

## **President Report - AGM May 2, 2023**

We've had a great season this past year and are heading in the right direction to grow our numbers back to where they used to be pre-COVID. Our membership numbers were higher and we even got to enjoy a Year End Water Show AND social this year! It's really starting to have that 'club' feeling again after the last couple years.

We were approved for the Rally Together Grant through ViaSport in early 2023 and incredibly, were granted \$15,000 to put towards the growth of our AquaGo Program! Its spending is already well underway with promotional materials and plans for mail outs and more this summer - with the focus on AquaGo! Registration in the Fall.

We were very fortunate to have a new member parent this year who donated the time from his company to redesign and update our club website! The modern look and easier navigation has already started getting us more traffic - we are so grateful!

There was a lot of thought put into growing our volunteerism within the group this year and a few ideas to help have already been implemented including the ability for members to work off some of their fundraising quota, starting this summer towards next season.

As I am stepping down as President this year, I want to first off thank the Board, coaches and other volunteers for all their work and support through the season - it was noticed and very much appreciated!

I look forward to working with the new President over the summer to get them started in the role. I will be following through with the grant funding plan over the summer and into start-up next season. I also have plans to look over and update all the club policies, guidebooks, codes of conduct and similar documents over the summer so that they are ready to go for the start of the new year.

Next year, aside from getting the new Board members settled into their new roles, I would love to see us get the RDN grant (application is due last Friday of September) and host a Fun Meet for the AquaGo members and invite other Island clubs. I look forward to seeing the club continue to grow!

Cheers

Jessica Nemlander, Outgoing Club President