

# **2023 Manitoba Diving Association Annual General Meeting**

## **NOTICE OF MEETING 2022-2023 Annual General Meeting**

**Pan Am Pool  
Boardroom**

**Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
7:00PM to 7:30PM**



**Manitoba Diving Association  
2022-2023 Board of Directors**

<b>President</b>	Brandon Christopher
<b>1st Vice President</b>	Wil Hedges
<b>Treasurer</b>	Garett Surcon
<b>Secretary</b>	Noelle Merkel-Lajoie
<b>Technical Director</b>	MP Berman
<b>Member At Large</b>	Elizabeth Pennington
<b>Member At Large</b>	Adam Berman

**Staff**

<b>Executive Director</b>	Ken Stevens
<b>Bookkeeper</b>	Linda Ferguson

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**AGENDA**

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- A. Call to Order
- B. Establishment of Quorum
- C. Appointment of Scrutineers
- D. Approval of the Agenda
- E. Declaration of Any Conflicts of Interest
- F. Adoption of Minutes of 2021-2022 Annual Meeting
- G. Executive Reports
- H. Review and Approval of Auditors' Report and Financial Statements
- I. Appointment of Auditors
- J. New Business
- K. Election of New Directors
  - Positions to be Elected
    - Vice President
    - Treasurer
    - Technical Director
    - Member At Large
- L. Adjournment

## AGM meeting minutes

1. Call to Order 7:30
2. Establishment of Quorum
  - a. Quorum was established
  - b. Attendance as follows:
    - i. From the board:
      1. Brandon Christopher
      2. Peter Bernatsky
      3. Ken Stevens
      4. Wil Hedges
      5. Garrett Surcon
    - ii.
      1. Linda Ferguson (Contract Book Keeper for Dive MB)
    - iii. Members from
      1. Dallas Downey
      2. Elizabeth Pennington
      3. Jason Kelly
      4. Juan Campuzano
3. Appointment of scrutineers: WH/GS appointment of Linda Ferguson
4. Agenda GS/PB APPROVED
5. Declaration of Conflicts of Interests—no declaration
6. Adoption of Minutes 2020/2021 WH/PB no corrections, omissions or errors APPROVED
7. Business arising from the minutes: None.
8. Executive Reports (ALL APPROVED in single motion WH/PB)
  - a. Presidents Report

Presented by Brandon Christopher and Peter Bernatsky  
Brandon took over from Peter Bernatsky at the end of August  
Great to see a full year of diving competitions  
Lots of new talent coming up doing really well at Nationals  
The Board has had a strong role as advocate. Deputy Mayor Janice Lukes checked in with Peter recently to see how Diving is going, indicating an awareness of our sport and interest from the city.  
Special thanks to the volunteers on this Board for all the work we do—much of our work goes beyond our role as a governance board, so it is very nice to see.  
Special thanks to Peter from Dallas—Dallas credits Peter for much of the hard work to keep the Club running during COVID through advocacy and support.

## AGM meeting minutes

Dallas sees the board as a partner more so than she has in the past.  
Thanks to Peter from Brandon as well—above and beyond his role..  
Thanks to Ken as well for all he has done, and to other Board members as well.  
It has been challenging to be involved in this board without the sport actually happening during COVID.  
We had the second biggest team at nationals—things went really well this past year and we have lots of be happy with.

### b. Technical Director's Report

Presented by Ken Stevens on behalf of MP Berman

Lots of competitions this past year

15 divers attended, and several podium finishes

CSG were also successful, we had several podium finishes.

Lots of camps happened throughout the year

See Technical Director's report for details.

### c. Executive Director's Report

Lots of travel following a challenging COVID experience. Grassroots, high performance, high diving. Capped off with Canada Summer Games (CSG), podium finishes at both CSG and Nationals

Live streaming of the Revolution events was a hi-light. We had people watching internationally and across the country. Dallas commented that other coaches were able to watch the stream and commented that it was excellent.

Judge Development—Cam McLean is training to be a National Judge. This will bring us to 2 National Judges in MB. This is significant as it is expensive for us to bring in National Judges to our events.

High Diving introduced this year by Dallas, and it has been a huge success.

We have been involved in funding equipment upgrades.

IFF funding completed and we were able to maintain funding throughout the year. Application for IFF will be presented in February of next year and is under way.

Social Media accounts are growing and improving with lots of new membership. Lots of Media attention this year.

Revolution's organizing committee (largely made up of Dive MB Board members) is being recognized by Dive Canada and asked to help run Nationals.

We continue to apply for lots of grants and funding

Looking to increase sponsorship opportunities, and there is some hope that with the Dresden Trials this year, we will be successful in securing more sponsors.

Welcome to Brandon as the new president and Garrett as the new treasurer, completing terms for Peter and Wil.

## AGM meeting minutes

### 9. Review and Approval of Auditor's Report and Financial Statements GS/PB APPROVED

Linda presented the independent Auditor's Report—the report indicates that our finances are in order. We are in a strong cash position, some in term deposits earning some interest.

This year we spent more than we had as income, but remain in a healthy position.

Ken—Thanks to Linda for all her hard work on this despite some personal health challenges.

Our fiscal year end is 5 months off from Sport MB's fiscal year end which creates some logistic challenges in terms of applying for funding and having to defer funding from one year to the next to accommodate our different year ends.

Ken is meeting with Sport MB to consider moving diving from a summer sport to a winter sport to get funding earlier in the year. This may not make sense, but he hopes to have some more information by the end of next week.

Financial report, supporting documents and Independent Auditor's Report are attached.

### 10. Appointment of Auditors (Linda Recommends Tony Gauthier be appointed again for 2022/2023) PB/GS APPROVED

### 11. By-law changes: APPROVED (moved as indicated below)

- a. 3.4 DL/PB
- b. 4.1 WH/PB
- c. 6.4 PB/GS

Please see attached changes to by-laws to reflect the changes made.

### 12. New Business

### 13. Election of New Directors (call made three times, all appointed by acclamation)

- a. Positions to be elected:  
Members:  
President—Brandon Christopher  
Secretary—Wil Hedges  
Member at Large—Elizabeth Pennington

### 14. High Performance Team MB—we are reviewing some results at this stage, so we are not sure who is going to be on the team just yet. This will be announced at another time, possibly the awards ceremony that Revolution may plan for the new year.

### 15. Divers of the year—this will be finalized shortly. This will also be announced at a later date, likely the awards ceremony.

End of agenda

AGM meeting minutes

Closing comments from Brandon

Adjourn PB 8:11PM

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**SLATE**

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**Positions to be elected:**

1. Vice President
2. Treasurer
3. Technical Director
4. Member at Large

**Nominees willing to stand for open positions:**

**Wil Hedges – Vice President**

Wil Hedges has been in the role of Diving Manitoba Treasurer and Secretary for the past three years. He has one daughter in the Revolution Diving program, and this is her 7th season with the club. Wil serves as the Revolution Diving Volunteer Coordinator and enjoys being on pool deck during competitions. Wil has two other children who are involved with the Manitoba Marlins Swim Club. When he is not at the pool, Wil is a lawyer who has focused his career in the areas of child protection and human rights. Wil is an active community member and is hoping to continue with the Diving Manitoba Board of Directors for another term.

**Garett Surcon – Treasurer**

**Adam Berman – Technical Director**

**MP Berman – Member at Large**

MP has completed 2 terms as the Dive Manitoba Technical Director and now leaving her name as standing for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Member at Large position. Along with this experience, MP's also is involved on the NAV CANADA negotiations team, chair on different committees, leading fundraising campaigns, presenting in international conferences and running national initiatives have given her significant perspective, both tactically and strategically, within operational air navigation service provision. Ms. Berman has also been actively involved in her community chairing United Way campaigns and most recently as an Account Executive for the United Way of Winnipeg.

Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual General Meeting or by forwarding Nomination Forms to Executive Director Ken Stevens of Dive Manitoba at [diving@sportmanitoba.ca](mailto:diving@sportmanitoba.ca)



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**NOMINATION FORM**

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Name of person nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of person nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS (add separate sheet if more space is required):

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Nominations need to be forwarded to the Dive Manitoba Executive Director Ken Stevens ([diving@sportmanitoba.ca](mailto:diving@sportmanitoba.ca)) at least 7 days prior to the election or made from the floor at the Annual General Meeting.

Date received by Administration: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_