

OTTAWA TITANS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, 8 September 2013 at 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Ottawa Public Library – Main Branch, 120 Metcalfe, Ottawa - Auditorium

You are all invited to attend the 2013 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Ottawa Titans. Every member over the age of majority is eligible to vote at this AGM. Since all parents were registered as volunteers for 2012/2013, each parent is also a member and is entitled to vote.

What is the purpose of the AGM?

The current Board of Directors of the Ottawa Titans has an obligation to report on the past year's performance and present the financial management picture for the past year. This is where you get to see how your club fee dollars have been spent. We also provide a proposed budget for the coming season so that our members can discuss and make comments and suggestions to the Board. The coaches will present an overview of the proposed program for next year.

Is it important for me to attend?

YES! The club is run as a not-for-profit organization and because of the flow of athletes in and out of the club, the governing body (Board of Directors) is subject to movement in the same way. The Board needs to be directed by the will of the members and also by long-term strategic planning as approved by members. This year, we will talk about "succession planning" which is the club's ability to maintain a solid strength in key positions and the passing on of skills and knowledge from outgoing members to incoming members. A new and revised strategic plan needs to be built over the next year that can incorporate the many changes in water polo both provincially and nationally.

What will I vote on and where do I get more information?

Within the next 10 days, there will be motions distributed and these will be discussed and voted on at the AGM. These will include:

- Mandatory Sponsorship/fundraising targets for the club and club members. This item is being drafted currently and will be distributed to members shortly.
- Mandatory volunteer obligations to all members.
- Board Member training program
- 2013/2014 Budget proposal
- New Board positions

Typically, about 30% of our members attend the AGM. Although this may not reflect a true representation of the club, the decisions made and votes cast at the AGM determine the direction of the club.

What if I don't have time to get involved?

The AGM is a three-hour commitment and is all the club is currently asking of you. No obligations will attach to you at the meeting, but you will see how the club operates and you can have a voice in future decisions. Your input is valuable, especially since the club members come from such diverse backgrounds and skill sets. Please make every effort to attend this year – hope to see you there.

Andrea Kennedy
President