



WDAFA Annual General Meeting Agenda

November 20, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Wetaskiwin Moose

Called to Order at 6:47pm.

Attendance:

Voting Board:

Role	Name	Present	Absent
Acting President	Jennifer Bohaychuk	X	
Treasurer	Open Position		
Secretary	Kim Grekul	X	
Staffing Coordinator	Jason Soch	X	
Bantam	Kerstin Ziesel	X	
Peewee	Open Position		
Atom	Katie Dewald	X	
Flag	Blain Fuller	X	
Female	Lynn Ware	online	

Others in Attendance: Chrissy Silgard, Jen Dercach, Kevin Lonsdale, Jason Grekul, Carolyn Ness, Lacey Blumhagen, Kyle Amirault, Jackie and Mike Loe (online), Grant Silgard (on phone)

Spectators - Melissa Shearmur, Kimberly Green

Review Agenda (Any Agenda Additions or Deletions?)

Motion to accept agenda as presented.

Moved by: Kerstin Zeisel

Seconder: Blain Fuller

Vote: unanimous

Verification of Quorum - 6 out of 7 board members and 10 members

Minutes (Previous Meeting, if any applicable):

Motion to pass the AGM [December 7, 2022](#) minutes as presented / amended by the Secretary.

Moved by: Blain Fuller

Seconder: Katie Dewald

Vote: unanimous



Motion to pass the [November 1, 2023](#) minutes as presented / amended by the Secretary.

Moved by: Katie Dewald

Seconder: Kerstin Zeisel

Vote: unanimous

Board Business:

1. President's Report

It has been an exciting year.

We started out with a very Successful Female program in the Spring. Our athletes did amazingly well, with a few of them moving on to play for Football Alberta. Keep up the amazing work.

We followed up the Female season with a try it out night before the fall season started. This had an amazing turn out, and we had quite a few players register from this event. I would recommend doing this again.

For the Fall season, we started out with Flag, Atom, PeeWee and Bantam teams. While we struggled with numbers for a bit, we managed to recruit enough players for all the teams. Through a few setbacks, we had to send our Bantam players to other communities to be able to finish their season. While that may not have been so great for our Warriors, the ones who wanted to continue the season, all found a place to play, and that is the goal, to keep kids on the field. These players will be back with the Warriors next year, to rebuild the Bantam program.

Football day was a great success as always. We had the Edmonton Elks come out, skills competitions and a game. The Silent Auction, which is one of our fundraisers, was a great success as well.

New this year was the Player of the Week. This was a great program that was loved by the kids. We had 3 main sponsors for this, Manluk, Boston Pizza and Dyck Insurance. Kids got to take the sign home for the week and received a free pizza. I would recommend this for the following years as well.

We also had our "own" day at the Edmonton Elks game. We had many Warrior players and families join us there, and even got to sing the fight song. It was a great team building event.

Over the next 2 years, we have a lot of helmets expiring and will need to be replaced. Working with Jason, we have managed to start the replacement process for helmets, along with some other much needed equipment. During this process, we are unable to now acquire Gold helmets. As a Board, it was decided to switch to white. All helmets ordered are white in color. Jason has secured a company that will paint all of our existing helmets as a donation, and another company that will donate the paint as a donation. This has saved thousands of dollars. We can't thank Jason enough.



We had several successful Fundraisers this year. 50/50, with the Spring season and the fall season, Bottle drives with both seasons, and Card sales. Every little bit helps. Most of this goes back into the club in the form of equipment and needed supplies.

As a Board over the last 2 years, we have tried to change the culture of football, to have it more player focused, and with that comes challenges. We have had several challenges over the last couple of years, and that includes people signing up, resigning and trying again to fill those positions. While we have had a few constant people, there have been several changes in the board, and often left with just a few of us. My hope is that we have dealt with most of the “hard” stuff, and it should even out and be more player and game focused. Football in Wetaskiwin can’t run without volunteers to make it happen. While not always easy, it is rewarding at the end of the day.

Some recommendations for the incoming Board:

The spring season is coming hard and fast. You need to keep the Board meeting next week, to gather as a new group, to discuss and set up how that is going to look.

I would recommend looking into having a Spring Flag season, as well as the female tackle season, if coaching staff allows. The Spring Flag season is shorter and will also bring in revenue. This is a big upcoming thing within the CDMFA and Football Alberta.

I would recommend opening the fall season early again. Get as many registrations as you can before teams have to be declared at the end of June. This makes a big difference at the start of the season.

If the new board keeps the volunteer formats, I would recommend increasing the number of obligations the fall parents have to commit to, to at least 3. With more players and more games, we fell short in a few areas in the fall, where we had the same families volunteering all the time.

I would recommend making and keeping relationships open with the CDMFA. I know in the past, it seems like they are not on our side, but that was not my experience this year. Ryan and Ali were more than helpful, courteous and knowledgeable. I could not have made some things happen this year without them. While they expect us to run our own Club, under our policies and Bylaws, they are always there for support and guidance, which to me, was invaluable.

I wish the Warriors nothing but success.

Good Luck.

Lisa Kinnunen arrives at 7:01pm

2. Treasurer’s Report

- Balance - \$21495.80
- Outstanding payments - Skyline equipment order ~\$10000 & Christie Churnik (banquet)- \$500



- Need to pay A1 Purified Water - please contact them if you don't hear from them.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

Moved by: Jason Soch

Seconded: Kerstin Zeisel

Vote: unanimous

3. Appointment of Auditor - **table until next regular board meeting**

Motion to appoint _____ as auditor for 2023 fiscal year.

Moved by:

Seconded:

Vote:

4. Bylaw changes as recommended by AGLC for our Casino license

- Article 3 Membership

3.1 A member of WDAFA is defined as:

3.1.3 Any player a **minimum** of eighteen (18) years of age, who has signed the required "Player Statement" for the season they are registered for;"

3.2 states that all members in good standing are eligible to vote at the yearly AGM

This would mean that any player up to age 18 is considered a voting member.

I am thinking this should be any player a minimum of 18 years of age? If so, this would be unnecessary as the Association does not offer any programs for players over age 18.

If it is for players up to and including 18 years of age, it would then need to be clarified that these members do not have voting privileges nor can they be nominated/elected to the board of directors.

- 3.1.4. An Honorary Member:

3.1.4.2 Honorary members are eligible to be elected to a board position. - REMOVE

The opportunity to be elected to a board position is not included with any of the other membership categories so the recommendation would be to remove 3.1.4.2. You could then add to 3.2 that in addition to being eligible to vote at the yearly AGM, members in good standing are eligible to be elected to the board.

- 7.6. Payments

7.6.1. No Elected Executive Officer, Board Member or member of WDAFA will receive any remuneration for their services. **unless unanimously agreed by secret ballot vote at a duly constituted Board Meeting, after second reading give of such motion providing for the same. - REMOVE**

7.6.2. Reasonable expenses incurred while carrying out duties of the Society may be reimbursed upon Board approval.



Bylaw 7.6 describes that no elected executive officer, board member or member of WDAFA will receive any remuneration for their services unless unanimously agreed by secret ballot vote at a duly constituted board meeting. Please be aware that AGLC policy does not allow for executive or board members to be paid (salary, wage, honorarium, dividends, volunteer appreciation, etc.). Members who are not executive or board members may be paid for services to the group. We do not require this bylaw to be changed, just be aware of the policy and ensure your group complies.

Motion to approve bylaw changes as presented and submit them to Alberta Registries for approval.

Moved by: Kim Grekul

Seconder: Carolyn Ness

Vote: unanimous

5. Election of Executive Officers

President

Outgoing: Jenn Bohaychuk

Nominations: **3rd call no nominations for president**

Vice President

Current: Open Position

Nominations:

- Kim Grekul nominates Lynn Ware - Lynn accepts

PASSED LYNN WARE FOR VICE PRESIDENT

Secretary

Outgoing: Kim Grekul

Nominations:

- Kim Grekul nominates Katie Dewald - Katie accepts

PASSED KATIE DEWALD FOR SECRETARY

Lisa Kinnunen leaves the meeting at 7:21pm

Treasurer

Current: Open Position

Nominations: **3rd call no nominations for treasurer**

Female Representative

Outgoing: Lynn Ware

Nominations:

- Jen Dercach nominates Carolyn Ness - Carolyn accepts



- Jenn Bohaychuk nominates Jackie Loe - Jackie accepts
Carolyn rescinds her nomination.

PASSED JACKIE LOE AS FEMALE REPRESENTATIVE

Bantam Representative

Outgoing: Kerstin Zeisel

Nominations:

- Kevin Lonsdale stepped forward

PASSED KEVIN LONSDALE AS BANTAM REPRESENTATIVE

PeeWee Representative

Current: Open Position

Nominations:

- Kyle Amirault nominates Lacey Blumhagen - Lacey accepts

PASSED LACEY BLUMHAGEN AS PEEWEE REPRESENTATIVE

Atom Representative

Outgoing: Katie Dewald

Nominations:

- Kim Grekul nominates Lisa Kinnunen - Lisa accepts

PASSED LISA KINNUNEN AS ATOM REPRESENTATIVE

Flag Representative

Current: Blain Fuller

Nominations:

- Blain will let his name stand

PASSED BLAIN FULLER AS FLAG REPRESENTATIVE

Staffing Coordinator

Current: Jason Soch

Nominations:

- Jason will let his name stand

PASSED JASON SOCH AS STAFFING COORDINATOR

6. Signing Authority for Bank



Motion to have signing authority on all WDAFA Bank accounts changed from Annette Kennett, Kim Grekul, Jenn Bohaychuk, & Melissa Manion to Lynn Ware, Katie Dewald, & Blain Fuller all current voted members of the Board of WDAFA.

Moved by: Kim Grekul

Seconder: Kerstin Zeisel

Vote: unanimous

7. Appoint other volunteer positions within WDAFA for the 2023 seasons;

- Fundraising Coordinator: - Blain Fuller will work with coordinator
- Sponsorship Coordinator: Jen Dercach & Carolyn Ness
- Equipment Manager: Jason Soch
- Spring Camp/Try-it-out Night Coordinator: Chrissy Silgard
- Webmaster:
- Social Media Coordinator:
- Volunteer Coordinator:

Any Other Business:

Next Board Meeting: November 29, 2023 at 7:00pm

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Kevin Lonsdale

Seconder: Jason Soch

Vote: unanimous

Meeting Adjourned at 7:54pm

DRAFT Minutes submitted for Board review by WDAFA Secretary on November 29, 2023

Minutes Approved by Board motion on November 29, 2023