

## Saskatoon Disc Golf Inc.

### Annual General Meeting Minutes

November 27, 2022

Present: Wendy Chapman, Kodi Poettcker, Kris Roach, Scott Chapman, Sean Ahrends, Matthew Shumaker, James Lawson, Alex Pelletier, Jason Grant, Tyrone Okrainetz, Jason Coutu, Arlen Nickel (online), Dave Schofel (online)

**Call to Order by W. Chapman @ 1:30 PM.**

- 1. Acceptance of the Agenda – S. Chapman / T. Okrainetz**
- 2. Acceptance of 2021 AGM Minutes – J. Grant / S. Chapman**
- 3. Presidents Report – Wendy Chapman**

#### ***President's Report for Saskatoon Disc Golf 2022 season***

*Hi! I'm Wendy Chapman, and this was my first year as President of Saskatoon Disc Golf!*

*First of all, I would like to introduce you to our Board of Directors from this year:*

*Jason Coutu – Finance Director*

*Kodi Poettcker – Tournament Director*

*Kris Roach – Leagues Director*

*Alex Pelletier – Sport Development Director*

*Scott Chapman – Course Development Director*

*Jakob Martens – Membership Development Director*

*Kevin Baribeau – Communications Director*

*Casey Murray – Secretary*

*And our members at Large are:*

*James Lawson*

*Tyrone Okrainetz*

*Jason Grant*

*Jay Wight*

Tyler Butz

Andy Palmer

I would like to say a personal thank you to each and every one of these individuals! It was very busy but successful year, and all of these people donated their time to making disc golf better in Saskatoon!

We had a total of 189 paid members for the 2022 season and of those 189, 181 of them registered during our membership drive push in May! Over the past 4 years, membership in SDG has increased from 100 to the 189 we saw this year. That increase is great to see, and I am hoping we will see more growth in the upcoming year. According to Udisc, in 2022, there were 846 unique users that played Diefenbaker Park, so there is definitely opportunity to grow our membership!

We ran several leagues throughout the year. The first league ran was the indoor putting league at the Ramada Golf Dome that ran from February to April. We capped the league at 50 participants, and we had 45 people sign up for the full 10 weeks. We also had an additional 44 "drop-ins" throughout the season. This was the first year running this league and it was very successful! There were a couple different games played on each night and there were prizes for winners for each game

in each skill level. We also had an ongoing ace pot throughout the year and 2 people cashed in on aces!

We will be running this league again on Saturday nights starting sometime after Christmas so stay tuned for that announcement!

During the summer months, there were 8 leagues ran in multiple play formats. Across these leagues, we had approximately 190 registrants made up of 100 individual players.

- We ran 3 mini leagues in April, June, and August – these were played during the week at your own availability during followed by a playoff.
- Mixed doubles league – this league was a drop in format
- Gophertown league – this league is the largest and longest running league in Saskatoon. This was a points league with multiple play styles throughout the summer ending in a 4-week playoff.
- 2 PDGA Sanctioned leagues for players looking to build their PDGA ratings. We had a separate spring and a summer league in this format.
- Fall Glow league was played in September and October – this was a fun fundraiser league

Junior Program – Was sold out with 36 kids registered for a 10-week program that ran from May to July. Alex Pelletier, our Sport Development Director, had 11 volunteer coaches to help him run this program. Each week, the kids were led in a 5-minute Disc Golf Strong warm-up and then had a half hour lesson. Then the kids did a shot gun start to play 9 holes (or as many as they could complete in 45 mins) where they practiced the skills they had learned thus far. A coach went out with each group of kids on the course. The last 10 minutes of the night was a chance for the kids to challenge their coach on the lesson from that day. If the kids beat the coach in that week's challenge, they got an extra entry in the end of the year draw for prizes. The kids had a blast this year and it was great to watch them all make new friends and increase in skill over the course of the summer!

SDG ran 5 tournaments this year between March and July, and we had a total of 451 participants combined. All these events were held at Diefenbaker Park.

- Ice bowl was held on March 19<sup>th</sup> and is an annual fundraiser tournament for the Saskatoon Food Bank. We had 60 participants and this event is run in conjunction with Disc Golf Saskatchewan. For

this year's Ice Bowl, we raised over \$5000! A huge thank you goes out to James Lawson for his personal donation of \$1000 and to his employer Nutrien for matching his donation!

- Saskatoon Membership Drive was held on May 14<sup>th</sup> and had 181 participants. This 1 round flex time tournament gave players a chance to preview the new holes and some alternate pins that will be used in the 2023 season.
- Summer Solstice was held on July 9<sup>th</sup> and only had 18 participants. We saw a large decrease in this event from the previous year. (We had 68 players in 2021). This was a 2-round event – 1 during daylight and the other a glow round.
- Escape Sports Open was held on June 25 and 26<sup>th</sup>. This was our largest event with 120 participants and several major sponsors! We had a 5 person staff for this event plus a crew of volunteers. This was a 3-round event with 3 different layouts for our 16 different divisions. We paid out over \$3000 to our Pro divisions plus prizes for all the Amateur divisions. A major rainstorm and some lightning delays made Saturday afternoon a little more interesting than we would have liked but other than that, this event ran very well.
- NADGT was held on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and had 72 participants. This 2-round event was ran by NADGT with some local help from our board members and we saw an increase of out-of-town participation in this event.

We have had an active role in Course Development over the last couple years. Some of the accomplishments from this season include:

- installing new concrete tee pads on holes 15 through 18 and on the 4 new holes that will be used in the 2023 season on and around the hill at Diefenbaker Park.
- installing A & B baskets sleeves for the 4 new hill holes as well as alternate sleeves for holes 15 through 17.
- Had sign holders made for new course signs at Reid and Dief
- Had a course sign printed for Reid (will be installed in the spring)
- Renewed contracts for Reid and Dief with the City of Saskatoon
- Secured a park enhancement grant from the City of Saskatoon (to help pay for signage)
- Secured a \$25,000 grant from the CN Initiatives fund for course beautification and improvements to safety for Diefenbaker Park. We ran out of time to install this season so we will be working on this initiative in the spring of 2023.

We also have a couple other things in the works at the moment.

- We have a meeting with the city next week to discuss the future of Donna Birkmaeir Park and if there is any negotiating, we can do to get some course maintenance on a regular basis there. We would love to bring more traffic to this park!
- We are also working with the city to develop the next course in Saskatoon. We are currently looking at the afforestation area but are always on the lookout for new sites.
- We are also working with the city on long term planning as new neighborhoods are developed and a city sponsored course (10 years out).

We also ran 11 clinics this year that had 130 unique participants. These were ran in conjunction with community associations in Saskatoon and Warman. We also had a few extra volunteers that helped our board members to run these programs. These clinics are one of the best ways to grow the sport and we are hoping to expand on this number for next season.

*I want to thank my Board of Directors once again for all the hard work that they put in this year as well as all the other volunteers that helped us out at all the events we put on. We couldn't do it without you! I believe this was a year of progress and I look forward to seeing what next year brings.*

Are there any questions for any of our directors?

Discussion: Question from M. Shumaker: Have we reached out to the RM of Corman Park?  
Answer from S. Chapman: No. We have only dealt with the City of Saskatoon and Meewasin Valley Authority.

#### **4. Financial Reports – Jason Coutu**

Change the fiscal year from March 1 to March 1 to March 1 to December 31.

Next year will be January 1 to December 31.

J. Coutu presented the 2022 financials.

**Motion:** S. Chapman made a motion to accept the 2021 Financials (remainder of cross over period). A. Pelletier seconds. No discussion. **Motion passed.**

J. Coutu presented the 2023 budget.

**Motion:** S. Chapman made a motion. To approve the 2023 budget as presented. J. Grant seconds. No discussion. **Motion passed.**

- **Amendments or Motions from the floor – Jason Coutu**

None.

#### **5. Elections**

President

Nominees – W. Chapman (accepts)

Position acclaimed

Course Development

Nominees – S. Chapman (accepts)

Position acclaimed

League Director

Nominees – K. Roach (accepts)

Position acclaimed

Tournament Director

Nominees – no nominations for. Position

Position will be vacant

Sport Development Director

Nominees – A. Pelletier (accepts)

Position acclaimed

Membership Director

Nominees – Jakob Martens (written acceptance)

Position acclaimed

Finance Director

Nominees – J. Coutu (accepts)

Position acclaimed

Communications Director

Nominees – None

Position vacant

Secretary

Nominees – None

Position vacant

Members At Large (5 positions)

Nominees – James Lawson (accepts), Jason Grant (accepts), Tyrone Okrainetz (accepts),  
Sean Ahrends (accepts)

## **6. Discussion**

None.

**7.** K. Roach motions to adjourn meeting at 2:42 PM. Meeting adjourned.