

**2023 MWPA AGM – September 13, 2023, 7:00 pm**  
**Pan Am Pool, Winnipeg, MB**



**Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Lisa Cupples at 7:01 pm.

2. Establishment of Quorum

Voting delegates:

Lisa Cupples, MWPA President

Heather Carson, MWPA Technical Director (joining meeting virtually)

Jon Kovacs, MWPA Director

Yanxing Niu, MWPA Director

Nancy Smith, Dakota Collegiate Institute

Mike Reid, Vortex Water Polo

Stasia Meseman, Vortex Water Polo

Erin Bueckert, Vortex Water Polo (leaves meeting at 7:50 pm)

Claire Bredin, Member/Board of Director nominee

Sandra O'Malley, Member

Bruce Rose, Staff

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: To approve the 2023 AGM agenda, moved by Nancy Smith, seconded by Yanxing Niu, all in favor – passed.

4. Presentation and Approval of Minutes of 2022 Annual Meeting

MOTION: To approve the 2022 AGM minutes, moved by Erin Bueckert, seconded by Stasia Meseman, all in favor – passed.

5. Reports

- a. President – year end report submitted. Refer to reports section on meeting minutes.
- b. Director– year end report submitted. Refer to reports section on meeting minutes.

6. 2023 Proposed Bylaw Amendments

2023 Proposed Bylaw changes presented.  
General discussion.

MOTION: To approve 2023 Bylaw amendments as presented, moved by Erin Bueckert, seconded by Yanxing Niu, all in favor – passed.

7. 2022-23 Financial Statements

2022-23 Financial Statements presented.  
General discussion.

MOTION: To approve 2022-23 Financial Statements as presented, moved by Nancy Smith, seconded by Yanxing Niu, all in favor – passed.

8. Presentation of 2023-24 Membership Fees and Categories

2023-24 Membership Fees and Categories presented.  
General discussion.

ACTION: MWPA Office to include a column on membership document noting admin service fees charged by Water Polo Canada (2.5%).

9. Appointment of Auditor for 2023-24

MOTION: To approve the 2023-24 Auditor as follows:

Chochinov Curry LLP, 363 Broadway, Winnipeg, MB R3C 3N9

Moved by Stasia Meseman, seconded by Mike Reid, all in favor – passed.

## 10. Election of Directors

a. Nominations received as of August 31, 2023:

- i. Jon Kovacs
- ii. Yanxing Niu
- iii. Claire Bredin

All Nominees welcomed to the MWPA Board of Directors by acclamation.

Many thanks to exiting Board of Directors for their service – Nancy Smith, Heather Carson and Kyrstin Stephenson.

## 11. Other Business

None

## 12. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the September 13, 2023, MWPA AGM at 7:54 pm, moved by Lisa Cupples.

Let us continue to be committed to our vision:

**Developing leaders and striving for excellence, in and out of the pool.**

## REPORTS

### President's Report

2022 MWPA AGM – September 13, 2023

Our board accomplished many tasks in 2022-2023. We have updated a number of policies and continued to work towards Safe Sport for all.

The MWPA Board of Directors has shown continued professionalism, care, and commitment. A big thank you to Nancy Smith, for your guidance as Past President, to Heather Carson for your diligence as Technical Director and to Kyrstin Stephenson for your continued role as School League Director (even when 9 months pregnant!). All three are completing their terms on the Board and starting new chapters in their lives. I thank them for their many years of dedication to water polo. Thank you also to Jon Kovacs and Yanxing (Stella) Niu who are new to the board and bring with them new ideas as we move forward.

A huge thank you to Bruce Rose, our Executive Director who continues to go above and beyond in time, effort, and detail in the most professional manner to ensure water polo in Manitoba continues to thrive. We could not operate without you!

#### Safe Sport and Water Polo Canada

Safe Sport is a top priority to Water Polo Canada. I appreciated the opportunity to sit on a national safe sport committee this past year along with several other PSO Presidents and Executive Directors. Although our piece for study was just a small part of the larger picture, we also gained the opportunity to discuss the issues and how other provinces were dealing with ensuring that water polo was a safe environment. For all members to have positive experiences, their safety must be a top priority. The President's Council monthly meetings have also been an invaluable way to connect and share ideas.



#### School League

This year we were excited to bring back the middle school portion of School League post-Covid19. With sixteen schools participating, we had ninety-four middle school and one hundred and forty-three high school students playing Water Polo 4s. There were some nail-biter gold medal games!

It was exciting to see the Fort Richmond team featured on CTV's "Sports Star of the Week"  
<https://winnipeg.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=2590775&jwsourc=cl>



### **Update on Sport Manitoba Funding**

While we have ongoing funding support from Sport Manitoba, a disadvantage of the two competitive clubs in Manitoba deciding to merge is that Sport Manitoba has reduced our funding for 2023/24.

### **Winnipeg Foundation Endowment Fund**

We are excited to announce a new endowment fund through the Winnipeg Foundation. When Bushido Water Polo was dissolved, a dormant account was used to set up a permanent legacy fund. Thanks to Eileen Gaynor for all of her work in setting this up. The Winnipeg Foundation matched the original gift from Bushido Water Polo and the fund is now open to accept additional donations. This fund will be available for scholarships, safe sport initiatives, and more!

To make a donation: <https://www.mycharitytools.com/gift/wpgfdn/donate?fund=5729>

We are excited to see where the next year takes us!

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Cupples, President MWPA

## **Director's Report**

### **2023 MWPA AGM – September 13, 2023**

On behalf of the MWPA Board of Director's, we are submitting a combined Director's report highlighting our activities over the past sport season.

#### **Membership:**

440 members as of August 31, 2023

- Our short-term goal was to rebound our membership numbers to pre-Covid 19 numbers of 600+ for the 2022-23 season. We fell short on this target which did have an impact on our financial bottom line.
- Long-term membership goal of 1000+. To access increased funding from Sport Manitoba, 1000 members could potentially move us into a new funding level.
- Membership fees were reduced during Covid-19. 2023-24 membership fees have been increased to pre-Covid \$s.

#### **School League Water Polo:**

143 HSL participants

94 MY participants

- A modified program delivered - water polo 4s.
- Gender specific play at the HSL level, co-ed at the MY level.
- 16 participating schools.

#### **Programming**

- School league delivered
- Winter League delivered
- Provincials delivered
- Sport development camp delivered

#### **Coach Education:**

- Community Coach Workshop offered – 10 certified | Course fees supported by PSO.
- New coaching requirements established for 2022-23 with screening policy.

#### **Officials Education:**

- Regional Referee evaluations – 7
- Provincial Referee evaluations – 2

Annie McIntyre participated as a referee in the NCL.

**Grants:**

A total of \$30,500 in grants paid out to supporting Clubs, leagues and membership to assist in program and athlete development in Manitoba.

**Policies:**

Ongoing work on PSO policy structure and framework. Approval of several new policies: whistleblower policy, safe sport policy, athlete protection guidelines.

Coaching requirements for 2022-23 updated with screening policy.

Bylaws presented at 2022 AGM and approved. Bylaw revisions – to be presented at 2023 AGM.

**Committee Work**

NSO Participation:

- MWPA President – WPC President’s Council
- MWPA ED – WPC Operations Council
- MWPA Technical Director – WPC OWG Committee
- MWPA Delegate – WPC HP Committee

PSO Participation:

- MWPA ED - Manitoba Aquatics Group
- MWPA ED – Sport Manitoba ED working group
- MWPA Board (Jon and Stella) – Bylaws Working Group

**Database:**

Ongoing work with RAMP database.

**Sport Manitoba:**

- Ongoing monthly meetings with other sport PSO Executive Directors.
- IFF submission approved with Sport Manitoba to secure another year of base funding.
- Sport development funding from Sport Manitoba for 2023-24 reduced due to new parameters introduced. (i.e.: funding cannot exceed 50% of revenues generated from sport activities, lack of Clubs, lack of Clubs outside of the city, and etc.)

**Finances:**

- 2022-23 financials submitted as part of AGM documentation for approval.
  - Deficit of (\$1398)
  - Deficit mainly due to short fall in membership numbers

- Net assets at end of year - \$76,365

**Website:**

- Ongoing updates to website
  - Revamp of school league pages
  - Revamp of safesport pages
  - Revamp of Coaching pages
  - New MWPA Logo introduced
  - Ongoing outreach on Facebook

**Opportunities for Growth:**

- Increased participation in MWPA sanctioned events
- Accessing new pool space to accommodate potential membership growth
- Ongoing collaboration with member Clubs and Schools
- Board of Director recruitment
- Increased exposure at pools across the province
- Increased exposure in NCL
- Increase capacity to host competitions
- Athletes participating in AGNT programs

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Respectfully submitted by,

Heather Carson, Kyrstin Stephenson, Jon Kovacs, Yanxing Niu and Bruce Rose



**MANITOBA WATER POLO ASSOCIATION INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023**  
(See Accompanying Notes)

	2023	2022
<b>REVENUE:</b>		
Interest income	\$ 12	\$ 1
2017 Canada Summer Games Legacy Fund Trust		5,800
Program revenue	30,610	10,854
Sport Manitoba Inc. grants	44,400	43,500
Sport Manitoba/Sport Manitoba Program Funding	14,500	14,500
Water Polo Canada Grant		4,000
Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy		6,251
Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy	7	164
Manitoba Bridge Grant		5,000
Hardest-Hit Business Recovery Program	284	
	<b>89,813</b>	<b>90,070</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Administrative - Page 10	28,552	29,714
Coaches and officiating	12,839	4,800
Program expenditures	49,820	45,168
	<b>91,211</b>	<b>79,682</b>
<b>(DEFICIENCY) EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ (1,398)</b>	<b>\$ 10,388</b>

