

British Columbia Fencing Association

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British Columbia Fencing Association
Annual General Meeting
Sunday, 22nd September 2019
12:00 – 2:00 pm

Minutes

Location:

Hilton Vancouver Airport Hotel
5911 Minoru Blvd, Richmond, BC V6X 4C7
Richmond
BC

Present: Ron Bakonyi (President) , Bob Noble (Board Member) , Zbig Pietrusinski (Board member), Brendan Robertson (Board Member) , John French, Matt Clarke, Brad Kelly, Stephanie Chui, Paul Pietrusinski, Astrid Sings, Malcolm Sings, David Shorey, Brett Favvro, Natalie Butler

Registration of Proxy Forms:

Proxy forms were registered, with 87 proxies held by John French and 7 proxies held by Zbig Pietrusinski.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon.

Approval of 2018 AGM Minutes:

Minutes were reviewed and it was M/S/C to approve the minutes

Approval of Agenda:

The 2019 Agenda was reviewed and it was M/S/C to approve the agenda

Approval of Financial Statements:

The 2018/19 Financial statements were reviewed and it was M/S/C to approve the agenda

Presentation of 2019-2020 Budget:

The 2019/20 budget was approved and reviewed and it was M/S/C to approve the 2019/20 budget

Presentation of BCFA Annual Report

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The BCFA Annual report was published on the BCFA website and reviewed at the AGM, and it was M/S/C to approve the annual report.

Review of policies

The BCFA Policies are posted on the website and were reviewed.

Particular attention was paid to the screening and safe sport policy. The BCFA fully supports the federal and provincial initiatives that are ongoing and aimed to provide a safe sport environment for all. BCFA members and BCFA member clubs are advised to familiarise themselves with the policies and ensure they are taking the appropriate actions to comply with the policies.

In addition, through a kind donation from the Vango corporation, BC Fencing has received a \$20,000 grant to support fencing development and increasing the number of members. In addition, there will be a \$20 per member grant from Vango, subject to a final confirmation. This will be directed back to member clubs as a \$35 per full member grant, with the intent that these funds be used to support club development programs.

Insurance Renewal

The BCFA insurance has been renewed and the full details are posted on the website. Members and member clubs are advised to fully familiarise themselves with the insurance policy and the various clauses and limitations within the policy, which include but are not limited to the following:

“This insurance does not apply to any claims against:

- 1. any insured; or*
- 2. any employee, agent, servant, officer, director, or member of any insured; or*
- 3. any person performing volunteer services for and/or on behalf of any insured, arising out of*

sexual molestation, sexual harassment, corporal punishment or physical or mental abuse or harassment whether actual or alleged;

or the transmission of disease arising out of any act referred to in the above paragraph;

or the failure to take all reasonable and proper steps to guard against the possibility of the foregoing”

It was further advised that member clubs have seek independent advice to ensure they have the appropriate insurance coverage.

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It was suggested to obtain quotes and potentially seek alternative insurance providers for next year.

HP Program and carding

The HP funding program is posted on the website and the annual carding process will commence in October.

Provincial Championships

The Provincial championships were held in June 2019 at the Dynamo Fencing Club over successive weekends. The registration numbers are increasing. The 2020 Championships will be held in June 2020 at the Dynamo Fencing Club.

Event Bids

We have secured the Canada Cup for September 2019 and January 2021. The World Cup will be hosted February 7-9th 2020. We intend to bid on any other competition that may come available

Update from CFF AGM

Coach programs have been developed and have been approved by the NCCP. Work will progress on supporting coach development in BC.

Referee development programs are in progress.

Ms. Caroline Sharp, the ED, has resigned and the CFF is development a replacement strategy.

Appointment of Auditors:

It was M/S/C to appoint Bouchard and Company to perform the 2019/20 financial statements

Election of Directors

Dave Callaghan – Unanimously elected to serve for a one year term

Zbig Pietrusinski - Unanimously elected to serve for a two year term

Meeting adjourned at 1:30PM

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