



## Dollard Synchro AGM Minutes

Monday September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Dollard Civic Center Theatre

Attendees: 17

1. Welcome - Kelly Christie
2. Verification of quorum: interpretation of our Bylaws to be reviewed in the coming year.
3. Convocation of AGM
  - a. As per article 5.3 of our 2015 Bylaws, our AGM convocation should have been posted on the Dollard Website at least two weeks before registration.
  - b. Approval is therefore required for our AGM convocation sent via email Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> 2019 - Micheline Chiasson and Julie Brisebois.
4. Approval of amended agenda: Julie Côté and Dominic Lefebvre
5. Approval of Minutes from AGM September 23rd, 2018: Julie Côté and Donna Chapman
6. Business Arising From Minutes: none
7. Reports
  - a. President (Kelly Christie): see attached Schedule A
    - Kelly introduced the members of the board and their roles over the past year.
    - Kelly introduced the head coaches:
      - In 2014 Laura Swift became our head coach with only 16 athletes in the National Stream (NS). Now we have 32 NS athletes and two Junior teams. Laura works closely with our Provincial stream (PS) coach Christiane Callary. They have a close collaboration which is essential to the building our provincial stream. Christiane works hard to make it a wonderful experience.
    - Dollard Synchro hosted the National figures competition and 99% parents volunteered last year. The competition ran very smoothly thanks to our meet manager Melanie Goettisheim in her first year with our club and Dominic and Johanne Lefebvre who coordinated all the food for the event. Hosting this event provided cost savings since our athletes sleep at home and this also lowers our fees and our athletes perform better since they are sleeping at home. We receive a grant from Natation Artistique Quebec and so this money goes to our athletes and back into parent's pockets.
    - Board this year: the board updated the Chaperone Policy and instated background checks for all chaperones for sleep-away competitions.
    - Parent handbook: extensive update which is now available in English and **requires translating to French if any member would like to volunteer.**
    - Kelly recommends reading the parent handbook before the coach meetings.
    - **We require someone to take care of our website**: one of our members Mike Schade offered to help. He cannot join the board as he travels but can still help us. Thank you Mike!
    - Kelly has been working with the city of DDO for pool space. We now have increased hours and support from the city.
    - Fundraising: if someone wants to come on the board otherwise individual parents are welcome to propose fundraising ideas and events which must be approved by the board.
    - Our aquatic center takes care of any pool and the city rents the PDS pool from the school board.



- b. Head Coaches Report:
    - National Stream (Laura Swift) - see attached Schedule B
    - Laura: we need volunteers, not only on the board but who also can support our club in any way they can to help the coaches focus on their job. Thank you to Kelly for her vision and support. Thank you to Christiane for helping building up the young athletes from beginners to PS. She is a very valuable addition to our club and for the future of our club.
  - c. Provincial Stream (Christiane Callary: see attached Schedule C
    - Christiane: We have an open communication between coaches on deck. I thank the board and Kelly for their support.
    - Recruitment during the summer process: Christiane worked behind the scenes during the summer going to pools during practice times, introducing our club to young athletes and talking about our program.
    - Plan last summer: visit summer pools and build relationship with outdoor pool summer coaches. Establish relationship with parents. Participated at Alps and NAA, spoke with parents and athletes.
  - d. Treasurer (Brigitte Desrosiers) – see attached Schedule D
    - Brigitte: Has been on the board for 6 years going on 7 years now and she brought the Masters program to our club 5 years ago.
    - AADD0 fee of 7k was not in our budget. AADD0 agreed to relook how they calculate how 5% of most of revenues excluding.
8. Proposals of amendment to our 2015 Bylaws
- Bylaws were last updated in 2015 and require reviewing updating to reflect the current times. Melanie Goettisheim suggested that we commit to work on this update over the next year. For now however, we should change synchronized swimming to artistic swimming for articles 2.1; 2.2 and 7.1 Kelly proposes we change the name: Domenic Salvati seconds the change.
  - Article 3.4: update the names Federation de nage synchronisée du Quebec and Synchro Canada to **Natation Artistique Québec (NAQ)** and **Canada Artistic Swimming (CAS)**: Kelly proposed and Melanie Goettisheim and Micheline seconds the change.
  - Please email us if you have any suggestions.
9. Nomination and Election of members to the Board: on October 8<sup>th</sup> board meeting.
- New volunteers to the board: Vanessa Rice. Welcome!
  - We understand that not everyone can commit to being on the board but if you have ideas that would help the club or the board please feel free to write us we will gladly take your help. Graphic artists or print through their work or company or any other idea. Our email is: [dollardsynchro.info@gmail.com](mailto:dollardsynchro.info@gmail.com).
10. Question period:
- Out of town parents would have come if it was a Sunday.
  - Major events: please let parents know ahead of time. Holidays, shows. Our challenge is not having competition dates ahead of time from NAQ.
11. Adjournment 8:41 Kelly and Julie