

Saskatchewan Powerlifting Association

Annual General Meeting Minutes – September 5,2015

Weyburn Junior High School

Weyburn, SK

Roll Call - Ryan Fowler, Ryan Stinn, Pam Windrum, Taunia Stevens, Rhaea Stinn, Chris Arnold, Marc Morris, Amy Smith, Heidi Fowler, Mikayla Lohse, Brittinay Rowland, Dallas Cossar, Randy Schiller, Rick from SO, Marnel Spencer, Kent Brown, Mira, Charlene Cretin, Brett Zoreb

Called the meeting to order at 7:42 pm

Adoption of the Agenda – Marc Morris moves that we adopt the agenda as presented. Seconder: Randy Schiller. *Carried.*

Adoption of the Minutes from 2014 – Marc Morris moves that we adopt the minutes from 2014 as presented. Seconder: Randy Schiller. *Carried.*

Elections

President: Ryan Sinn nominated Ryan Fowler. Randy Schiller Seconds – Carried

Vice President: Ryan Fowler nominated Chris Arnold. Taunia Stevens Seconds – Carried

Secretary: Shantelle Szuch nominated. Pam Windrum Seconds. Marc Morris nominated Amy Smith. Kent Brown Seconds. FIRST EVER ELECTION TO BE PUT TO A VOTE!! Amy Smith won with a majority vote of 6.

Treasurer: Heidi Fowler Nominated Marnel . Randy Schiller Seconds. - Carried

Technical Chair: Taunia Stevens nominated Ryan Stinn. Marc Morris Seconds - Carried

Records: Marc Morris nominated Kent Brown. Amy Smith Seconds - Carried

Registration: Ryan Stinn nominated Heidi Fowler. Marnel Spencer Seconds - Carried

Reports – See attached reports for more information.

Marc Morris moves that we accept the reports as read. Seconder: Amy Smith. *Carried.*

Old Business

- a) Sask Sport update – We are still missing the required membership numbers in the 5 zones. Because of this no new applications were submitted. We are continuing to work towards getting Sask Sport recognition

- b) Rick from Special Olympics gave a presentation

Budget

- a) 2015-2016 budget. Rhaea Stinn moves that we accept the budget as presented. Secunder: Kent Brown. *Carried.*
- b) Audit – According to the Non-Profit Incorporation laws, we have to have an audit done on our books every year. However, because we have less than \$20,000 going through our books each year, we can vote on waiving the audit. Ryan Fowler moves that the Saskatchewan Powerlifting Association Corp. will not conduct an audit of its books for the 2015-2016 budget year. Secunder: Marc Morris- *Carried.*

New Business

- a) Article XXVIII – Records, Awards, Classifications and Rankings

Add:

- 2. Classic or Equipped

- a) A lifter registered as a Classic lifter may only set Classic records. A lifter registered as Equipped may only set Equipped records.

Reason: Equipped lifting is different from classic lifting and the records established should reflect that unique skill. They are also separate competitions and records set in the Classic category that are higher than the Equipped record remain only Classic Records

Amend: Chris Arnold Withdraws the addition. Randy Schiller Seconds the withdrawal. Motion to have the SPA look into it, and bring to the CPU. Kent Brown Seconds - *Carried*

- b) **Article XV – Membership**

Current Wording

- 4. Membership: Suspension and Withdrawals

- a)Withdrawal can take place at any time voluntarily, however by virtue of membership in the SPA, the members agrees to submit to a drug testing procedure at any time during the balance of that year and the full calendar year following.

Proposed Wording

- 4. a)Withdrawal can take place at any time voluntarily. However by virtue of membership in the SPA, all SPA members will remain in the drug testing pool for 18 months following the expiration of their CPU card of withdrawal of membership

Marc Morris Seconds - Carried

c) Article XV - Membership

Add:

- c) SPA member may only be an official member of one club or team.

Reason:

Members need to belong to one club officially to allow for ease of Team Champion at Provincials.

Ryan Stinn seconds. *Carried*

d) Article XVI – Competition

Current Wording

1. B) Only certified SPA Provincial or higher level referees shall be used at all sanctioned contests within the province. If three certified SPA Provincial referees or higher referees cannot be found then at least two of the referees must be certified. The third uncertified referee may not sit in the head chair except for the purpose of writing his/her SPA referee practical exam.

Proposed Wording:

Change:

1. B) Only certified SPA Provincial or higher level referees shall be used at all sanctioned contests within the province. ~~If three certified SPA Provincial referees or higher referees cannot be found then at least two of the referees must be certified. The third uncertified referee may not sit in the head chair except for the purpose of writing his/her SPA referee practical exam.~~ The exception to this is if the third referee is writing his/her SPA practical referee exam, in which case he/she will be allowed to referee without being a certified referee.

We are at the point in the province where we have enough referees to require that certified referees always sit in the chairs for any event. We want to continue to keep our standards high and having certified referees is the best way to do this.

Kent Brown seconds. *Carried*

e) Article XVI -Competition

Add:

2. D)All competitions held with the province at a Provincial level or lower must receive sanction from the SPA executive. |Meet directors must complete and submit a completed SPA Sanction Form to receive a sanction for the competition

Reason:

We need to be sanctioning all competitions using a formal process as we have more meets now and more meet directors and we want to continue to run high calibre competitions throughout the province.

Rhaea Stinn Seconds - Carried

f) Article XV - Membership

Current wording:

3. B) A \$10 per lifter doping control fee is to be paid to the SPA following any sanctioned contest held in Saskatchewan. This fee will be waived for an Special Olympic lifter.

Proposed Wording:

Change:

3.b) a \$20 per lifter doping control fee is to be paid to the SOA following any sanctioned contest held in Saskatchewan. This fee will be waived for an Special Olympic lifter. Any lifter who competes in the same competition in Bench Only and Powerlifting will only be charged a single doping control fee.

Reason:

We need to continue our drug testing program and further funding is needed to do this. We have not raised this since it was put into place.

Ryan Stinn Seconds – Carried

g) Article XVI - Competition

Current Wording:

5.Competitions: Provincial Championships

- a) The annual Provincial Powerlifting and Bench Press Championships will take place between August 1st and October 31st. At least two month's notice will be given as to the location and date of the event.

Proposed Wording:

Change:

Competitions: Provincial Championships

a) The annual Provincial Powerlifting and Bench Press Championships will take place between ~~August 1st~~ September 1st and October 31st. ~~At least two months' notice will be given as to the location and date of the event.~~

Reason:

With more competitions being held in Saskatchewan, narrowing up the window to run Provincials makes it easier to plan the calendar. As well, we give a year notice for the event, so the last sentence is not needed.

Amy Smith Seconds – Carried

h) Article XVI -Competition

Add:

6. Competition: Referees

a) A referee must write and pass the Provincial Referee exam, both written and practical before being certified as a Provincial referee.

b) A Provincially Certified Referee must sit as a referee at a minimum of three times per election period with any level of meet counting towards this requirement.

c) A provincial referee who is interested in writing their National Referee Exam must communicate their intention to the SPA Technical Chair a minimum of 6 weeks prior to the National Championship. The Technical Chair will determine if the Provincial Referee is of the calibre to be nominated to write their National Referee Exam.

Randy Schiller Seconds - Carried

i) Article XVII – Drug Testing

Current Wording:

1. All SPA drug testing shall follow the CPU Constitution Article XXI and bylaw 8.

Proposed Wording:

1. All SPA drug testing shall follow the CPU Constitution and bylaw 8.

Reason:

The CPU has changed their constitution and bylaws, this makes it easier to just follow what the CPU does and not always have to change our constitution.

Amy Smith Seconds - Carried

j) Article XVIII – Records, Awards, Classifications and Rankings

Add:

3.Saskatchewan Powerlifting Association Hall of Fame

a) The SPA Hall of Fame will consist of two categories. Athlete and Builder with criteria defined in 3.A)i)and ii). They do not have to be current SPA member

i) Athlete – This award will be presented to an athlete who best exemplifies the perseverance, dedication, and excellence needed to compete as a powerlifter. The athlete must have lifted for a minimum of 5 years with the SPA, with a lifetime clean doping control record.

ii)Builder – This award will be presented to a person who has committed to building the SPA and promoting powerlifting within the province. The builder will have been committed to the SPA for a minimum of 5 years, focusing on the growth and development of the sport of powerlifting in Saskatchewan.

B) Nominations shall be submitted to the President at least one week prior to the AGM. The SPA executive will determine the award winners

C) An award to honour the recipients will be presented at the Provincial Championships

D)These awards will not necessarily be given out each year, if there are no suitable nominations.

Marc Morris Seconds - Carried

Items for Discussion

- a) SPA Meet Directors Guide and Sanction Form. Chris Arnold has completed it, and will have a 2016 Start. There will need to be a call out for applications, to help with the development of the calendar.
- b) Special Olympic Saskatchewan and SPA agreement. Ryan Fowler expressed his thanks in letting Rick from SO come out to speak. More will need to be discussed about whether a membership

with them would be beneficial to the SPA. They will continue to work on the pros and cons.
There was a vote put to give the SPA executive power to discuss with SO – Carried

- c) Selection Criteria at CPU level. Still is out of our control. The process wasn't transparent, and it should have been posted better. Following proper procedures needs to be consistent. Proper checking of the lists to make sure that the best candidate is given the spot. There should be a more standardized format with team selection. The only way to help keep the CPU executives accountable, is bringing your concerns to the President or Vice President, so that they may take these issues to the CPU AGM.
- d) Banking Proposal. It was proposed to move the SPA's bank account over to the Weyburn Credit Union. There are no fees, so it is a logical move. Randy Schiller Seconds – Carried
- e) Provincial Award Winner Presentations. These will be handed out at 2016 Nationals
 - a. Athlete – Jeff Butt
 - b. Builder – Jeff Butt

Future Championships/Contests

- a) CCS – Oct 31, 2015 in Saskatoon
- b) Western Canadians/Last Chance Invitational – December 19, 2015 in Moose Jaw
- c) Provincial 2016 Bid – None at this point
- d) 2016 National Championship – Feb 15-20, 2016 in Regina

Any Other Business

a)The sponsorship package that Lucas, Rhaea, and Tyler developed was well received. With next years Nationals looking to be the biggest Sask team yet, more sponsorships would help with the clothing costs. It would be great if more people could get these out to business

b)An entry deadline of December 31st, for Nationals deadline for running the meet

c)With memberships tripling in the last few years, Marc Morris put in a proposal for a position in the following months, for a job role of continued growth, reaching out to the other districts, to help get the memberships up in the areas we are lacking. This would not only help grow the sport, but would also help with the Sask Sport applicaton. The SPA executive will review,and work on this with Marc.

Amy Smith Seconds - Carried

Adjourn

Ryan Stinn adjourned the meeting at 10:02pm. Kent Brown Seconded

