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Annual General Meeting

WELCOME!

March 15, 2022
Agenda

1. **Call to Order** *(Heather Maurer, President)*
2. **Approval of the Agenda** *(Heather Maurer, President)*
3. **Approval of the Minutes from the 2020 AGM** *(Heather Maurer, President)*
4. **Reports from Directors**
   a. President’s Report *(Heather Maurer, President)*
   b. General Manager’s Report *(Leah Japp, General Manager)*
5. **Financial Report** *(Denise Skuce, Treasurer)*
   a. Presentation of the 2020 Financial Statement
   b. Appointment of the Auditor for 2021
   c. Presentation of the 2021 Budget
   d. Set Membership Rates for 2021
6. **Constitutional Changes** *(Desiree Hortness, Member at large)*
7. **Presentation of the Slate of Officers** *(Merrissa Karmark, Past President)*
8. **New Business (issues from the floor)** *(Heather Maurer, President)*
9. **Prizes** *(Kristen Simonson, Member at large)*
10. **Adjournment** *(Heather Maurer, President)*
Welcome

2021 was a busy year for SaskOutdoors. The Let’s Talk Outdoors podcast continued, we hosted a mix of in person and virtual programming across the province and we initiated the Outdoor Play Coordinator position.

We continue to be proud of the way SaskOutdoors has navigated the changing pandemic landscape while staying true to our mission and visions.

We value our ongoing and new partnerships and relationships. Particularly of note we are pleased to be the Saskatchewan liaison for Learning for Sustainable Future and on ongoing relationship with the Outdoor Learning Store and Saskatchewan Teachers’ Federation.
Strategic Plan

Read the whole plan on our website.

Vision of SaskOutdoors

We imagine a province where every person can experience a deep connection with nature, where people play and learn outdoors, and live in harmony with their natural surroundings.

Mission of SaskOutdoors

The mission of SaskOutdoors is to connect people of Saskatchewan to the outdoors and inspire a sense of curiosity and play within our natural environment by passionately delivering programs and services that promote awareness of outdoor recreation and environmental stewardship.
Guiding Principles

The 2020-2022 Strategic Plan has 5 strategic priorities:

1. Facilitating and providing varied outdoor experiences for people.
2. Increasing public awareness and involvement.
3. Building a viable and sustainable organization.
4. Developing partnerships and alliances.
5. Influencing outdoor education policies and curriculum.
Funding Model

SaskOutdoors is a Provincial Recreation Association (PRA) with Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association (SPRA). As a PRA, we receive annual funding for recreation activities. In 2021, SaskOutdoors received $64,996 from SPRA. The money from SPRA is the majority of our operating revenue. We occasionally get other grants (often from SPRA). Other revenues come from membership and registration fees from events.

Relationship with the Saskatchewan Teachers’ Federation (STF)
SaskOutdoors is a Professional Growth Network (PGN) with the STF. We receive a small amount of money from the STF for each STF member who is a member of SaskOutdoors. In order to maintain our PGN status 50% of our board must be STF registered educators.
Facilitating and Providing Outdoor Experiences

- Learn To... Events
- Go Do... Events
- Professional Development Programs
- Outdoor and Environmental Action Grant Program
- Canoe Certification and Remote First Aid
- Connecting Educators
- Let’s Talk Outdoors Podcast
Learn To...Events: These workshops taught new outdoor related skills to participants. In 2021 they included: Orienteering For Kids (in person), Diamond Willow Carving Workshop (in person), Family Paddle Day in Regina, Map Making for Orienteering webinar, Panel Discussion on Global Citizenship Education, Compass Use Webinar, Natural Curiosity Webinar

Go Do...Events: Go Do events engage participants in outdoor activities. In 2021 these events included: The Get Outside Kids Club in Regina in partnership with Nature Regina and Nature Saskatchewan, Halloween Treets event, Autumn at the Red, Winter Experiences for your Bubble, and a Lantern Walk event.

Professional Development Programs: Go SaskOutdoors facilitated workshops in Project WET, Below Zero, Project WILD and Growing Up WILD to 200 certified educators from all over Saskatchewan and beyond in both in person and virtual workshops. In addition, 10 new Growing Up WILD and Getting Little Feet Wet Facilitators were trained.

Canoe Certification and Remote First Aid Courses: SaskOutdoors organized three Paddle Canada Canoe Certification Course where 22 people were certified and two Wilderness First Aid Course where 16 people were certified.
Outdoor and Environmental Action Grant Program:
Eleven grants were distributed in March and six grants were distributed in October. Examples of funded projects included: winter festivals, overnight camping trips, dog sledding experiences, fish in schools, orienteering, Grasslands education, and Indigenous learning opportunities for educators and students. We are continually impressed with the thoughtful, engaging, meaningful grant applications that we receive! Reports from these grants can be read in the “Our Stories” tab on our website.

Let’s Talk Outdoors Podcast: The podcast continued in 2021 with a spring season (8 episodes) and a summer season (3 episodes). The episodes are 30-40 minutes and involve an interview between 2 SaskOutdoors podcast hosts and 1-2 guests. In 2021 there were 3,198 podcast downloads.
### Top 10 most downloaded episodes | All time

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Increasing Public Awareness & Involvement

**Equipment Rental:** SaskOutdoors has an growing inventory of equipment and supplies that are lent out to individuals and groups throughout the year including a solar oven, a binocular kit, camp cooking gear, tents, tarps, water filter. A full, and expanding list, is available on our [website](https://saskoutdoors.org/).

**Member Engagement:** SaskOutdoors currently has 204 members.

**General Communications:** SaskOutdoors continues to maintain our website and distribute a monthly e-newsletter to 1,282 subscribers. In 2020, we launched a monthly e-newsletter specifically for educators titled the Envisage Teachers Edition which is sent monthly to 522 educators across the province.

We are also active on social media to promote our programs, events and services. Our Facebook page has 3,553 followers. Our Twitter account has 1,210 followers. Our Instagram account has 1,190 followers. SaskOutdoors is constantly striving to make effective use of all our communication channels.

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Building a Viable & Sustainable Organization

Organizational Development: SaskOutdoors held 9 board meetings and 8 executive meetings in 2021. The Annual General Meeting was held on March 8, 2021 via Zoom. The Board held a virtual retreat in January 2021. The SaskOutdoors Board of Directors members received professional development funds to participate in opportunities including social media training, board care packages and a water education webinar.

Administration/General Manager
Effective Administrative practices keep SaskOutdoors running as an efficient, healthy, stable organization while making efforts to reduce our environmental impact. The Board of Directors had 11 members in 2021. SaskOutdoors has a current strategic plan (2020-2022) and a Policy Manual. A small committee is diligently working through the Policy Manual making necessary and appropriate updates in consultation with the board of directors.
SaskOutdoors has a contract bookkeeper who is supporting the General Manager and Treasurer in ensuring all financial records are accurate and up to date. The communications coordinator position continued in 2021 along with the addition of the Outdoor Play Coordinator.
**Member Professional Development**
In 2021, one member received funds to complete their Growing Up WILD and Getting Little Feet WET facilitator training and two members received funds to subsidize a Forest School Practitioners Course.

**Professional Growth Network**
SaskOutdoors continues to be a Professional Growth Network with the Saskatchewan Teachers’ Federation (STF) and is looking forward to increased opportunities to reach teachers through closer work with the STF.
Partnerships and Alliances

**Active Partnerships**
Influencing Outdoor Education Policies and Curriculum

**Community Journal:** One issue of the journal Of Land & Living Skies was published in 2021. The title of this issue was *Nature and Staying at Home*. The journal is available for free online.

**Outdoor Play Working Group:**
With the closing of Active Saskatchewan, SaskOutdoors took over leadership of the Outdoor Play Working Group and were able to hire a part time Outdoor Play Coordinator. Watch for more from this group in 2022!

**Physical Education Curriculum Project:**
SaskOutdoors worked with the Saskatchewan Physical Education Association (SPEA) to develop a resource to support the outcomes PE20.7/PE30.7 First Nations and Métis Examine First Nation and Métis worldviews regarding learning through physical activities. This document was released in 2021.
2021-Cydney Weir Award For Youth Environmental Leadership

Elisabeth, known to us as Lizzy or Liz, is a valued member of our conservation youth group, WILD Outside, with the Canadian Wildlife Federation in Saskatoon. We will be saying farewell to her as she “ages out” of the program on her way to an undoubtedly exciting and rewarding career and future. Liz has impressed us, and other youth participants, since the day she joined us with her knowledge of wildlife, especially birds and threatened species. Although the WILD Outside program offers the opportunity for youth to dip their toes in new outdoor activities, we were challenged to find ones that Liz hasn’t already done!

An avid camper, Liz has also done a fair bit of rock climbing, downhill and cross country skiing, canoeing, biking, geocaching, and rollerblading to name a few. She completed the legendary Grey Owl’s Cabin hike in Prince Albert National Park this summer with her mother, and has mentioned a few times that she feels quite at home on the water.

Liz shows great potential in pursuing an environmental career, and has self-identified interests in climatology, parks and protected areas, outdoor adventure guiding, ecology, and wildlife rehabilitation. She is also a natural community builder, having been engaged in Girl Guides and through her own cheerful and kind disposition. She exemplifies leadership by example, always quick to lend a hand or interesting fact to her peers. Other youth have referred to her as “the girl who knows everything about animals”, and she is well known for arriving at our events on her bicycle. One of my favourite memories of Liz in our program was watching her help a youth make a fire for the first time! Liz would excel as an educator for folks of any age, spreading her passion for wildlife and the environment. She also has great potential for creating visual narratives around the environment and wildlife, as she is quite artistically inclined and creative.

Liz has demonstrated a commitment to action for conservation not only in her involvement with WILD Outside, but in past and current experiences. It’s not just the cute and fuzzy animals that she cares about either! Liz was a part of Troutreach for a few months where she helped some university students in their experiments on the impact of neonicotinoids on pond snails in the province. She also participated in Saskatoon Public School’s Outdoor School program and is an active member of the Saskatoon Youth Climate Committee. Liz has mentioned that the Meewasin trail system and the Northeast Swale in Saskatoon are both near and dear to her heart. Liz will surely continue to be a strong steward for natural spaces, as well as an advocate for people to responsibly enjoy them. She would make a wonderful recipient of this award.
2021- Bernie Melanson Award

Throughout her long and dedicated career as an educator Janet has been a visionary leader and invaluable resource to the Saskatchewan's environmental education and nature conservation communities. Over the years she unreservedly shared her love and knowledge of place-based education with pre-service, practicing teachers and graduate students as well policy makers, business leaders, cultural leaders and children. Through empathy, patience and invitations to come learn alongside her in the field, Janet has become a friend and ally to a diverse range of community groups and organizations who have gained deep respect for her vision for healthy environmental and social change.

Janet's research has focused on social and ecological justice education and student engagement. She maintains a strong focus on place-based, anti-racist learning and practices along with a consistent focus on early childhood nature learning and decolonization. She has sought to support and include in her research, many voices from multiple perspectives.

Janet is a dynamic educator who invites her students into the process of putting theory into practice. Whether meeting her class at the Northeast swale for an afternoon of place-based education or meeting with teachers in rural Brazil to discuss and learn about Place-based Education there, Janet is not one to be confined by institutional norms. We have observed the way her course syllabus is ever evolving as she learns more each year about what it means to be an anti-racist and land-based educator. In this way Janet shows us all that we have anti-racism and reconciliation work to do regardless of the stages of our lives and career.

Janet has consistently given back to the Saskatchewan community and beyond by creating positive environmental and social change. She has a long history of volunteering and sharing knowledge, skills and energy to many environmental organizations in Saskatchewan. Whether sitting on a board, writing proposals, or digging up invasive species she has been a collaborative force helping to mobilize local and international initiatives and affect institutional change. She has been influential and supportive in the conception, development and successful role of many environmental programs and organizations. Janet also acted as a mentor and sounding board in the development of local business Wildernook Fresh Air Learning. Prior to launching Wildernook, Janet and Claire participated in an environmental leadership retreat together, where they thought critically about and mapped out gaps in Environmental Education within the province. This collaborative learning opportunity was foundational to the development of Wildernook.

A great deal of the connectivity of the Saskatoon environmental education community, the conversations we are having, and the types of place based-learning taking place in formal, non-formal and informal contexts have been shaped and supported by Janet's contributions as a researcher, educator, supervisor, board member, volunteer and engaged community member. We hope that this nomination has provided brief highlights of the vast scope and scale of Dr. Janet McVittie's achievements and contributions, we feel that she is highly deserving of this award.
2021- Bernie Melanson Award

We would like to posthumously nominate Dr. Garth Pickard for the SaskOutdoors - Bernie Melanson Award. Garth was an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to outdoor and environmental education in Saskatchewan. Dr. Pickard joined the Faculty of Education, University of Regina in July, 1978 following Faculty appointments at Brock University, York University, and the University of Alberta. He retired from the University of Regina in December, 2011. During his 33 year tenure in the Faculty, Dr. Pickard taught undergraduate and graduate courses in Physical Education, Outdoor Education and Educational Leadership. His commitment and dedication to the Health, Outdoor, Physical Education (HOPE) Subject Area and the preparation of teachers in these fields was unparalleled. His experiential pedagogical approaches were very engaging and very meaningful for students. Garth’s passion for teaching and learning through human movement permeated his teaching! Through his involvement with the HOPE program, he influenced many pre-service teachers who have now gone on to make it their life goal to take their students outdoors. A former student of Garth’s, Samantha Gunn, has this to say: “The gift of having Garth as a teacher is that his stories, songs, and antics keep revealing lessons as I age. Interactions that I thought were odd or silly as a beginning teacher, have revealed themselves to have deep meaning just below the surface. Garth’s commitment to maintaining a holistic understanding of the world meant that lessons were filled with emotion, physicality, relationship, and reflection. He generously brought his whole self to the learning experience, and he expected the same from us. He taught me that the world is the best textbook we have, that love is the most important ingredient when building a fire, and that it only takes 5 minutes to form a meaningful connection to a pinecone. His influence on me has been profound, and I consider him to be the catalyst for my career in outdoor and environmental education.”

In addition to his work with the HOPE program, he also held the administrative positions of Associate Dean of Student Services and Undergraduate Programs; Director of Professional Development and Field Experiences; Director of the Centre for International Teacher Education as well as the Director of the Canada, China University Linkage Program. Following his retirement, Dr. Pickard remained active and steadfast in his passion and work with UNESCO – International Network for Re-orienting Teacher Education towards Sustainability and the United Nations University Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development.

Roger Petry from the Sask RCE said of his passing, “Garth worked tirelessly behind the scenes on sustainability and environmental education. He inspired and guided us in the formative years of our Regional Centre of Expertise on ESD in 2007 up to the present and served a key role in our RCE as Co-coordinator of our working group on Sustainable Infrastructure. Garth believed that great change was possible and that this change could be brought about through holistic, integrated, and interdisciplinary approaches to education. Garth knew, above all, that education for sustainable development was a matter of the heart and his energy and love of life was only matched by his love for our planet.” Garth was always thinking about teachers who had a passion for environmental and outdoor education and kept in touch by sending little notes of new ideas, new websites, and words of encouragement. Garth continued to research and write after his retirement, and contributed to the SaskOutdoors Of Land & Living Skies: A Community Journal on Place, Land, and Learning. Garth was an extremely passionate and influential educator, and a very dedicated and authentic friend. We believe that Dr. Garth Pickard is a most deserving and worthy candidate for the Bernie Melanson Award.
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SaskOutdoors has continued contracting Janelle Rosnes as our bookkeeper.

Rachel MacKenzie was the Communications Coordinator throughout 2021 and we appreciated her thoughtfulness, creativity and attention to detail. Rachel was able to present two sessions with the Saskatoon Open Door Society. In early 2022 Rachel resigned from her position and we are pleased to welcome Kira Nelson as the communications coordinator.

Shannon Chernick was contracted as the Outdoor Play Coordinator in the fall of 2021. Shannon Chernick also works part-time for Nature Regina and through her work with the Get Outside Kids Club was awarded the Canadian Wildlife Federation Youth Engagement Award in 2021.

Over the fall of 2021 SaskOutdoors was fortunate to work with Roman Lytwyn, a fourth year psychology student at the University of Regina on a Community-Campus Partnership Project around Program Evaluation. As part of his time with SaskOutdoors Roman organized a Treets Halloween event at the Arboretum in Regina.

SaskOutdoors and Leah were pleased to be presented with the Canadian Wildlife Federation WILD Educator of the Year Award.
5. Financial Report - Denise Skuce

a. Presentation of the 2021 Financial Statement
b. Appointment of the Auditor for 2022 (Priority Accounting Services CPA Prof. Corp., Regina)
c. Presentation of the 2022 Budget
d. Set Membership Rates for 2022
   i. Individual Membership: $20/year
   ii. Student or Low Income Individual Membership: $10/year
   iii. Family Membership: $30/year (suitable for families with up to 2 adults and dependent children)
   iv. Organizational Membership: $50/year (suitable for schools, organizations & community groups)
   v. Lifetime Membership: $300 one time payment (suitable for individuals; free to Melanson and Weir Award Winners)
## 2022 Budget

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d. Set Membership Rates for 2022
   i. Individual Membership: $20/year
   ii. Student or Low Income Individual Membership: $10/year
   iii. Family Membership: $30/year (suitable for families with up to 2 adults and dependent children)
   iv. Organizational Membership: $50/year (suitable for schools, organizations & community groups)
   v. Lifetime Membership: $300 one time payment (suitable for individuals; free to Melanson and Weir Award Winners)
6. Constitutional Changes
(Desiree Hortness)
Why Update?

Our constitution last updated in 2015.

SaskOutdoors had a subcommittee to review the constitution and create a proposed update.

In general proposed changes have been made to:

- better reflect SaskOutdoors mission and vision
- better reflect SaskOutdoors operations
- increase conciseness
- update language (for example, special subject council is now Professional Growth Network (PGN))
- meet current requirements for PGN constitutions

Proposed updates were communicated to members in our February Membership Newsletter (February 15, 2022), as well as posted on our website:

**Format**

The proposed constitution will be shown in full on the left to provide full transparency.

Highlights will include changes that impact the purpose, structure or limits SaskOutdoors, members, or the board and include rationale for changes.

Changes made for increased conciseness, updated language, format, will not be further highlighted, but will be referenced.
SECTION 1. Name:

Proposed: Saskatchewan Outdoor and Environmental Education Association (SaskOutdoors).

Rationale: Conciseness
SECTION 2. Affiliation:

Proposed:

- Saskatchewan Teachers’ Federation (STF) as a Professional Growth Network (PGN)
- A membership corporation under The Non-profit Corporations Act, 1995 (Section 2).
- Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association as a Provincial Recreation Association

Rationale:

Added affiliation with SPRA
SECTION 3. Objectives:

Proposed:

The mission of SaskOutdoors is to connect people of Saskatchewan to the outdoors and inspire a sense of curiosity and play within our natural environment by passionately delivering programs and services that promote awareness of outdoor recreation and environmental stewardship. We value the guiding principles of:

- Environmental Responsibility
- Inclusivity
- Respect
- Transparency
- Sharing
- Appreciation
- Cooperation
- Quality Education

*Include Guiding Principles Graphic from our Strategic Plan

Rationale:

Closer alignment with current SaskOutdoors mission and vision.
SECTION 4. Membership:

Proposed: Unchanged

Those eligible for membership are:

a. All STF members as defined in STF Policy.

b. Any other person with a professional or personal interest in supporting educators to practice outdoor and environmental education

Rationale:

Acceptable upon review.
SECTION 5. Membership Fees:

Proposed: Membership fees shall be determined and approved by the board.

Rationale: Proposed change is in alignment with many other non-profit membership organizations and will be more effective for the board.
SECTION 6. Structure and Management:

Proposed:

a. The affairs, funds, and property of SaskOutdoors shall be administered by the SaskOutdoors Board (the Board).

b. There will be a minimum of 6 Directors and a maximum of 15.

c. The majority of the Executive members (President, Past President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary) on the Board must also be STF members.

d. The Board is responsible to the general membership and shall consist of the President and elected members.

e. Responsibilities for elected roles include the following:

Rationale:

Remove Program Director position.
Section 6.1 President

Proposed:

The President holds the key management functions for SaskOutdoors. They are responsible for:

a. Assigning and communicating responsibilities to the Board ensuring that there is a clear understanding of their roles.

b. Establishing an annual schedule of SaskOutdoors Executive and Board meetings.

c. Following appropriate procedures when conducting board business.

Rationale:

Conciseness
Proposed:

a. Perform all the duties of the president should they be absent for any reason.

b. Complete the president’s term should it become vacant for any reason, unless the bylaws of the network provide otherwise.

c. Complete administrative duties as defined in the constitution of the PGN.

d. Assist the president in carrying out presidential responsibilities.

Rationale:

No responsibilities listed in 2015 Constitution
Section 6.3 Past President

Proposed:

This position is not elected, but follows the term of presidency for a specific term as defined in the constitution.

Responsibilities may include:

a. Serve as advisor to the president and other officers as it relates to past procedures and provide information to assist the network in maintaining quality and continuity.

b. Other duties (i.e., chair, constitution committee or chair, nominating committee).

Rationale:

Conciseness

Separation of joint role of Past President/Secretary.
Section 6.4 Treasurer

Proposed:

a. Maintain financial control of resources. • Ensure there are or will be sufficient resources available to complete approved projects. • Provide the executive with an early warning if projects are too ambitious or too numerous to be achieved with the limited resources of the network.

b. Ensure safe custody of assets. • Ensure cash in the bank and incoming funds are used only for approved projects.

c. Maintain accurate financial record keeping. • Record financial transactions of the network. • Develop subsidiary records which determine a running balance of current accounts, expenditure commitments, etc.

d. Provide accurate financial reporting. • Update the executive on the current status of accounts on a regular basis (i.e., revenue and expenditure since last reporting, current bank balances, etc.). • Develop a proposed budget with input by the executive for approval by the membership at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and forward to the STF. • Provide a year-end statement of revenue and expenditure to the executive. • Provide an audited or reviewed financial statement on an annual basis to the executive and the membership at the AGM and forward to the STF. • File reports to the STF as required by recipients of special project grants. • File reports as required by government agencies (i.e., GST, Canada Revenue Agency, etc.).

e. Coordinate with the bookkeeper, general manager, or other staff to transfer all relevant records to successors, such as: • Audited or reviewed financial statements for the last fiscal year. • Bank statements and canceled cheques for all accounts. • Receipt, deposit, account, and/or transaction books. • Paid and unpaid invoices.

Rationale:

Conciseness

Better alignment to current function of Treasurer role and operations of SaskOutdoors.
Section 6.5 Secretary

Proposed:

a. Coordinates with the general manager to ensure PGN records are maintained.

b. Makes arrangements for the constitution to be updated and submitted to the STF, as needed, on an annual basis.

Rationale:

Added role (separated from Past President role)

Conciseness
Section 6.6 Member at Large

Proposed:

a. Attending all meetings and helping coordinate events.

b. Offering input and voting on decisions made by the Board.

c. Promote SaskOutdoors throughout Saskatchewan.

Rationale:

Language update
SECTION 7. Representation:

Proposed:

Any representation which the PGN wishes to make to any organization, persons, government, department or other agency outside the STF shall be conducted through the regular channels of the STF as provided for under Section 36 The Teachers Federation Act, 2006.

Rational:

Language update
SECTION 8 Meetings:

Proposed: Unchanged

a. Board Meetings shall be held not less than three (3) times a year upon call of the President.

b. Whenever possible, consensual decision-making will be used to make decisions at meetings. When this is not possible, Roberts’ Rules of Order will be used to guide the voting process.

c. Procedures at meetings: The voting body shall consist of individual members in good standing. There shall be no proxy voting.

d. The elected members of the Board (with the exception of the Past-President) shall be elected at the AGM.

e. Elected members shall serve a two year term with half of the Board elected at each AGM.

f. When there is only one candidate for an office, the candidate will be declared by acclamation.

Rationale:

Acceptable upon review.
SECTION 9. Nominations:

Proposed:

The Board will accept nominations at the AGM.

Rationale:

Upon reflection it no longer serves purpose to establish nominating committee to accepts nominations a week in advance, rather, the board will now accept nominations at the AGM.
SECTION 10. Amendments to the Constitution:

Proposed:

The constitution will be amended or repealed at the AGM or at a special meeting by a two-thirds vote of those eligible to vote in attendance, the changes to take effect immediately following the meeting at which they are approved.

a. Amendments may be proposed by any member or organization in good standing or by the Board.

b. Notice of Amendments shall be communicated to the membership at least thirty days prior to the meeting at which amendments will be proposed.

c. An amended constitution is then forwarded to the Executive of the STF for approval.

Rationale:

Allowing constitution to be amended by special meeting or AGM will allow the organization to make any needed changes in more timely manner.

Note - Notice of Amendment will still be communicated 30 days prior.
SECTION 11. Dissolution of the Organization:

Proposed:

Dissolution shall be affected by a two-thirds vote of members present at the AGM. Remaining assets will be disbursed subject to DIVISION XVI of the Non-Profit Corporations Act 1995: in the event of dissolution of the Association, its property and assets shall after payment of all liabilities, be donated to one or more recognized organizations in Saskatchewan.

Rationale:

It seemed better suited to ensure any assets, in the case of dissolution, be donated to specifically to Saskatchewan organization(s) rather than Canada organizations.
Acceptance of Amendments to Constitution

Please note, you must be a current member of SaskOutdoors to be eligible to vote.
6. Presentation of Slate of Officers (Kristen Simonson, Member at large)

Board Members who have completed one year of a two year term: Aditi Garg, Denise Skuce, Derek Hyland, Desiree Hortness, Kristen Simonson

Board Members up for election for a two year term:

- Heather Maurer
- Andrea Nelson
- Michael Prebble
- Sean Brandt
- Brooklyn Berrns
- Glen Trites

Thank you to departing board member Merrissa Karmark!
7. New Business (Heather)
8. Prizes (Kristen)
9. Adjournment (Heather)

Thanks for attending!