

Alberta Broomball Association
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Saturday, September 14, 2024
Time: 10:00am – 11:30am



Minutes

Attendees: Joe Fisher, George Paleniuk, Tom Krewenchuk, Eric Haapa-Aho; Adam Pelley, Tammy Glas, Garth Jones, Leanne Pelley, Dorina Bit

The meeting was called to order following participant roll call, and acceptance of the meeting agenda and the 2023 AGM meeting minutes.

1. Reports

- Financial reports and statements
 - Several concerns were raised about the financial report produced by Heather Eshow. George will be meeting with her the week of September 16th to review and potentially amend. Joe and Tom will determine how to best proceed with the submission to Societies (before or after amendments).
- Year in review
 - i. Vice President Report: circulated via email and Eric provided a verbal update. See Attachment 1.
 - ii. CBF update
 - The ABA submitted a verbal bid to Host the 2027 National Championships in Edmonton.
 - 2025 Nationals will be held the West Hants Sports Complex and GFL - Newport Recreation Center from April 8th-12th 2025.
 - The CBF has a Special Initiative for funding to schools and youth groups. Recent changes require individual provinces to collect, compile and forward requests to the CBF. The deadline for submission to Provinces – Oct 15, deadline for submission to CBF – Nov 1st. The CBF requires copies of receipts for the funds spent. See Attachment 2 for more details.
 - Deadline to register a team for the 2025 Nationals is December 1st.
 - iii. Casino update
 - Next casino will be Edmonton in 2025, likely in the 2nd or 3rd quarter.
 - iv. Referee update
 - Garth and Don Markewich remain the only officials in Alberta. The CBF has training resources and pays for the trainers travel expenses. Something the ABA can engage in when needed.
 - v. ABA league updates
 - Calgary:
 - There is continued interest in their junior program and funding has been secured. They need more size 1 shoes to ensure full participation.
 - The adult program lacks funding for ice and is in jeopardy of losing it going forward. Adam is applying for grant and other funding, but there is risk it won't be available by the Dec 1st deadline.
Decision: It was unanimously agreed to provide them the \$3945 required funding upfront (with a payback arrangement) while Calgary secures the funds.

Edmonton:

- Ice time starts October 10th
- Working with Enoch First Nation to introduce broomball into their schools
- Have gained access to a second locker at Glengarry Arena and will transfer the equipment George has in his garage.

Lethbridge:

- Continues with Sunday night ice and has invited anyone down to participate along with them.
- They are struggling to increase membership. Seems initial new player interest wanes given the lack of a proper league and the associated competition. They continue their recruitment efforts.

All leagues:

- There is Interest in sending an Alberta men's master team to Nationals. Garth confirmed this would be helpful in furthering the Masters side as there were only 2 teams at the last couple of events.
- Technical Director Report
 - Engaged with Indigenous Sport
 - ABA has lost government funding for multiple reasons. Examples include a lack of formal policies, lack of executive member succession planning, and uncertainty in fund use.
 - Provincials will be held in Clive. A 4-team event can take place fully on Sunday, March 2nd. Should 6 teams participate, additional ice is available on Saturday, March 1 beginning at 3pm.

2. New business

- Given the timing of the ABA and EABA casino's, funding does not exist to fully fund teams going to Nationals in 2025. Individuals wishing to participate will have to pay for some of the costs. This may impact participation.

3. Elections:

- Vice President (2024-2026 term) – Two nominations were received: Brian Gouthreau and Dorina Bit. Dorina accepted the nomination and was voted in by the members present.
- Brian, the ABA wishes to thank you for your outstanding work on the ABA over the past many years. You have been a foundational member of the organization and have represented the province and the sport of broomball with respect, honour and integrity. Your contributions enhanced our leagues and improved the provincial program. Well done, Brian, you will be missed.

4. Next meeting:

- It was suggested to move the AGM to May going forward. This will be considered for 2025.
- Joe Fisher's term as President ends in 2025. An election will take place at the 2025 AGM.

5. Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

Attachment 1:

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

A year of changes for Alberta Broomball, new president, and some changes to the executive. The president Joe Fisher and the new executive are working hard to see Alberta Broomball grow and improve our programs.

Thank you to Adam Pelley and those who help him with the Jr, program in Calgary. Holding clinics and games during the week.

To Joe Fisher, Tom Krewenchuk, Tammy Glas. Thank you for your work with the Jr, program in Edmonton.

Hope we see this coming season where we can get these centres playing against each other.

George Paleniuk, Technical, continues to work hard on getting new players and set up our fun Saturday of Broomball.

2024 Mens, Women, and Mixed Canadian Broomball Championship held in Belleville, Ontario. Alberta sent a mixed team, coached by Tammy Glas,(new certified coach) and Brian Gouthreau,Mgr. Theo Stahn was voted team MVP.

Brian and Gloria Gouthreau attended the CBF Technical Meeting, Sports Development Meeting and the AGM as Alberta voting delegates, two days prior to the Championships.

Monday night was the Hall of Fame evening hosted by Ontario Broomball. Alberta Broomball approached Ontario to see if they would allow us to put Tom Kreenchuk in the Hall of Fame as a winner of the Merit Award of Excellence. We thank them for allowing this. Tom was a well-deserved reception. he started in 1984, attending his first National in 1993. Playing in 20 Nationals, Coach of the year 1997(Chilliwack BC. Coached 12 National teams. 7 Words, Edmonton Executive since 1989, and Alberta Broomball Association 1991.

2025- Jrs will be hosted by Val d Quebec March 26-29

2025-Srs will be hosted by West Hants Windsor N,S, April 8-12

Quebec put a bid for 2026.

Alberta President Joe Fisher, put a verbal bid for 2027. Joe and Tom are working on a formal package.

Brian Gouthreau

Vice President



Attachment 2:

Special Initiatives

From CBF Website

Every Fall, Broomball Canada offers schools and youth groups a chance to apply for funds through their Provincial or Territorial Association.

For more information, email vero.cayer@broomball.ca



Email from CBF:

From: **Veronique Cayer** <vero.cayer@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Sep 11, 2024 at 6:42 PM

Subject: Special Initiatives - 2024-2025

As we are about to kick off the new Broomball season, I wanted to update you on the changes to the Special Initiatives funding process. At this year's Summer Meeting, the Board decided on a new format to streamline and improve the distribution of these funds.

Starting this season, all individuals or groups applying for Special Initiatives funding must be submitting their proposal through Provincial or Territorial Associations. Here's a brief overview of how the new process will work:

1. **Submission of Ideas:** Anyone interested in receiving funds for a special broomball project will email their proposal to their Provincial or Territorial Association by mid-October.
2. **Request for Funds:** Provincial or Territorial Associations will then compile and review these requests. By the beginning of November, you will need to email me to request the allocated funds from the CBF.
3. **Distribution of Funds:** Once the funds are allocated, it will be up to you (PTs) to decide how best to distribute them to support projects or areas that will foster the growth of broomball in your region.

This new approach is designed to ensure that funds are used more effectively, as you have a better understanding of the local needs and opportunities within your PT.

All existing requirements will still apply, including the need for receipts, pictures, and follow-up reports from recipients.

From Véronique when asked for further details

The Special Initiatives Program is funding that is available for individuals that want to develop the sport of broomball at the grassroots level. Funding can be used to buy equipment and rent facilities.

Individuals from your Province can submit their ideas of projects they would use funds for. Once you receive all requests, it will be your decision as to which projects receive funding and how much of it. We at the CBF will distribute funding evenly amongst Provinces that request funding by Mid-November. Once funds are used, I will need receipts for the funds spent ei. Ice rental receipts.