

There are a few items that I would like to bring up to all the clubs

September 27-11

-there are several grants available for athletes and their families to apply for at whatever level they are at and groups that families out that are financially hurting. Here are a few that you can look into and pass on to your membership and maybe put in your newsletters:

Canadian Tire Jump Start <http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/>

Kids Sport <http://www.kidsport.ab.ca/>

For athletes in the Train to Compete stage:

DIP <http://www.asrpf.ca/media/15169/dip%20application.pdf>

I will be out of the office from September 30th to October 5th attending the WPC Summit in Toronto. I will still have access to my emails and my cell phone.

Athlete Registration in the database

It is September 28th and I know that now all of the clubs have been in the water practicing but there are still clubs that do not have ANY members registered. I also have clubs that might still be confused about athletes that are trying out. PLEASE ENTER THEM INTO THE DATABASE!!!!!!! I will be sending out a separate email to all the club registrars to remind them that all athletes should be registered now.

AGM

All of you received the notice for the AGM this year on Oct 23rd. I will remind you that we accepted the new by-laws and so there is a different process to how clubs/members vote at the meeting.

Voting at Meetings of Members

3.1 Voting Privileges - Members will have the following voting rights at all meetings of Members:

- a) Club Members will be entitled to appoint one Delegate who may attend meetings of members and is entitled to one (1) vote.
- b) Active Members eighteen (18) years of age and older may attend meetings of members but are not entitled to vote.
- c) Associate Members eighteen (18) years of age and older may attend meetings of members but are not entitled to vote.
- d) Coaching Members eighteen (18) years of age and older may attend meetings of members but are not entitled to vote.
- e) Officials Members eighteen (18) years of age and older may attend meetings of members but are not entitled to vote.

3.2 Delegates – Club Members may appoint one (1) Delegate and will notify the Association in writing, twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting of members the name of such Delegate. Delegates must be eighteen (18) years of age and older and a member in good standing to represent the Club Member.

3.3 Scrutineers - At the beginning of each meeting, the Board may appoint one or more scrutineers who will be responsible for ensuring that votes are properly cast and counted.

3.4 Proxy Voting – There will be no voting by proxy.

3.5 Determination of Votes - Votes will be determined by a show of hands or electronically unless a secret or recorded ballot is requested by the majority of those Members voting.

3.6 Majority of Votes - Except as otherwise provided in the Act or these Bylaws, the majority of votes of Members who vote will decide each issue. In the case of a tie, the issue is defeated.

Election of Directors at Large

Please let me know if you have any suggestions for people to sit on the AWPA board. There is a Nominating Committee and I will forward the names onto them. We **hope** to be able to send out the nominees names and a short bio on them before the AGM so the club voting member has an opportunity to look it over.

4.1 Nomination - Any nomination of an individual for election as a Director at Large will include the written consent of the nominee by signed signature; and be submitted to the Head Office of the Association seven (7) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.