



Annual General Meeting  
Red Deer Marlins Swim Club  
Wednesday, August 10, 2022 – 5:30 pm  
Michener Aquatic Centre Gymnasium

In attendance:

Voting Members (families)

<i>Anderton</i>	<i>Fossen</i>	<i>Murgatroyd/Harvey</i>	<i>Ruppert</i>
<i>Baich</i>	<i>Gilchrist</i>	<i>Myburgh</i>	<i>Sampson</i>
<i>Bellmore</i>	<i>Greenhalgh</i>	<i>Nelson</i>	<i>Sanford</i>
<i>Blurton</i>	<i>Hammond</i>	<i>Orriss</i>	<i>Sheehy</i>
<i>Casserly</i>	<i>Jakeman</i>	<i>Pasman</i>	<i>Skappak</i>
<i>Clews</i>	<i>Lockwood</i>	<i>Park/Cho</i>	<i>Thiessen</i>
<i>Driesen</i>	<i>McLaren</i>	<i>Rechlo</i>	<i>Van Zyl</i>

**1. Call to Order**

The annual general meeting commenced at 5:38 pm as called to order by Lisa Driesen.

**2. Establishment of Quorum**

Quorum is 25% of the voting members. Total voting members is 39.

Quorum established.

**3. Approval of the Agenda and Adoption of the 2021 Annual General Meeting Minutes**

Kelly Sampson/Kerri Orriss

**CARRIED**

**Move that the agenda and the August 4, 2021, Annual General Meeting minutes be approved as circulated.**

**4. Reports**

**a. President's Report – Lisa Driesen**

We made it! The end of a full season after a global pandemic. At the beginning of the year, on a cold January night, a few of us met in the room at the rec center, masked, and wondering what would the season look like. Wondering if we could even have a fully



functioning club with such limited board members. There was much uncertainty and a decision was made to at least try and use the resources, we had to persevere.

Those of you that are new realize what a passion we have for the club and see how much the swimmers love it. And how we become family.

We took an unprecedented number of new swimmers. We had to build the club back up and regain numbers. Again the passion is there in our coaches and older swimmers, they continue to return to us and for that we are grateful.

I am proud of our club and how it flourished this year. There were definitely some hiccups along the way, but overall, we have finished in an extremely positive way.

Everyone from the ASSA board to individual clubs in the region, to officials, to coaches, to swimmers and parents – no one has been doing any of this for 2 full seasons. There were lots of changes implemented which made even more challenges.

What we may have known and remembered, changed!

Coach Claire did a phenomenal job with managing these changes, it was not easy. I will speak to the coaches when they come in, but I am extremely proud of the entire coaching team this year.

Thank you to the incredible Marlins Board. If we did not have our mighty few stay on during a pandemic, this season absolutely would not have happened.

#### **b. Treasurer Report and Presentation of the Financial Statements – Heather Baich**

For 2022 we made predictions based on the potential of having 60 swimmers and numbers from the previous years. With the addition of the new 6-week program we had 66 swimmers this season.

We predicted a 2022 income of \$55k and to date our club income is \$51,796.11 that includes registrations, a \$10k grant, and all member fundraising/fundraising payouts to date. That number will increase by season end with the addition of some July and all August fundraising and fundraising payouts.

We predicted 2022 expenses of \$76,136 running a deficit of \$20,636. We were prepared for that deficit. To date our expenses are at \$67,573.74 giving us a deficit of \$15,777.63. We predict that we will add approximately \$7,500 to our expenses as we pay out wages, pool rental, swim meet expenses to take us to the end of the season.

The club had left over in Bingo and Casino accounts from previous seasons that was used to pay out wages and pool rentals and the club had General Account Dollars to cover all 2022 expenses.



Marlins has 4 accounts and, as of August 8, 2022, those balances are as follows:

General Account	\$27,509.78
Bingo Account	\$1,723.58
Casino Account	\$2,077.45
High Yield Savings	\$130,573.30

**c. Coach Committee Director Report – Heidi Greenhalgh**

There was excellent feedback on the coaches' part. Thank you cards and team photos are being gifted to the coaches. Swimmers are encouraged this evening to write messages of thanks in the cards.

**d. Meet Manager Report – Bonnie Moshenko-Mitchell (presented by Jennifer Hammond in Bonnie's stead)**

Our swim meet was a bigger success than expected. We had 98 swimmers participating from 5 clubs! This was positive in light of living in the post-Covid world. In 2019 our meet ran with 240 swimmers. We had many people who were new to their positions, and they all stepped up to make the meet successful. The Club secured community support in the form of food/drink donations, and we broke even.

Bonnie thanks everyone who stepped up and volunteered for officiating and for all of the other necessary and vital positions! Thanks also to Bryan Zankl (equipment/set up), Ashly Gilchrist (food), Kerri Orriss (officials), and Jay Wagner (electronics). A special thanks to Darla Wright from the Hanna Club who helped tremendously by walking us through the new entries system before the meet, running the electronics during the meet, and mentoring us so we can do this more independently in the future! Bonnie thanks all of the parents who volunteered for the two Endurance Swims.

The Meet Manager position will be open for a new parent volunteer for the 2023 season. Bonnie is available and willing to help mentor, and has a binder prepared to pass on whether. Bonnie wanted to highlight that, what is great about this position, is that our meet is traditionally the second of the season, taking place in early June. You work hard leading up to that day, but then all of your volunteering hours are done—even if you have multiple swimmers.

Bonnie is sorry to miss the AGM as it is the first time she has not made it but congratulates all the swimmers on a great year and shares best wishes for those going to provincials.



#### **e. Fundraising Report – Minette Van Zyl**

Minette thanked everybody who worked so hard at fundraising. The Club met its expectations. For those who are still a bit short, emails were sent out. Others preferred for the Club to cash their cheque.

The Club started early in the season with some casinos which we only get once every three years and we don't want to lose them. The highway cleanup was a success, and we will do it again next year. Indeygo was another fundraiser that the Club tried, featuring local products, and it was also successful. Our 50-50 raffle at the swim meet also helped. Next year, we will start it earlier given wi-fi challenges where the Michener Centre is located.

Monthly grocery cards will be done this month (today), and in January we will start them up again. We still have Bingos going in the Fall. If you're done, sign up anyway and those amounts will be banked for the next season. We are going to start flower baskets right before Mothers' Day to add as another fundraising option.

#### **f. Officials Report – Kerri Orriss**

Kerri gave a big thank you and expressed that it was great to see new faces on deck. It takes many people to make a meet successful and without volunteers we wouldn't have been able to get very far. Whenever you have swimmers in the meet, volunteer for a shift.

Next year, we will need people to go through the Level 2 training through Swimming Canada. The courses are all online and can be easily completed – see the links relating to the Officials Certification Pathway on the Red Deer Marlins website at:

<https://www.gomotionapp.com/team/assardm/page/members/officiating-information>

### **5. Board Nominations and Elections**

#### **a. Vice President**

Lisa Driesen asked for nominations for the position of Vice President for the 2023 and 2024 seasons.

Marilee Murgatroyd nominated Jennifer Hammond.

Heather Baich seconded the nomination.

Jennifer Hammond accepted the nomination.



Hearing no other nominations, Jennifer Hammond was acclaimed as Vice President for a two-year term.

**b. Communications Director**

Lisa Driesen asked for nominations for the position of Communications Director for the 2023 and 2024 seasons.

Joel Thiessen self-nominated.

Minette Van Zyl seconded the nomination.

Hearing no other nominations, Joel Thiessen was acclaimed as Communications Director for a two-year term.

**6. Other Business**

Several Committee/Support Roles were filled, as follows:

- Meet Manager: Sarah Fossen, for a term of two years (2023 and 2024 seasons)
  - Bonnie Moshenko-Mitchell volunteered to provide mentoring, as per her report to the membership
  - Kerri Orriss volunteered to ensure Sarah's officiating profile is current and complete
- Electronics: Joel Thiessen, for a one-year term (2023 season)
  - Kerri Orriss volunteered to provide support
- AGLC Coordinator: Ria Myburgh, for a one-year term (2023 season)
- Coach Contracts: Sandra Skappak, for a one-year term (2023 season)
- Programming: Amanda Anderton, to shadow Kerri Orris for the 2023 season
- Parent Liaison: Ashlynn Pasman, for a one-year term (2023 season)
- Volunteer Coordinator: Arianna Ruppert, for a one-year term (2023 season)
- Awards & Records – Jessica Blurton, for a one-year term (2023 season)
- Social Committee – Alicia Lockwood, for a one-year term (2023 season)

Lori Rechlo and Kerri Orriss volunteered to provide support (social media, etc.) to Joel Thiessen in his role as Communications Director.

A Parent Survey will be forthcoming as feedback is valuable for planning and continuous improvement.

**7. Adjournment**

**Marilee Murgatroyd/Heidi Greenhalgh**

**CARRIED**

**Move to adjourn the 2022 Annual General Meeting at 6:35 PM.**