

MINUTES OF THE Oct 30, 2024 June

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Wednesday October 30th, 2024 6PM Sports Yukon and ZOOM MEETING
PRESIDENT AND CHAIR: Sara Bradley

Call to order

6:05 President Sara Bradley called AGM to order.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION

To adopt the agenda of the 2024 AGM, as distributed at the meeting as well as on our website.

Moved by Patrick Gibeau, seconded by Lauren Ray

Motion Carried

Approval of 2023 AGM Minutes

Briefly Sara reviewed the 2023 minutes.

MOTION

To adopt the minutes of the 2023 AGM, as distributed at the meeting as well as on our website.

Moved by Lauren Ray, seconded by Patrick Gibeau

Motion Carried

Current Directors in Attendance

Sara Bradley, President
Shane Dooley, Vice President
Isaac Lohones, Treasurer
Yannick Duhalde, Secretary
Lauren Ray, Director
Patrick Gibeau, Director
Chris Tse, Director
Joti Overduin, Director
Ethan Allen, Director
Natashia Drage, Director
Yasmine Saboui, Director
Shakiba Kazemi, , Director

Members in Attendance

(Chris G, Naomi)

Presidents message

President Sara Bradley noted that Climb Yukon's last Annual General Meeting was held in June 2024, four months ago. She explained that the purpose of this AGM is tied to the special resolution passed at the previous meeting, where the association changed its fiscal year end to June 30.

This AGM therefore covers the association's activities between January 1, 2024, and June 30, 2024. President Bradley also mentions that updates on current activities beyond that period will be provided.

Mission statement given

The goal of Climb Yukon Association is to provide safe climbing opportunities for youth and all ages at a variety of levels, including recreational and competitive.

The society aims to achieve this through education, community events, coaching and instruction, and regular access to indoor climbing facilities.

January 1st - July 1st 2024 : Updates

President Sara Bradley reviewed the association's major focus areas between January 1 and July 1, noting there had been no significant changes from previous priorities.

She highlighted that contractors, particularly Jaret Slipp, were heavily involved at the beginning of the year to support projects and funding applications.

Funding and Facility

The association pursued startup funding and submitted two major applications with Lotteries and the Community Development Fund. In addition, Climb Yukon completed final reporting on its 2023–24 funding and submitted applications for 2024–25 Sport and Recreation funding. Funding increases were confirmed, including Podium Pathways rising from \$8,000 to \$11,000, and Sport Foundations increasing from \$14,000 to \$24,000.

Youth Team

The youth team closed the season with strong results, with competitors at Westerns and participation at Nationals in March and April. Increased involvement from parents was noted as a positive shift in supporting the success of this transition.

Facility Project

Efforts were focused on supporting the climbing wall design process in collaboration with Yukon Government and JBL Contractions, as well as advancing funding applications with the support of Jaret Slipp.

Memberships

Memberships closed the year with approximately 170 members (130 adults and 40 youth). The Haines Junction Climbing Club became Climb Yukon's first affiliate, a milestone the board is excited to build on in

the coming year.

Porter Creek Operations

Improvements were made in tracking memberships and waivers, emphasizing the critical role of the volunteer program. This foundation was described as an important stepping stone toward the facility project, representing a significant but functioning base for future growth.

Events

Climb Yukon was represented at the March Recreation Expo, supporting outreach and visibility within the community.

In Progress and What's Next (July 1 and onward)

President Sara Bradley outlined the key priorities and ongoing work since July 1.

Pre-Opening

She noted that managing funds has become increasingly complex with larger awards. Sponsorship recruitment is a current focus, and board members are encouraged to share ideas and energy to support this effort. Meagan has been carrying much of this work and requires regular input from the board.

Governance Structure and Policy

The association is building its governance foundation, including committees, sub-committees, and regular general meetings. Significant improvements are underway, with new procedures being established, tested, and refined.

Finance

Bookkeeping and accounting services are being strengthened. The board is building a relationship with the current bookkeeper/accountant, while remaining open to developing new relationships. Climb Yukon has established a CRA account for GST, payroll, and equipment import purposes. Development of financial procedures and policies remains a priority.

Youth Programming

Youth programming continues to grow from the groundwork established last year by Gerard and supported by the board. With this foundation in place, more focus can now be directed toward improvements and new initiatives. Other programming continues to be constrained by gym access, though progress is being made with a youth coaching grant. The board also identified the need to work on stipends for adult coaching, particularly for board members and volunteers who support these programs.

Closing Remarks

President Sara Bradley emphasized that Climb Yukon is, above all, a community-driven organization. She noted that this spirit of shared interest, desire, and excitement is the reason board members, volunteers,

and the wider community participate and make ongoing conversations and progress possible.

She extended thanks to the board, volunteers, funders, contractors, coaches, youth team members and parents, PC climbers, and all supporters across the community for their efforts and involvement over the past year and beyond.

President Bradley stated that she has been honored to serve as President of the association, and expressed gratitude for the trust placed in her during this critical period of growth. She concluded by affirming her commitment to continuing her involvement with Climb Yukon.

Board Elections

SITTING FOR 2ND TERM

Sara Bradley
Shane Dooley
Isaac Lohnes
Yannick Duhalde
Patrick Gibeau
Ethan Allen
Natashia Drage
Yasmine Saboui
Shakiba Kazemi

NEW MEMBERS (NOMINATED, ACCEPTED NOMINATION)

Lauren Ray
Chris Tse
Joti Overduin

MOTION

To approve the list of directors for 2024-2025 year of business

Moved by Lauren Ray, seconded by Patrick Gibeau

Motion Carried

Adjournment

Acting President, Sara Bradley declared the annual general meeting concluded at 7:59PM.

Executive nominations

Sara Bradley – President
Shane Dooley – Vice President
Isaac Lohnes – Treasurer

Yannick Duhalde – Secretary

Prepared by Yannick Duhalde, Revised by Sara Bradley