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Minutes of the CANSPEI Annual General Meeting
Saturday, May 4, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by President Lara Abramson. Present were:

Board Members

Lara Abramson (President)	Patti Sampson (Past President)
Derek Mitchell (Executive Director)	Donna MacPherson
Amelia Campbell	Wayne Peters
Trent Raynard	Russell Prime

Regrets: Tiffany MacInnis

Guests:

Mat Whynott	Susan Calpin	Chris Abraham
Emma Power	Jenn Ross	Kathleen Murphy
Kady McDonnell		

Lara welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened the board meeting.

Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting

Moved by Wayne Peters, seconded by Patti Sampson, to approve the minutes of the 2018 Annual General meeting. Approved.

Executive Reports

President

Lara reported a successful year. Successful funding from the province. Huge thanks to Derek Mitchell, who worked on the funding proposal. The funding has increased to top tier (\$20, 25, 25, 30). Outcomes reporting has been changed to set goals of org consistent with goals of the department (Community and Cultural Heritage). Accreditation and Membership Engagement committees established to address their respective areas. Professional Development grant has been established for camps to help with developing leaders.

Patti Sampson will be stepping down as Past President. Thank you for ten years of service to CANSPEI. Derek Mitchell has stepped down as Executive Director, after seven years on the board and two years as Exec. Director. Derek was instrumental in getting the funding proposal together.

Treasurer

Funding from the province has not yet been received, but should be in within the next few weeks. Sport NS is now handling our financial work.

Committee Reports

Membership Engagement

Board met in January, and established this committee to cover social media, newsletter, and how to engage more camps to encourage accreditation.

Education and Training

Five courses offered last year (total of 60 participants). Canoe/Kayak and Low Ropes are being offered this year. Looking at a curriculum for our own Archery Instructor course for next year.

Grants

Four new Program Grants from last year. Brigadoon Village program grant for broomball has been approved for this year.

Professional Development grant is now established for camps to send staff on PD activities.

Accreditation

In 2018-19, we accredited 9 camps. At this time, we have a total of 31 camps, with 22 of them being accredited for a five-year period. The Accreditation Committee is looking at the Standards document, with an eye toward streamlining it where we can, clarifying any wording that might be confusing, and reformatting to collapse unnecessary whitespace. We have covered the first three sections (Administration, Personnel and Health). Section 4 (Site, Facilities and Equipment) and 5 (Programming) will be done in the fall, and we hope to present the board with the revised document for review in the fall.

Camp Tidnish, Camp Kier, Sherbrooke Lake and Canoe Cove Christian Camp were re-accredited for 5 years.

Moved by Amelia Campbell, seconded by Donna MacPherson, to accept the reports as presented. Approved.

Budget

The budget was presented by Amelia Campbell.

Moved by Amelia Campbell, seconded by Wayne Peters to approve the budget as presented. Approved

Moved by Russell Prime seconded by Amelia Campbell to have the 2018 financial statement on the website accepted. Approved

Nominations

Patti Sampson has nominated Mat Whynott to be a board member. Patti will be stepping down from the board. (Thank you, Patti!)

Moved by Patti Sampson, seconded by Chris Abraham to approve the slate of board members as presented. Approved.

New Business

Board has identified a need to have our own Archery Instructor Curriculum. Jay Rowding will be developing this for us. The program will focus on Safety and care of equipment, and be geared toward working with children, vs training athletes.

Recognition Award for John and Helen Ivens (Johnson Christian Park) will be presented in July by Russell Prime on behalf of CANSPEI.

Russell acknowledged Scotian Glen camp for hosting our AGM this year.

Patti acknowledged Lara's leadership of CANSPEI this past year.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.