale, were included



in the email communication to all members sent on September 4, 2025, and were posted for viewing on the SPRA website. In this communication, members were asked to share their feedback or concerns in a short survey prior to the AGM. We received one response to the survey, from an honorary life member. Their question did not require a change to the proposed amendments.

Darcy provided some insight into a few of the proposed changes as well as some background information on the board's decision and reasoning.

There were no questions from membership.

25:10:21:06
Constitution
Amendments

Motion:

That the proposed amendments to the SPRA Constitution be approved as presented

Moved by: City of Regina, Diana Burton

Seconded by: Resort Village of Tobin Lake, Carol-Anne Sanders

Carried with one member opposed

9. Other Business

No other business to address.

10. Notice of Motion(s)

No other motions were presented.

11. Ratification of Officers and Directors

11.1 2025-2026 SPRA Board of Directors

Darcy introduced the 2025-2026 SPRA Board of Directors and thanked them for their commitment to the organization over this past year. Darcy 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 work hard everyday to serve the people of Saskatchewan.

A request for Board of Director nominations was sent out to all SPRA active members on April 1, 2025. The Board extended the deadline for nominations to close at 12 midnight on June 30, 2025.

This year, there were five vacant positions up for nomination – each for a two-year term, from October 2025 to 2027. The positions were:

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

These positions were all filled by acclamation, eliminating the need for an election. Unfortunately, within the past couple weeks, Chris Bruce has had to withdraw his



name as The Director for Cities due to other work commitments. As a result, there will remain a vacancy in the Director for Cities role until the new board of directors reviews their options and makes a decision on next steps at their meeting in December 2025.

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Ratification of
Officers

Motion:

That the membership ratifies the board positions filled by acclamation to the 2025-26 SPRA Board of Directors

Moved by: City of Moose Jaw, Scott Osmachenko

Seconded by: Saskatchewan Snowmobile Association, Leah Switzer
Carried

Darcy welcomed the 2025-2026 SPRA Board of Directors:

- Darcy McLeod – President
- Connor Tessier – Director for the North
- Vacant – Director for Cities
- Chelsea Corrigan – Director for Towns
- Josh Davidson – Director for Villages
- Amy Kent – Director at Large
- Larry Hall – Director at Large
- Skylar Antoniuk – Director at Large
- Michael Ulriksen – Director at Large

11.3 Recognition and Acknowledgement of Outgoing Board Members

Darcy acknowledged that there were two outgoing board members following this meeting: Heidi Carl and Derek Blais. He shared a few words of thanks to both for their dedication and years of service to the board.

12. Adjournment

25:10:21:08

Adjournment

Motion:

That the 2025-2026 Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association Annual General Meeting adjourn at 1:29 p.m.

Moved by: Northern Sport Culture & Recreation District, Tonia Logan

Seconded by: Rivers West District for Sport, Culture & Recreation, Nancy Schneider
Carried