



Minutes for Tuesday May 24, 2011 Conference Call AFSA Board of Directors Meeting

1. Chair Al Ulsifer called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. On the call were: Neil Orr, Liz Soper, Dan Bowman, Rhonda Oczkowski, Doug Lefebvre, Patty Breault, Linda Hunter, and Maureen Calder. Larry Bilton and Bob German had sent regrets.
2. Moved by Liz, seconded by Rhonda to approve the Agenda. Carried.
3. Dan moved, Neil seconded approval of the Minutes from March 31, 2011 as circulated. Motion carried.
4. Neil's Treasurer Report showed the chequing account balance is \$64,177. This balance includes the \$26,000 first half payment of our ASRPWF base grant for 2011-12. We receive the second installment in October after our sport review. We anticipate no issues collecting the outstanding receivables from the April 30 yearend. The casino account balance is \$41,170 as \$25,000 was transferred into the chequing account to begin to use funds for coach salary as prescribed. The premium savings account balance is \$18,593. There were no questions relating to 2010-11 actuals that were circulated with the budget spreadsheet. **Dan moved to accept the treasurer's report; Liz seconded. Motion carried.**
5. Chair's Report – Al spoke about updating our strategic plan as we have accomplished some of our goals and changing dynamics alter other parts. On the recommendation of our Alberta Sport Consultant with ASRPWF we should put in place some standard organization policies. Liz Soper has offered to help us create those. She meets with Maureen later this week to review our current documents. We will also consider what the CFSA has in their policy manual. The draft policies for AFSA will come back to the Board at a future meeting. Al asked if there are any bylaw amendments to propose for our AGM in September. It was suggested that we clarify the inclusion of the two directors-at-large on the executive as has been our practice recently. **Neil moved and Patty seconded that we propose an amendment to our bylaws at the AGM so the Directors-at-Large are included on the AFSA Executive. Motion carried.**
6. The Executive Director's Report was circulated with the meeting agenda email. Maureen spoke briefly about the mogul team which has 10 athletes and will have assistant coach Chris Wong working with our head coach Elisa Kurylowicz for much of the summer

training camps. AFSA will collaborate with WinSport COP to offer a halfpipe team for 8 elite athletes coached by Brett McClelland next season. We are proposing some private coaching funds for Kris Atkinson, and for our two top slopestyle competitors Jaeden Schneider-Clark and Keaton Carlson who attend higher level competitions and would not be on Brett's halfpipe team. 2012 Alberta Winter Games Technical Package has been finalized with the gender change of 6 male and 2 female athletes per zone and the eligible ages as at June 30, 2011 will be 11 – 15 years old. The two new clubs, Bow Valley and K-Squad, were added to Castle Mountain Freestyle Club representing Zone 1. Club presidents have been named as the zone reps. In April we held a Club Coach course in Jasper and a TSM 2 course in Nakiska; an Air 2 freestyle trampoline course goes June 25-26 in Red Deer; and an Air 3 is slated in August for the Red Deer water ramp and COP airbag. Curtis Sinton begins the Super Coach training in Whistler mid June. The CFSA begins membership registration June 1 with a new online service Sporting DNA that replaces Karelo. There is a new membership and fee structure that is simpler, with fewer categories, and clearly aligned with our programs and competitions. Maureen asked if the Board would maintain the current AFSA fee portion of \$65 in the CAN Free 4 memberships, and if we would continue not to collect any AFSA fees from officials, judges or coach memberships. The Board agreed to maintain our PSO share as last year. Our AFSA share for Can Free 1, 2 & 3 memberships will now be the same fees across English Canada. We collect \$20 and \$40 respectively. Potential events for 2011-2012 season were discussed. AFSA could host a halfpipe and slopestyle NorAm at COP Jan 5-8, 2012 but that weekend may be given to Breckenridge. If so we will host a Canadian Series halfpipe and slopestyle instead then. It would be good to also host a Canadian Series Mogul/Dual Mogul event the first weekend in March and Castle Mountain is a possible location. AFSA is otherwise committed with the FIS World Cup Moguls/Aerials again at the end of January, Alberta Winter Games February 9-12 at Tawatinaw Valley, an AWG Qualifying event in December, and our provincial series. Rhonda indicated that Castle Mountain Freestyle Club would like to host a provincial and club comp together the weekend of Feb 4-5. We will need clubs to host our January provincial, AB Champs, and a couple club comps. Contact Maureen sooner to help create the best schedule. The Canadian Series and NorAm would be hosted by the AFSA to support our budget. Maureen will prepare ASRPWF event support grant applications for the Canadian Series events and perhaps the halfpipe/slopestyle NorAm, once the national calendar is set.

7. The email circulated proposal for our Budget 2011-2012 was reviewed by Treasurer Neil. Total revenue is shown as \$171,000. This represents similar funding levels from Alberta Sport Recreation Parks and Wildlife Foundation for AFSA as last year. The Canadian Half Pipe Team (Trennon's team) will no longer be collecting donations through AFSA and ASRPWF with the creation of a national high performance team. Alberta mogul team athletes will pay program fees of \$5000 each; halfpipe athletes will register and pay fees to Patrick Breault's high performance program at WinSport COP. There will be no casino revenue during 2011-12 season, but we will have a casino sometime July – Sept, 2012. Because we don't have confirmation yet whether we get to host the NorAm halfpipe/slopestyle and the Canadian Series events we are requesting, we have just budgeted a net income of \$6000 and \$1500 respectively in other revenue. On the expense

side, the high performance mogul program for 10 athletes includes head coach Elisa Kurylowicz and assistant coach Chris Wong who is contracted for Whistler training and some competitions. Halfpipe high performance support goes to sustain coaching and training for coach Brett McClelland's WinSport COP 8 elite halfpipe skiers; and 3 other elite athletes (2 in slopestyle) whom we don't have an appropriate program for. Total high performance program expense is \$124,000. Payroll, administration expenses, facility, coaching and officials courses, and provincial competition support constitutes \$99,000 bringing the total expenses in the budget to \$223,000. So we would have a net loss of \$52,000. The carry forward of about \$106,000 from 2010-11 using our casino revenue makes this acceptable. **Moved by Dan Bowman; seconded by Liz Soper that we approve the 2011-12 budget as proposed. Motion carried** – no opposition registered.

8. CFSA Report – Al explained that Jim Francis, current chair of CFSA Board of Directors, is Alberta's representative and his term is up for renewal at the CFSA AGM which will be held in August prior to our next meeting. Alberta appoints by motion at AFSA our representative to the CFSA Board. Jim has indicated he would like to serve another 3 year term. Maureen commented on his visibility at all levels of events including serving as TD at the Northern Extreme Club Comp in March, and his attention to CFSA strategic planning. Others spoke to his approachability on issues. **Moved by Neil Orr; seconded by Dan Bowman that AFSA reappoint Jim Francis as our representative on the CFSA Board of Directors. Carried unanimously.** Al will inform Jim of our endorsement.

9. Round Table Comments:

- Doug Lefebvre (Northern Extreme) confirmed that former national aerialist champion Amber Peterson and Brandon Lebrun will be running the Grande Prairie Water Ramp this summer. Dustin Foreman is returning as head coach next winter.
- Patty Breault (COP) is asking for AFSA endorsement of a plan to refurbish the former Olympic Sports Hall of Fame space at COP as a training area/warm-up/climbing wall facility which could be used by provincial teams and clubs, as well as visiting teams there for events. Maureen will write a support letter for his proposal. An airbag has been ordered, summer programming is being planned, and Southern Alberta Freestyle Ski Club will partner for the operation and ramp remodeling work at COP. WinSport casino funds are going to be utilized here.
- Rhonda Oczkowski (Castle Mountain) says they will proceed with hill work when their record snow melts. Their club will have higher numbers attending ramp camp this summer which is positive for their development.
- Neil Orr has been talking to Jan Novotny and Liz Soper to initiate a bursary program for young talented athletes in Alberta who may need financial support to advance through our club and provincial programs.

- Dan Bowman spoke positively and gave credit to the AFSA for a successful year.
- Linda Hunter shared the tragic news of the accidental death of Fernie Freestyle's beloved young Will Bouchard, son of club president Murray Bouchard. Maureen will send a card from AFSA; individuals may make memorial donations to KidSport Canada – Alberta. The address is KidSport Alberta, Box 36107 Lakeview RPO, Calgary T3E 7C6.
- Maureen reported that the deserved awards for AFSA Volunteer of the Year Al Ulsifer and Official of the Year Donna Hateley have been given.

10. Adjournment moved by Dan at 8:45 pm, with no objections.

Next Board of Directors Meeting is Saturday, September 17th following the Annual General Meeting.