

RWPA President's Report
2020 AGM
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It goes without saying that the 2019-2020 season had its challenges. With the outbreak of the COVID pandemic in March of 2020, the water polo season, as we knew it, was cancelled.

Before I go into a more detailed overview I would first like to extend heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers and specifically to the RWPA Board for their dedication to our Club.

The impact of shutting down our programs was far reaching from an organizational point of view. Not only our Elite programs, but our grassroots programs in the ILWP were halted. Athletes within our Elite category were impacted by Water Polo Canada cancelling all of their National Championships as well as age group National Team programs.

Regardless, there were many positives throughout the shortened season. Athletes in both our Men's and Women's programs that represented our Club participating with Team Sask. achieved many heights. Our 19U women earned an automatic birth to the National Championships by winning the Crossover Tournament in February. Our 19U Men finished with a third place standing overall, and would compete to attend the National Championship. Our 16U Boys were part of a younger squad this season, and although competed with heart - were at the lower end of the league standings. The 16U women were very competitive and would likely attend the National Championships. In the 14U age group both boys and girls teams finished the season with respectable standings and would compete at the Western Championships. Also, our Major League athletes would attend the National Championship Tournament in both Men's and Women's categories.

One other positive is that our fleet was the largest it has been for many years, with 292 members.

In terms of re-starting, our programs have had some limitations that we have not had to deal with in the past to the same degree. One limitation that produced some difficulty was the U of R not opening their pool facility to outside groups. This has meant that our entire fleet has had to move to the Lawson. The second limitation was the restrictions placed upon us with reduced pool time provided by the City of Regina. Further details will be presented in the Membership Report.

One program that has gone ahead as per usual is the YMCA Water Polo at the Rosedale Y. This is, I believe the fourth year we have provided lessons as part of the YMCA programming. (See Sham's Report for details on this.)

To our out-going Board Members, thanks for your time and dedication to the Club. Without the unified effort of our Board, the Club would simply not run. Or at least not smoothly.

Dave Boan,
Club President