

Squamish Windsports Society

Minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting

Held on Nov 30, 2010 at West Vancouver Yacht Club

Directors Present:

Sandra Bicego (President), Chris Glazier (Treasurer), Woody Adal (Secretary), Jim O'Toole, Mark Gray, Jennifer Lewis

Directors Unable to Attend:

Jean-Michel Tremblay (Director - Operations), Jamie Martin (Vice-President)

Members Present: **15**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the president at 8:10 pm

2. Approval of Agenda

It was **moved** by Woody Adal and **seconded** by Jennifer Lewis that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED.

3. Approval 2009 AGM minutes:

It was **moved** by Woody Adal and **seconded** by Jim O'Toole that the minutes be approved.

CARRIED.

4. President's Report & Significant Developments:

The president reported as follows:

- This season we had 3 new staff, with one returning person.
- We could use more stats for all the society/area planning - the staff could collect them
 - how many unique users?
 - Where from?
- The Live Wind Graph was put into operation
 - thanks to Squamish Terminal and Alan Kot
- Squamish Olympic Legacy Funds
 - thanks to Alan Kot for creating the initial draft
- (side talk) Alan Kot spoke about beach surfacing being a high priority, high interest project to use the money for.
- We will be granting of an Honorarium to the Director of Operations
- Squamish Oceanfront Development Corporation
 - Sandra got involved : explaining to them the importance of sports to tourism.
- New Jet Ski and Old Jet Ski maintenance

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- Our Lease Renewal is fast approaching. We are sub-license holders to the District of Squamish who lease from the Province. We are unofficially responsible for the spit to the yellow gate but legally it's only to half way along the spit.
 - The District of Squamish want to give us power to manage camping, garbage, camping and signage
 - Our members must be made more aware of our impact to the area.
 - The District of Squamish is interested in there being a go to person/phone number
 - The District of Squamish see daily operations as somewhat chaotic and they wants to know more about organization and structure
 - Jamie is interacting with them
 - *** No more riding in the grass... they're keeping an eye on us.
 - There is a committee doing signage and info plan
 - Alan suggested a waiver with those rules on it

5. Treasurer's Report:

2010 had: **322** paid members

- **290** in 2009
- **240** in 2008

There was an income of \$52,000

Expenses were \$61,000 (new jet ski, more staff, honorarium)

This shows a Net Loss of \$8000 but we had \$7000 carry over from 2009

Future spending: We need to provide improved river access.

5a. Day fees/memberships

The Treasurer suggested that the fees remain the same for the 2011 season.

- Single Membership \$140 (\$150 after May 1st)
- Family Membership \$250
- Student \$75 (with student card)

It was unanimously agreed upon by all in attendance.

CARRIED.

5c. Approval Financial Statements

It was **moved** by Jennifer Lewis and **seconded** by Woody Adal that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED.

6. Operation's Report:

Garbage is being removed by volunteers - district is concerned about bears

Beginning year setup -- call for volunteers

Surface Improvements

- lots of talk about creating a walkway on the top of the spit. Poured, or pavers.

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When are we most impactful to the wildlife in the estuary?

7. Race committee needs a new head. Colin will up take that role. More people participated, people enjoyed it. Main event was great except for the weather. There was recognition in the magazines. Benefit to the district with this. Olympics are also going to create racing momentum. We might interface with the SOAR event. Thanks to Kyle.

8. Thanks to Kalena for organizing the Kite-o-ween Event . It was a whole lot of fun for kites and visitors a-like.

9. Special Presentation:

Jim Hegan picture show. Simply, wicked!

10. New Business:

a.

Points for discussion/action: Alan brought up waivers are they getting signed from the schools? This topic was not nailed down last year. This should be. Right now, only people paying day fees are signing SWS waivers.

Colin suggested a "Use at own risk sign". Alan suggested a "we're here" flag or paint the bin doors. Colin suggested that we train the staff to administer the info. Collaboration from group on orientation to the area, safety, launch land procedures, garbage and care of the Spit, in particular about the estuary and the pier. Obligations sheet with 10 bullet points that the staff administer. Get the staff to find out their level of experience and orient appropriately.

b. Free memberships for the following season, for Board of Directors, if the work done for the society is merited. Not much interest from anyone, matter dropped.

c. Gift to payroll service company for doing our payroll (same as last year).

- JM handles it. It seems appropriate to gift again like we did last year.

it'd be good to learn about the connection between the SWS and the payroll company. Also, who does what?

d. The road was brought up. One comment from the society or do we need to represent individually? There is no material on the road to grade, a low number of users and the cost of bringing in more gravel isn't supported by the tax base at the end of the road. Collect signatures for the district? Will find out about the counter on the road as well (was talked about last year).

e. Comment about the wind break that's near the picnic table creates a turbulent near the bin.

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- f. Thanks to Gwen for her years of service.
- g. How will Oceanfront Park impact SWS revenue and operations. Next fall they are dumping materials and forming land there. There is question of whether the SWS extends to the area or a new group.

Many concerns were raised about the current design. Kites in the south harbour and there is no wind in the currently designed windsports park. Analogy of another mixed use area -- Garry Point Park. Should it be called a Windsports Park. It's probably time for us to write a letter with these concerns. People are doomed to launch out into a low wind area and end up in the channel. Float planes in the channel too! There is quite a lot of concern about the current beach. Alan Kot presented an alternate plan that I'm not sure what he did with it.

We need a sub committee to present our concerns. We can only consider being involved if the plan makes sense. Calling it a windpark will attract beginners who will get in big trouble and i'll wreck our current positive status.

11. Election of Officers: Proposed:

President: Sandra Bicego
Vice President: Jamie Martin
Treasurer: Chris Glazier
Secretary: Woody Adal
Directors: Jenn Lewis, Simon Kent,
Site Operations Mngr: JM Tremblay
Colin Ernst - Race Committee

Motioned by - Don
Seconding - Jim Hegan

First meeting sometime mid January.

12. Adjournment:

It was moved by Woody Adal at 11:13pm that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED.

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