



2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday, November 17, 2017
6:00PM
Italian Club, Regina

Minutes

Present: Theresa Gibson, Erin Kiefer, Lauren McLellan, Tarra Dubreuil, James Dubreuil, Dhon Gumban, Bruce Moore, Frankie Pelletier, Cam Thick, Kelly Medloski, Corinne Barnett, Patrick Ash, Terry Allan, Paul Cutting, Chris Gdanski, Laura Fauchon, Sydney Gdanski (jr), Mark Gibson, Jackie Hatherly, Terry Hooper, Brianna Hodges, Scott Kiefer, John Law, Chandra Mark, Shane McKechney, Leah White, Cindy Wright, Diane Yachina, Dane Stennes, Lou Schwindt, Sheila Klein, Murray Gurski, Brendan Mackenzie, Diane Chadwick, Doug Cripps, Duncan Louttit, Ella Perras (jr), Heather Irvine, Henry Bristol (jr), Jo Ash, James Lorenzen, Jason Scriver, JF Sirois, John Grant, Kathy Krammer, Kaytlyn Criddle, Ken Bristol, Kerri Hysuick, Kim Reavie, Madison Gdanski, Madison White, Marlene Hooper, Patricia Mulvay, Sandra Cripps, Sara Londono-Sulkin, Scott Hysuick, Suzanne Louttit, Tara Fuchs, Duane Mombourquette, Shari Mombourquette, Dan Rutledge, Terry Perras, Michael Lakustiak, Jan Chyzak, Deborah Bryden, Mackenzie Kolb (jr)

- I. **Welcome to all members**
- II. **Motion to approve 2017 RMC AGM agenda –**
Seconded by: Jackie Hatherly
Vote: All in favour - yes
- III. **Motion to receive 2016 RMC AGM minutes –**
Seconded by: Chris Gdanski
Vote: All in favour - yes
- IV. **President's report:**

The Club had a very busy and successful year in 2016-17. Erin highlighted some specific information from the participation stats hand out and 2017 to 2020 strategic plan.

RMC has the largest non-profit club in Western Canada. For 2017-18 we have left our membership fees at \$15.

Training highlights of 2016-17 included being able to expand pool time and partnering with Spoke n'Hot to co-sanctioning our indoor cycling to increase participation from Sask Cycling members. In 2017-18 we will also see an increase to strength training as we were able to get a third time slot each week. Our swimming numbers may drop as we have given up Sunday night pool time and have entered an alternate pool sharing arrangement with Endurance Journey Coaching.

In addition to traditional training, we added free open water swim clinics which were very well received by athletes. We also organized a "barnstorm" of the Regina Beach open water swim and saw 30 RMC members attend that event. This year Western Cycle sponsored the Thursday Night Rides with a \$500 gift card, drawn based on participation. Thank you to Lou Schwindt and Tara Fuchs for leading these rides over the summer and congratulations to Karen Harasen, the winner of the gift certificate.

It was gratifying to see lots of new and old athletes coming out to race and volunteer in 2016-17. We had almost 200 individuals volunteer for our events throughout the season. Overall race participation increased by 41 per cent. Club members also enjoyed gathering at races outside of the city, over 40 members gathered at races in Stoney Plain and Riding Mountain and showed the strength of the RMC community.

To celebrate the season RMC also hosted a scavenger hunt bike ride and BBQ, as well as a volunteer appreciation night in coordination with the Great White North team party.

Our junior team of 12 to 19 year olds is experiencing amazing growth and the performances of these athletes are truly admirable. This summer all of the athletes had excellent performances at various events, including Nata and Kaelen travelling to Summer Games, and Molly winning the national championship tri event for 12-13 year olds. Saskatchewan Triathlon is revising its junior elite program in the coming months and we will keep working with STAC to ensure our athletes have the best opportunities available.

We are hopeful to see the return of a winter snowshoe or ski series in winter 2018 pending snowfall. Most events in 2016 and 2016 were cancelled due to lack of snow. Fresh Air Experience continues to be a generous sponsor for our winter outdoor events.

We completed a clothing order, designed new swim caps and race swag bags, and were able to offer several promo codes to our members.

RMC continues to have a very good working relationship with Sask Triathlon in the past year and have a very good working relationship with the Exec Director. This past spring several RMC members won provincial awards from STAC, including Kerri and Scott Hysuick (Male and Female Athletes of the Year), Erin Kiefer (Volunteer of the Year), Molly Lakustiak (Rookie of the Year), Kaelen Kolb (youth athlete of the year), and Terry Hooper (Builder). In 2017, RMC is eligible to receive about \$13,000 in member assistance grants from STAC. We use this funding for timing, to support races, and to specific purchases, like our new tent and arch.

V. Financial report:

RMC had a net profit of almost \$16,000 in 2016-17. This is due to profit from races and training throughout the year. The Club is in a healthy financial position with sufficient assets to cover liabilities. The profit we earned over the past year has increased our accumulated surplus to about \$60,000.

Our races were very successful this year with a total profit of about \$5,000.

Our adult training posted a total profit of about \$15,000. This is mostly a result of our expanded pool time and selling out almost all of our courses. RMC has set swim prices so that athletes are paying about \$10/hour to swim with a coach. We believe this is a very reasonable cost.

The youth team posted a profit of about \$3,000. As this group grows and takes on more training time and more members we are working to smooth the costs and ensuring facility costs are being appropriately accounted for. RMC was able to reduce fees for the recreational and competitive program for the upcoming year as a result of increased participation.

The club incurred about \$10,000 of other expenses, which includes costs for our AGM, having our financial statements reviewed, and the purchase of promotional items and equipment.

As the club has had a healthy balance for several years, the Board has decided to continue with our Master's athlete fund to sponsor qualified athletes representing the club while competing at international championship events. A pool of \$5,000 will be divided equally among eligible athletes, to a maximum of \$1,000 per athlete. Guidelines for this program have been developed and are posted online.

The Board is also planning to draw down on funds by increasing support for junior athletes and coaches. For example, the club recently covered the entry fees for junior athletes racing as RMC athletes at Provincial Cross Country Championships. RMC is funding the junior coach to attend the Science and Triathlon World Conference in Edmonton this December.

The Club will look into potential short term investments for excess cash in 2018.

Motion to receive the 2016-17 financial statement: Erin

Seconded by: Frankie Pelletier

Vote: All in favour - yes

Motion to forego full audit of the 2017-18 financial statement and opt for a review: Erin

Seconded by: Paul Cutting

Vote: All in favour – yes

VI. Sponsorship Recognition

Leah White thanked our race sponsors for their contributions in 2016-17.

Special thanks to Campbell and Haliburton, Spoke n'Hot, Western Cycle, and Endurance Journey Coaching.

VII. University of Regina Tri Club Report

James Lorenzen spoke briefly regarding plans to develop a triathlon club at the U of R.

VIII. Proposed Bylaw Amendments

Erin tabled proposed bylaw amendments. The amendments are housekeeping in nature, and align bylaws with current practices. Bylaws were last amended in 2009.

Motion to:

- 1) delete section 3.9 because it not the Club's operating practice;**
- 2) amend the financial year end to August 31, as that is the long standing operating practice of the Club; and**
- 3) delete section 9.7 because that exact wording is included elsewhere in the bylaws.**

Seconded by: Duane Mombourquette

Vote: All in favour – yes

IX. Comments from the floor

Chris Gdanski spoke on behalf of STAC about the Team Canada spots available this upcoming race season.

X. Elections

Thank you to Murray Gurski for volunteering for the board last year. Thanks to Corrine Barnett for acting as Treasurer for three years, as well as to Jeff Marshall for all his assistance with our books.

Special thank you to Terry Hooper for many years of dedication to local, provincial, and now national work to grow triathlon. An award in Terry's honour was presented to Patrick Ash and Jason Daum. This award will be given out annually to a member who shows great tenacity in advancing RMCs objectives in the community.

President	Erin Kiefer
Vice President	Rob Nelson
Secretary	Theresa Gibson
Treasurer	Katelle Halpape
Communications	Leah White
Junior Team	Derrick Mann
Youth Program Coordinator	
Volunteer and Social Coordinator	Tarra Dubrielle
Member at Large	Kaitlyn Criddle
Training Coordinator	Kerri Hysuik

Call for nominations from the floor (repeated 3 times) – No nominations brought forward

Motion to approve the slate of candidates: Erin

Seconded by: Brianna Hodges

Vote: All in favour – yes

XI. Prize draw: James Dubrielle was the winner, drawn by Dane Stennes. He chose the smart trainer.

XII. Motion to adjourn: Erin Kiefer
Seconded by: Tara Fuchs