

NLDA Annual General Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2018

In Attendance: Vicki Crane, Sue Miller, Lisa Hynes, Rob Scott
Regrets: Janet Blackmore, Jill Brewer

- 1. Meeting called to order at 8:00 pm.**
- 2. Review Minutes of April 27th, 2017:** Accepted by Vicki and seconded by Rob.
- 3. President's Report:** Provided by Vicki.

The NLDA board met a few times through the year, but most business/communication was done via e-mail, which continues to work well.

Government grants (AOG and CG's) received were spent in the areas identified for funding.

Two divers, Jake Billard and Cassie Blackmore, attended the Jr. Development Nationals in Victoria, BC, July 2017. Both divers received a \$350 travel assistance grant from SNL.

Jake Billard received a Premiers Athletic Excellence Award, May 2017.

Three divers, Jake Billard, Jacob Shortall and Ava DJan-Chekar, attended the 2017 Summer Canada Games, held in Winnipeg, MB.

EDGE Diving Club (only club in the province) is able to sustain itself. EDGE maintains a near capacity Learn to Dive program and a very active pre-competitive/competitive program. Competitive/precompetitive diver numbers are similar to last year (11-13 divers). Learn to Dive program was at near capacity for all sessions.

The Aquarena was shut down for nearly 2 months (Dec.3-Jan. 29) for maintenance. This was a complicated challenge for all diving programs. Various sport facilities were utilized for dryland activities. Competitive divers trained at the new Paul Reynolds Aquatic centre, which has a 1M board.

The Diving Plongeon Canada AGM was held in Ottawa, Jan. 2018. Jill Brewer attended on NLDA's behalf.

NLDA received and submitted 2 applications (Jake Billard and Cassie Blackmore) for the 2018 Premier's Athletic Excellence Award.

Two long time serving board members: Sue Miller and Vicki Crane are retiring after many years of service.

- 4. Financial Report:** Provided by Sue.

The Financial Statements for the period of April 1st, 2017 to March 31st, 2018 are attached to these minutes.

For this period of April 1st, 2017 to March 31st, 2018, an income of \$8,060 came from four major sources: Canada Games Grant (\$3,550); Annual Operating Grant (\$2,310); SNL Grant (\$700.00) and an Equipment Grant (\$1,500). The major expenditures during this period supported athlete and coaching costs for four competitions (one hosted by us), (\$4,100 in total); Canada Games Training Sessions (\$1,000.00); two official's clinics (\$400); and new dry land equipment (approximately \$1,750). The remaining expenditures (approximately \$870) went towards advertising, coach mentoring, volunteer appreciation, team building and various membership fees.

5. Officials Report: Provided by Vicki.

NLDA offered both a Level One and Level Two Officiating Course. The Level One course had 8 participants. The Level Two course had 5 participants, 3 of the participants (Sara O'Keefe, Chris Kent, Riley Crane) have written and successfully passed the Provincial Officials exam. Facilitator for both courses was Jill Brewer

Jill Brewer continues as the Officials Co-ordinator for the province. In addition to officiating at Jr. and Sr. National competitions, she also participated in the following:

- Attended a FINA Officials school offered at the Junior Pan Am Games that were hosted in Victoria, BC in September 2017. Jill received FINA Certification.

- Became a member of DPC's Awards Committee as an Officials representative in 2017.

- Chair of DPC's Nominating Committee for the Board of Directors.

- Was sent by DPC to College Station, TX in March of 2017 to an international competition with the Canadian Team "C" age group.

- Has been invited to attend the World Series event #3, taking place in Montreal, April 27-29, 2018. There will be officials' professional development taking place at this event and she will have the opportunity to shadow judge the best divers in the world. The invitation will cover some of Jill's expenses, but most likely some provincial funding will be required

Vicki Crane, Level 2 judge, officiated at NL Summer Provincials, a National Qualifying meet.

6. Technical Report: Provided by Rob.

A big challenge facing the EDGE Diving Club during the past year was a major turnover in coaches. Many of the more senior coaches retired and were replaced with junior coaches who were being mentored. EDGE currently has three Level II trained coaches and one Level II certified coach.

A Learn to Dive program (LTD) was offered with participation numbers slightly up in September 2017 and continued to increase throughout the season. LTD operated at near capacity for the winter/spring sessions. The EDGE Club offers six classes per week with six divers per class.

NL Summer Provincials, a National Qualifying meet was held at the Aquarena, June 2017. Diving Plongeon Canada (DPC) provides one National meet referee, but a 2nd National level referee is required at all DPC sanctioned meets. Jill Brewer volunteered in that capacity. This provided a very significant financial savings for NLDA and EDGE.

Canada Games:

The 2017 CG's coaching staff consisted of Rob Scott (Head Coach), Lesley Billard (Assistant Coach), and Rob Bertolo (Manager). A young team of three divers attended and participated on all board events, as well as in the boys synchronize 3-meter event. A 13th place finish was accomplished in the boys tower event.

Junior Development Nationals:

Two divers attended accomplishing an 11th place finish in the girls tower event and a 6th place finish in the boy's 3-meter event.

7. Election of Officers for 2018 - 2019: Current board members Vicki Crane (President) and Sue Miller (Secretary/Treasurer) are retiring from the board. All officers were appointed by acclamation.

- **President:** Janet Blackmore
- **Secretary/Treasurer:** Lisa Hynes
- **Technical Director:** Rob Scott
- **Officials Director:** Jill Brewer

8. Next Meeting: Plan for April 2019, as determined by the President.

9. Adjournment: 8:45 pm