

DRAGONBOAT ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN ALBERTA



Annual General Meeting 2025

January 20, 2025

7:30 pm

via Zoom

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DASA Board Members Present: Karen Johnson (President), Becky Lore (Treasurer), Dave Hunt (Technical), Romina Senneker (Team Liaison), Jean Schnarr (Promotional), Kala Beers (Communications), Karen Gelleny (Director at Large), Linda Gilbert (Secretary), Leanne DuMontier (Past President), Lynn Ambedian (Director at Large)

DASA Members Present: Susan Beers, Carol Block, Annette Cameron, Kathryn Cope, Jo-Anne Damen, Kevin Erick, Terri Fortunaso, Jane Franz, Nancy Graham, Stephen Graham, Jenna Greene, Carol Jones, Dawn Lebsack, Sarah Leonard-Evans, Chris Lowings, Bonnie Melquist, Carrie Takeyasu, Wendy Thurston, Denise Wall, Karen Wojtowicz

Presiding Officer: Tanya Whipple, Communications Manager, Lethbridge Sport Council

Call to Order & Welcome

1.1 Opening Remarks & House Rules (Karen)

- Karen welcomed members and thanked all the volunteers over the past year.
 - Karen reviewed the house rules.
 - Introduction of DASA Board Members
 - Notice of Meeting was sent out within the timelines of our Bylaws.
 - Notice to Quorum (30 DASA members, and Tanya Whipple from Lethbridge Sport Council, acting as our Presiding Officer)
- Quorum is 6 and has been met.

2.0 Approve DASA AGM 2025 Agenda (Karen)

2.1 Revision under 6.0 Business: 6.1 Election of Executive and Board of Directors bylaws were changed to read:

- DASA bylaw minimum of 7 and maximum of 15

Motion: That DASA accept the 2025 AGM agenda, as amended.

K. Johnson/D. Hunt

Carried.

3.0 Secretary's Report (Linda)

3.1 **Motion:** That DASA accept the minutes of the 2024 AGM meeting held January 22, 2024.

L. Gilbert/K. Beers

Carried.

4.0 Treasurer's Report (Becky)

4.1 Presentation of the 2023-2024 Financial Reports as circulated.

- J. Franz and D. Lebsack did audit the expenditures and balance from last year. A recommendation made from the audit was to take out another GIC this year.
- We did buy another equipment trailer this year.
- Did take out a \$10,000 GIC, putting aside for replacing boats and equipment in the future. And will likely do this again from the surplus this year.
- With the heartfelt sadness of Jimmy Pearce passing away this year, we did receive donations for the Jimmy Pearce Memorial Fund. The surplus from this memorial fund will be used to set up an award for DASA members who are current post-secondary students.

4.1.1 **Motion:** That DASA approve the year end 2024 Financial Report as circulated.

B. Lore/Lynn Ambedian

Carried.



- 4.2 Presentation of the 2024-2025 Proposed Budget (Becky)
- We have increased the insurance amount that we may need, as we are expecting insurance costs to be higher.
- We have also built into the budget to take on coaches' insurance this year, along with volunteer training and development, which includes coaching courses and first aid training.

4.2.1 **Motion:** That DASA approve the 2024-2025 Proposed Budget as distributed.
B. Lore/C. Lowings **Carried.**

- 4.3 Appointment of two (2) members to audit the 2024-2025 year (Becky)

4.3.1 **Motion:** That DASA approve **L. Ambedian** and **A. Cameron** as auditors for 2024-2025.
B. Lore/L. Gilbert **Carried.**

REVISED Motion: That **T. Fortunaso** to replace A. Cameron as auditor, due to A. Cameron being appointed as a Director at Large position on the DASA Board.
B. Lore/N. Graham **Carried.**

5.0 2024 Highlights (Karen)

5.1 President's Report

Highlights as distributed in Agenda.

Upcoming:

- An anonymous dollar donation came in that was used to buy four boats from Calgary
- Kudos to our DASA teams for an outstanding year
- Intro to Paddling sessions – register for these on our website
- DBC Certification courses being offered
- Feb. 8th: Southern Alberta Chinese Association Spring Festival (event is sold out)
- June 27-29, 2025; Lethbridge Festival (watch for the team registration link)
- We are looking for space to use for indoor club training. If you know of any available indoor space or anyone who would like to join in a partnership for indoor space, please let us know.
- Registration for DBC membership is open as well.

Shout out to our Supporters. Lethbridge Sports Council; Chinese Cultural Society of Lethbridge and District; Ying & Amir; Moonlight Run; Kinetic Indoor Cycle & Fitness; Orange Theory Fitness West Lethbridge; City of Lethbridge for Henderson Lake, Nicholas Sheran Pool, and all DASA members and volunteers.

A big thank you to Carol Jones for applying and getting us into the casino rotation. And Jean Schnarr for arranging and setting up the casino this past weekend.

5.2 Questions

J. Franz: Has DASA approached the City about the state of the water at Henderson? K. Johnson: Blue Green algae can be treated with a herbicide/pesticide, but it needs to be approved by the City first before using it in Henderson. We hope to meet with the City in February as Henderson would need to be treated as soon as the ice is off the lake. We are also asking the Festival Committee to meet with the City to support this treatment.



6.0 Business (Karen)

6.1 Election of Executive and Board of Directors (Tanya Whipple, Presiding Officer)

DASA Bylaw: Minimum of 7 and a maximum of 15 Directors

Calls for each vacant position were made:

- **Vice-President:** (1-year term)
No Nominations: **Remains Vacant**
- **Treasurer:** (2-year term)
Nominated by K. Johnson: **Becky Lore**
- **Secretary:** (2-year term)
Nominated by K. Johnson: **Linda Gilbert**
- **Promotional Director:** (2-year term)
Nominated by K. Johnson: **Jean Schnarr**
- **Safety Director:** (2-year term)
Nominated by K. Johnson: **Dave Hunt**
- **Team Liaison:** (1-year term)
Nominated by R. Senneker: **Nancy Graham**
- **Technical Director:** (2-year term)
Nominated by K. Johnson: **Romina Senneker**
- **Youth Director:** (1-year term)
Nominated by K. Johnson: **Mia Chalmet**
- **Director at Large:** Five (5) positions (1-year term)
Nominated:
 1. (Nominated by K. Johnson) **Diane Flynn**
 2. (Nominated by K. Johnson) **Jennifer Yanish**
 3. (Nominated by K. Johnson) **Karen Gelleny**
 4. (Nominated by R. Senneker) **Carrie Takeyasu**
 5. (Self-nominated) **Annette Cameron**

Motion: That DASA appoint the acclaimed 1-year term positions:

- Team Liaison: **Nancy Graham**
 - Youth Director: **Mia Chalmet**
- Director at Large: Five (5) positions
- **Diane Flynn**
 - **Jennifer Yanish**
 - **Karen Gelleny**
 - **Carrie Takeyasu**
 - **Annette Cameron**

S. Graham/C. Lowings

Carried.

Motion: That DASA appoint the acclaimed 2-year term positions:

- Treasurer: **Becky Lore**
- Secretary: **Linda Gilbert**
- Promotion_Director: **Jean Schnarr**



- Safety Director: **Dave Hunt**
- Technical Director: **Romina Senneker**

S. Graham/C. Lowings

Carried.

7.0 Adjournment

- 7.1 **Motion:** To adjourn the 2025 DASA Annual General Meeting (8:13 p.m.)
K. Johnson/

Carried.

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