

AGM Meeting Minutes

Northern Summit Volleyball Club



Date: Jan 28, 2025

Location: Walnut Park

Start: 7:03

End: 8:09

Meeting called to order by: Troy Souter (interim chair)

In Attendance: Troy Souter, Angela Souter, Amy Slaney, Tara Cross, Steve Cross, Jade Widen, Jesse Butler, Tyra Johnstone, Kristina Stefanek, Tara Leffers, Eric Arpin, Carrie Fort, Tracy Aperloo, Kristen Pederson, Elizabeth Miller, Cody Campbell, Kelsey Campbell

Approval of Minutes: 1st - Elizabeth Miller, 2nd - Jade Widen

- ***Motion made to accept previous AGM - Jan 28th, 2024, draft minutes as presented*** (aside from a name correction to be made. Error: Andrea Slaney adjusted to Amy Slaney)
 - All in favor. Motion carried.

Roll Call - Membership have signed in (sign in sheet available)

Reports:

Financials: Previous years financials presented to the membership by Angela Souter, club treasurer.

- Approval of financials - 1st: Elizabeth, 2nd: Kristina

Club chair report:

- ***Membership:*** Grown from 0 to 122 including players, coaches and board members.
 - As of Jan 26, 2025, registration is at 158. An approximate 30% increase since the end of last season.
- ***Programs and tournaments:*** Last season NSVC ran 5 competitive teams composed of players from Smithers, Houston, Burns Lake and Fraser Lake.

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- NSVC also ran train and play programs with 48 registered athletes participating in both Smithers and Houston.
 - **Fundraising:** Fundraising events generated a total of \$2660. Some events included: bottle return, Panago Pizza partnership and bed sheet fundraiser.
 - We've received very strong support from local businesses through sponsorship. Big thank you to all our donors! We're particularly grateful to The Smithers Rotary Club, The Sausage Factory, Pacific North Hydrovac, Suds N Bay, Aqua North Plumbing and Heating.
 - **Challenges:** Some of the challenges we faced this past year were registering as a non-profit society, navigating a multi-sport athlete community, access to training facilities, implementing a club structure, and funding constraints.
 - **Coach/Volunteer contributions:** All coaches deserved recognition for making the year a success!
 - Thanks to the board members who built the club from the ground up. Special thanks to Steve and Tara, and Liam, who will not be returning this season as board members.
 - Parent helpers, and families, Thank you everyone for your support!
 - **NSVC's vision for the future:** As a club, we hope to grow in player development, strengthening the club, and building stronger relationships with sponsors and local organizations



Amendments to By-Laws:

- Board voted amendments to the NSVC By-laws, which took place on January 6, 2025, of which notice has been given, are presented to the general membership.
 - **Motion made to change the AGM to no later than October 31st of each year. (Article 5 By-Law #2a)**
 - 1st - Angela, 2nd - Kristen.
 - All in favor. Motion carried.
 - **Motion made to move the fiscal year end of NSVC to June 30th. (Article 11 By-Law #5)**
 - 1st - Eric, 2nd - Kristina.
 - All in favor. Motion carried.
 - **Motion made to change the voting process: If only one candidate is nominated, no vote is required, and the nominated candidate shall be declared elected by acclamation. All positions where there is more than one nominee, the individual will be chosen by show of hands by the majority will of the members present. (Article 4: By-Law 10c)**
 - 1st - Kelsey, 2nd - Angela.
 - All in favor. Motion carried.

Nomination and election of directors:

- **President (Chair) 2 yr term -**
 - Angela nominates Troy Souter

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- Troy accepts. No other nominations.
 - Awarded by acclamation
 - **Vice Chair - 2yr term**
 - Angela nominates Jade Widen
 - Jade accepts. No other nominations.
 - Awarded by acclamation
 - **Parent Director 1 yr term -**
 - Steve nominates - Tara Leffers. Tara accepts.
 - Awarded by acclamation
 - **Coach Rep 1 yr term -**
 - Troy nominates Eric Arpin. Eric accepts.
 - Awarded by acclamation.
 - **Registrar 2 yr term -**
 - Tara nominates Angela Souter. Angela accepts.
 - Awarded by acclamation
 - **Director at large - 2yr term**

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- Steve nominates Matthew Cooke. Matthew not in attendance.
Accepted nomination via telephone.
- Awarded by acclamation

- **Director at large - 2yr term**

- Tara L. Nominates Carrie Fort. Carrie accepts.
- Awarded by acclamation

Current Directors:

- Treasurer - Angela Souter (term up to 2027)
- Secretary - Amy Slaney (term up to 2026)
- Director of Fundraising - Tyra Johnstone (term up to 2026)

- ❖ Troy and Angela Souter are both board members. Because of this, the membership will vote whether Troy, newly elected chair, will have voting rights at board meetings as per article 4 By-Law 12c
 - Membership votes whether both Angela and Troy get to vote at board meetings.
 - All in favor. Voting rights granted.

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General business:

- Discussion was held regarding next season, and how the club would like to have a social communication person as well as a merch coordinator. Carrie Fort, elected director at large, will now take on website and social media as tasks in her position. Volunteer position for merchandise coordinator is still available.
- Discussion regarding some possible fundraising opportunities including:
 - Purdys
 - Fall fair clean up
 - Online 50/50 (once gaming account is sorted)
 - Panago Pizza sales

With no other discussion, meeting Adjourned: 8:09