



Annual General Meeting

**Saturday, March 14 2020
Redberry Lake Bible Camp, SK**

Present (14): Aditi Garg, Denise Skuce, Merrissa Karmark, Joel Kienle, Matthew McGillis, Jennifer Burgess, Leah Japp, Rebecca Klapwyk, Heather Maurer, Mike Prebble (call in), Desiree Hortness (call in), Sean Brandt (call in), Jeff Moore (call in), Bernadette Slager, Holly Slager

1. Call to Order at 10:30am (*Aditi Garg, President*)

2. Approval of the Agenda (*Aditi Garg, President*)

Matthew/Denise (motion/second/carried) to approve the agenda.

3. Approval of the Minutes from the 2019 AGM (*Aditi Garg, President*)

Bernadette/Heather (motion/second/carried) to approve the 2019 Annual General Meeting Minutes.

4. Reports from Directors

President's Report (*Aditi Garg, President*)

- Professional development programming offered across Saskatchewan. Made plans and initials steps in offering French Project WET.
- Reviewed and approved most of a policy manual and will continue to aim for one policy review per month as a way to keep the board engaged and aware of their documentation
- Offered opportunities for outdoor educators to meet and chat in Regina, Swift Current, Saskatoon, Yorkton
- Grant committee is very effective at meeting, evaluating, and distributing funds, over \$12,000.
- Conversations with COEO, Outdoor Council of Canada, Canadian Outdoor Summit, NAAEE to find the best fit for SaskOutdoors to learn and contribute in different spheres.
- EECOM was a great revenue and interest generator – some anecdotal evidence is the impact on educators in the local community, there was an appetite for some 60 teachers to form a climate action network in Saskatoon.
- Partnerships with SPEA have been strengthened by offering our workshops to their network and building links and partnerships with our GMs
- Members' Professional Development fund is well utilized and is an area we are expanding.

Areas we want to work on in 2020

Communication

- Now that we have a communications person, we'll be able schedule delivery more quickly and broadly.
- Hearing back from our grant recipients. Finding ways to get them to easily provide us with a debrief of how their activity or program went.

Early years community

- Build their capacity to collaborate and engage
- More offerings of Growing Up Wild, Getting Little Feet Wet, Nature Playcare, risky play,
- Working on expanding programming or support for pre-K and elderly or aging communities

Gear library

- Adding gear that is low skill development such as snowshoeing.

Mentoring program for new board members

Programming

- Offer at least 4 regional opportunities for teachers and outdoor educators to gather and connect.
- Schematic presentation for Science and Math teachers in the province.

General Manager's Report (*Leah Japp, General Manager*)

As of December 31, 2019 SaskOutdoors had 16 Lifetime members, 5 Weir Award Members, 31 Melanson Award Members, 232 members (organizational, individual, family).

In the summer of 2019 SaskOutdoors contracted a bookkeeper (Janelle Rosnes) to help make sure all financial matters are accurately documented.

5. Financial Report (*Aditi Garg, President*)

a. Presentation of the 2019 Financial Statement

In 2019 SaskOutdoors switched our banking to Conexus Credit Union because we believe they align better with our values.

Heather/Merrissa (motion/second/carried) to accept 2019 Financial Statement.

b. Appointment of the Auditor for 2020

Matthew/Bernadette (motion/second/carried) to use Priority One Accounting as the auditor for 2020.

c. Presentation of the 2020 Budget

Denise/Merrissa (motion/second/carried) to accept the 2020 Budget.

Suggestion to have past year's numbers next to current year's budget in the future.

d. Set Membership Rates for 2020

Bernadette/Matthew (motion/second/carried) to set 2020 member rates as:

- i. Individual Membership: \$20/year**
- ii. Student or Low Income Individual Membership: \$10/year**
- iii. Students who connect with SaskOutdoors get a one year free membership (by attending an event or connecting online)**
- iv. Family Membership: \$30/year (suitable for families with up to 2 adults and dependent children)**
- v. Organizational Membership: \$50/year (suitable for schools, organizations & community groups)**
- vi. Lifetime Membership: \$300 one time payment (suitable for individuals; free to Melanson and Weir Award Winners)**

Explore a possible partnership with Sask Polytechnic(workshops, memberships)

Explore auto renewal options

One year free membership for students to learn more about SaskOutdoors during that year
(Sean is opposed)

6. Presentation of the Slate of Officers (Aditi Garg, President)

Heather*, Rebecca, Denise. Wade were elected in 2019. Wade resigned in 2019.

Aditi is starting the 3rd year of her 3 year term.

Renewing: Sean Brandt*, Merrissa Karmark*, Andrea Nelson, Taniya Heuchert*

New Board: Desiree Hortness* (1 year), Derek Hyland* (1 year), Michael Prebble* (2 years)

*STF Member

Matthew/Merrissa (motion/second/carried) to accept the slate of officers.

7. Thank you to Leaving Board Members Zoe and Jeff (*Aditi Garg, President*)

8. New Business (issues from the floor) (*Aditi Garg, President*)

9. Adjournment (*Aditi Garg, President*)

Denise (motion/carried) to adjourn at 11:28am