

Bluefins AGM 2025

Announcement of the AGM sent out on October 23, 2025 to all members.

Meeting opened at 20:03 October 30, 2025 (quorum met)

Evening agenda approved by Nicola Graham and seconded by Phil Desjardins

1. Welcome / Bienvenue
2. Quorum
3. Approval of the agenda / Approbation de l'ordre du jour
4. Approval of AGM minutes from October 2024 / Approbation du procès-verbal de l'AGA d'octobre 2024
5. Message from President & Coaching / Mot du président et notre entraîneur chef
6. Financials & Budget / Finances et budget
7. Registrations / Inscriptions
8. Returning Board members / Membres du conseil d'administration
9. Election of new Board members / Élection de nouveaux membres du conseil
10. Word from Jason Turnbull / Mot de Jason Turnbull
11. Questions
12. Adjournment / Ajournement

2024 AGM minutes approved by Dina Beasse and seconded by Pam Hutchinson.

President's message:

Hello everyone,

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Carolyn Orsoli. I'm the proud mother of two girls — one swimming in the Senior group, and another who coached with us in previous seasons but is now studying on the South Shore.

I'd like to take a few minutes to sincerely thank all our parent volunteers and Board members for the tremendous time, energy, and dedication you gave to making last season such a success. Our club runs entirely on volunteer support — and it truly would not exist without your hard work and commitment.

Over the past year, we've said goodbye to a few long-standing Board members who were real pillars of the Bluefins community. As our swimmers grow and move on — whether to university teams or to focus on their studies and unfortunately our parent volunteers as well. Their years of dedication have left a lasting mark, and I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to each of them for everything they contributed. Some have even continued to make the season a success beginning.

Last season began on a very positive note, with a strong number of returning members and an exciting increase in new swimmers. The Amilia platform has made our operations much smoother, keeping information centralized and easily accessible for members, coaches, and volunteers alike.

One of the highlights of last year was the Big Blue Challenge— our first-ever global initiative to engage clubs worldwide in a swimming challenge, collectively covering the distance a tuna travels during its migration.

We also celebrated some amazing athlete achievements:

Two of our swimmers made their varsity teams, congratulations to both of you!

One swimmer qualified for the Canadian Trials, a remarkable accomplishment that made us all proud.

12 swimmers went to Championnat! Congratulations

And, of course, the many club records that were broken last season proof that the Bluefins talent pool is as strong as ever!

Looking ahead, our goal this season is simple: to continue working together to give our swimmers every opportunity to reach their full potential. While we can't predict what the future holds, I have a strong feeling that great things are ahead.

I'm truly excited for the upcoming season — we have a fantastic team of coaches and a new head coach who is already showing wonderful leadership and enthusiasm.

Finally, thanks each and every one of you for being here today, for showing up for your children, and for caring about this community.

Here's to another amazing year for the Bluefins!

Carolyn Orsoli

Head Coach Message:

Happy to be here, worked as a Bluefins coach from 2003 to 2012 on and off.

Not all kids are here for the same reason, want them all to be happy in the water and feel like they are achieving something.

Getting to know the kids, wants to teach skills in and out of the pool.

Welcome parents to try Masters, have room it's the year to try.

Technical Director as well as head coach, plan to be on deck and there for all swimmers not just those in my groups.

Excited to get the season going and make great things happen.

Financials:

Dina Beasse, treasurer and Masters swimmer, presents the financials covering September 2024 to August 2025. Budget for 2025-2026 presented.
No questions or concerns expressed.

Registration:

Marta Slanik, registrar, presents registration numbers.

	2025 - 2026 As of Oct 2025		2024 - 2025	2023 - 2024
	Registered Swimmers	Capacity	Registered Swimmers	Registered Swimmers
Competitive	150	95%	149	136
Mini Comp	33	92%	33	76
Masters	34	68%	51	47
Totals	217		233	259

Returning Board Members:

Carolyn Orsoli: President

Marta Slanik: Secretary/Registrar

Pam Hutchinson: Director at large and acting Meet Director

Nicola Graham: Director at large and acting Meet Director

Dina Beasse: Treasurer

Open Positions:

Vice-President: Bryan Marin (not at meeting but can be voted in by the sitting board)

Officials: Mike Golden Phil nominates and Nicky seconds

Secretary: no

Registrar: no

Communications: Avril Phil motions and Marta seconds

Travel Coordinator : Alima Marta nominates Nicky seconds

Sponsorship: no

Webmaster/IT: Mike Ambrosone

Questions:

What about the money that was raised last year, when are we going to purchase the electronics. *Once the pool has been renovated, do not want to invest in a system that will not be compatible with the renovated pool.*

What about the political campaign, any candidates speak with the club? *One candidate approached the club, and other councillors have spoken to us.*

Any news on the pool renovation? *We were told by the city that we would have a year's notice. The renos will be done in stages and we would not lose the pool for the entire time. JAC is currently under renovation and will be ready in Jan 2027, this is a possibility for training. Pierrefonds pool being constructed. No new word on Kirkland. We encourage someone stepping up and reaching out to other centers.*

Marta motions to adjourn the meeting Carolyn seconds, meeting adjourned at 20:57

Attendance :

Marta Slanik
Carolyn Orsoli
David Venditti
Nicola Graham
Dina Béasse
Mike Golden
Peter Katsoulis
Phil Desjardin
Derek Benson
Mila Boudreau
Michel Dumont
Yue Zhao
Anatoli Marcu
Alima
Tara Sloan
Pam Hutchinson
Mike Ambrosone
Andrea Hermann
Ian Chuprun
Rui Li
Matt Randle

Patti Hutchinson
Kirsti Harris
Corina
Shawn Malcom