

Saskatchewan Powerlifting Association
Annual General Meeting Minutes– November 9, 2012
Golden Nugget
Moose Jaw, SK

Roll Call – Ryan Fowler, Rhaea Stinn, Ryan Stinn, Randy Schiller, Marc Morris, Amy Smith, Mitch Gardiner, Curtis Prescesky, Connor Lutz, Travis Campbell, Darryl Campbell, Aaron Ziffle, Clinton Templeton, Taunia Stevens, Shantelle Szuch, Pam Windrum, Rory Windrum, Chris Arnold

Called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda – Aaron Ziffle moves that we adopt the agenda as presented.
Seconder: Shantelle Szuch *Carried.*

Adoption of the Minutes from 2011- Darryl Campbell moves that we adopt the agenda as presented. Seconder: Taunia Stevens *Carried.*

Elections

- Ryan Stinn nominates Ryan Fowler for President. Darryl Campbell seconds. Shantelle Szuch moves nominations cease.
- Ryan Stinn nominates Chris Arnold for Vice President. Aaron Ziffle seconds. Taunia Stevens moves nominations cease.
- Ryan Stinn nominates Heidi Fowler for Secretary. Darryl Campbell nominates Taunia Stevens for Secretary, Rory Windrum seconds. Shantelle Szuch moves nominations cease. Taunia is new secretary.
- Heidi Fowler nominates Ryan Fowler to be Treasurer. Pam Windrum seconds. Marc Morris moves nominations cease.
- Shantelle Szuch nominates Ryan Stinn to be Technical Chair. Rory Windrum seconded. Taunia Stevens moves nominations cease.
- Aaron Ziffle nominates Rhaea Stinn to be the Records Chair. Darryl Campbell seconds. Ryan Stinn moves nominations cease.
- Ryan Stinn nominates Heidi Fowler for Registration Chair. Shantelle Szuch seconds. Pam Windrum moves nominations cease.

Reports – See attached reports for more information

Taunia Stevens moves that we accept the reports as read. Seconder: Shantelle Szuch.
Carried.

Old Business

- a) Sask Sport – We did not meet being incorporated for two years rule last time we applied and the decision was made to reapply under SPA Corporation, rather than go back and try to recreate all the financial statements for the years we were not filing. This coming Jan we will be incorporated for 3 full years. Our other problem was the number of members. We addressed this with our new membership incentive. There were some other little things that we could work on with Sask Sport. Pros of becoming

affiliated with Sask Sport: money. Cons of becoming affiliated: politicizes us a bit. The next application due date is March 2013. The Executive will work to have a new application in for January 2013. We may be classified as an emerging sport where we still get some funding but work through some things. Grant money that helps provide athlete development, coach development, and potentially athlete funding would be helpful. There may be some unknown risks where people that are not involved with the sport take some things over. We can mitigate risks by taking some steps as an executive.

- b) Membership Classes – Referees - An active CPU member does not have to pay to be a referee, but non-active (non-competing) CPU members should be applying for a referee membership.

Coaches – same idea as referees. It sounds like the IPF is headed down that coaches have to be certified. Perhaps we should look at someone coaching a SK athlete at Nationals needs some sort of training. We need to look at who and where we will invest especially with Sask Sport recognition.

Budget

- a) Fiscal year looks terrible. The final cheque for our Summer Student Grant from the federal budget comes in later in the year after our fiscal year ends. One of our big expenses this year was the new lifter incentive: 41 new members x \$30 per CPU card = \$1230

The financial statements were presented with the numbers from 2010 to 2012, then proposed budget for this year. Budget is based on 75 paying members at \$60 per CPU card is where we get most of our money.

Expenses: CPU has increased our provincial affiliation fee to \$500, but this lowers our insurance fee to \$0 because the CPU has got national insurance to cover directors and officers insurance, and covers each lifter lifting in a CPU sanctioned event.

The cost of a CPU card is going up to \$35. Drug testing - one test costs \$960. It would be nice to do more testing however it is costly. Employee expense looks strange because of how fiscal year falls. We budgeted for a summer student again next year.

Questions: Honourariums for referees – meet directors pay if they invite a National Referee and agree to cover their costs not the SPA.

Do we want to hire a summer student again next summer? A question was asked about what the summer student did. If we have a mandate and specific set of tasks it is invaluable to have a student.

Marc Morris moves that we accept the budget as presented. Seconder: Tania Stevens. *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. It was asked if it would be good for the Sask Sport application. If we become associated with Sask Sport they have their own auditors greatly relieving the financial cost of an audit. Ryan Fowler moves that the Saskatchewan Powerlifting Association Corp. will not conduct an audit of its books for the 2011-2012 budget year. Seconder: Darryl Campbell. *Carried.*

New Business

Current Wording:

Article XV

3. Membership Fee's

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Proposed Wording:

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Reason:

The CPU has increased the cost we pay for the CPU cards to \$35/card. They have also increased our affiliation fee to \$500/year.

Ryan Fowler moves that we accept this proposed wording. Rory Windrum seconds. Discussion about would it be worth it to have more Special O happening in the province for increased funding. It was discussed that Special O athletes do not have much money and their funding is limited so it would not be a benefit in that respect. *Carried.*

Items for Discussion

- a) "Marc Morris Incentive" to have new members get free CPU membership: Some new members liked opportunity to try it out without having to pay for a CPU card. Some new people found it was of no difference, they would have tried the sport anyway. We would like to keep it going for at least another year to see if new members from 2012 renew in 2013. It helps sell the sport to people. It shows we care about the new members and letting people try it out without too much financial expense. We will have a better idea of if it worked next year and in the coming years. If we do not retain members, we should use some survey tools to find out why we are not retaining members. Membership fees going up will help subsidize our budget. It was discussed that we could put a lower fee for a card like \$10 or \$15 rather than free so we do not lose so much money on the incentive. We should not run in a deficient for an indefinite amount of time if this incentive continues to draw many new members. Is this the year to take a chance on?
Ryan Stinn proposes that we add new membership type starting Jan 1, 2013: New Member fee is \$15. Randy Schiller seconds. *Carried.*
- b) SPA Meet Directors Guide is a work in progress. The Executive is continuing to work on this and it will be on the website soon.

- c) Drug Testing – is important for the sport in general. Doping is something we are supposed to all be against. CCES charges lots for drug testing (roughly \$960 per time) Each test costs \$500 plus travel time for officials. Is this something our membership feels is more important? Should we put more emphasis on this? CPU Doping Control committee makes decision about where CCES goes. We can request that they come to a meet but have no say on if they are coming for sure. The membership thinks we need to be a fiscally responsible with drug testing. A question was asked if we are on par with other provinces with our amount of tests? We are not sure of the amount of testing in other provinces. A comment was made that the presence with the CPU able to do testing at any meet may be good enough for now. Are we doing what the CPU and in turn what the IPF wants as a province? IPF has a directive that they want to start doing more out of meet testing (OMT). IPF is very focused on making IOC happy so they are spending lots of money on drug testing. Our goals as a province should line up with CPU Strategic Plan that CPU Executive is working on. Once we see what their strategic goals are we can work to be in line with them.

Future Championships

- a) Provincials 2013 Bids –Saskatoon would like to bid on 2013 possibly at IronWorks again. It might be nice to have Provincials in a venue that is different than a gym. The Executive can work with the meet directors to help with strategies to get a good venue. It was asked if we could we strategically place a meet in a place to showcase the sport? It would be difficult if we don't have members in that area to help find a venue and promote it in the area.
- b) Last Chance Invitational 2012 – Moose Jaw will host. Esterhazy would like to host but with the Fowler baby coming at that time travelling to Esterhazy between Christmas and New Year's does not seem like it will work for many this year. At some point Esterhazy would like to host as they have a new hotel but they will look at something next year as this meet. There are opportunities to run a meet anytime – last year we had a February meet in Weyburn and Unparalleled ran a June meet. Clubs are welcome to organize a meet any time they would like not just when we have held meets in the past.
- c) Mileage cost for bringing racks, competition/warm-up weights, and other equipment to venues will be looked at by the Executive.

Any Other Business

- a) Congratulations to Rhaea Stinn who made the World Games North American team next year at the end of July in Cali, Columbia.

Adjourn

Shantelle Szuch moves that we adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.