



## **British Columbia Fencing Association Annual General Meeting**

**Monday, September 18, 2023**

### **AGM Meeting Minutes**

**Location:**

Via Zoom

**Present:**

Ron Bakonyi, Yuriy Rubin, Brendan Robertson, Elana Lancit, Dylan French, Lynn Seguin, David Shorey, Nadia Hayes. Quorum confirmed to proceed with AGM.

**Registration of Proxy Forms:**

Ron Bakonyi carried 114 proxy votes.

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm

**Approval of 2022 AGM Minutes:**

It was motioned by Ron Bakonyi, seconded by Yuriy Rubin to approve the 2022 AGM minutes. Discussion, Motion approved unanimously.

**Approval of 2022-2023 Financial Statements:**

The 2022-2023 Financial statements were reviewed. It was motioned by Brendan Robertson, seconded by Lynn Seguin, to approve the financial statements. Discussion and Motion approved unanimously.

**Presentation of 2023-2024 Budget:**

The 2023-2024 budget was reviewed and approved. It was motioned by Brendan Robertson, seconded by Yuriy Rubin. Discussion and Motion approved unanimously.

**Presentation of BCFA Annual Report:**

Ron Bakonyi presented the highlights and the significant high-performance achievements. Elana Lancit reported that national athlete membership was up this year. Ron noted that the new revised BCFA website is up and running and urged all members to check it out.

**Review of policies / Safe Sport requirements:**

It is highly recommended by Ron Bakonyi that all clubs, coaches, athletes and individuals review all policies and complete required safe sport training for compliance. Ron reiterated reference to the BCFA and CFF website resource links (including OSIC) and recommends that clubs prepare their own policies to post to their club website and laminate and display their own code of conduct policy for easy access. It is the duty of all clubs, coaches, athletes and individuals to educate, guide, and advocate for safe sport, anti-bullying and respect.

**HP Program, Developmental Policy, and Carding:**

Ron Bakonyi has reviewed the program and policy for the 2023-2024 season. The World Championships support now includes cadet athletes. Elana Lancit and Nick Baker-Bell from CSI Pacific are collaborating on the 2023-2024 carding details. Once approved by CSI Pacific, the information will be posted on the BCFA website.

**World Cup 2023:**

Ron Bakonyi announced that planning has started for the World Cup 2023. Dave Callaghan has been hired to organize the event with the help of a committee. Ron is urging other BC Clubs to take the initiative to host BC tournaments such as the Provincial Championships.

**Update from CFF AGM:**

Yuriy Rubin participated in the CFF AGM on behalf of BC and updated as to the recent AGM news. Yuriy stated that CFF is in a good financial position. Three new members have been elected to the board, one of whom is Judit Blasko from British Columbia.

**Appointment of Auditors:**

It was motioned by Brendan Robertson, seconded by Yuriy Rubin, to appoint Bouchard and Company as the auditors. Discussion and Motion approved unanimously.

**Nominations and Election of President and Board of Directors:**

Ron Bakonyi and Zbigniew Petrusinski resigned from the Board. Yuriy Rubin was nominated as Board President, Lynn Sequin, Dylan French and Martin Zhang were nominated for Board positions. All new nominations were voted upon and approved (no opposition or other candidates), the new Board confirmed of Yuriy Rubin (President), Brendan Robertson, Matt Clarke, Lynn Sequin, Dylan French and Martin Zhang. Yuriy Rubin, expressed gratitude towards Ron Bakonyi for his longstanding hard work and contribution. Ron Bakonyi, in turn, acknowledged the contributions of Zbigniew Pietrusinski towards BCFA over the years.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, it was motioned by Brendan Robertson and seconded by Yuriy Rubin to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 pm.