

Alberta Broomball Association
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 25, 2025
Time: 7:00pm – 8:00pm



Minutes

Attendees: Joe Fisher, Tom Krewenchuk, Eric Haapa-Aho; Tammy Glas, Dorina Bit, Jeannie Jamison

The meeting was called to order following participant roll call, and acceptance of the meeting agenda and the 2024 AGM meeting minutes.

1. Reports

- **Financial reports and statements**

The financial report was circulated prior to the meeting and was approved by the members present. Eric requested the document be resent to him, as he was unable to open it from the e-mail.

- **Year in review**

- i. **April Broomball Canada Meeting Update**

- Joe Fisher and Dorina Bit attended Broomball Canada meetings in April as the Alberta Broomball Association (ABA) representatives.
 - The ABA's bid to Host the **2027 Senior National Championships in Leduc, AB (April 12-17, 2027)** was successful!
 - Broomball Canada has confirmed the host cities and dates for the 2026 national tournaments:
 - i. **U20 National Championships:** Carleton University, Ottawa, ON - March 24–28, 2026
 - ii. **Senior National Championships:** Alma, QC - April 7–11, 2026:
 - iii. In addition, Broomball Canada has applied to have broomball in the **2027 Canada Winter Games** (Quebec City) and Alberta is expected to send a U23 mixed team.
 - The deadline to register a team for the 2026 Nationals is **December 1, 2025**.

- ii. **Casino update**

Next ABA casino will be Edmonton on August 9th and 10th at the Grand Villa Casino.

- iii. **Referee update**

Garth Jones and Don Markewich remain the only certified officials in Alberta. Broomball Canada has good training resources and covers trainer travel expenses. Garth and Don we will put out feelers to get some hockey referees to cross train in broomball. They can gain in-game experience through tournaments held in Alberta and primarily in Saskatchewan, where organizers often cover travel costs for officials.

- iv. **ABA league updates**

- Calgary:**

- Calgary has received their society number and has applied to host a casino. They are awaiting a decision from the AGLC.
 - Calgary needs to establish a repayment plan for the \$3945 funding received from the ABA for their adult ice last year.

Edmonton:

- Edmonton is formally establishing the 2027 National Organizing Committee and launching its *Building Broomball* plan. The primary build focus for 2025 will be school and community outreach to drive growth and participation. Initial contacts have already been made with the University of Alberta and MacEwan University, and high school outreach is scheduled to begin in September.
- Four broomball clinics were held in March 2025 for Enoch First Nation to introduce the sport to their schools. They were very well received, and we hope to do more clinics with them this upcoming season.
- Edmonton's next casino will be held September 24th and 25th at Yellowhead Casino.
- Ice time starts October 2nd, 2025.

Lethbridge:

- Continues with Sunday night ice and welcomes anyone out to participate along with them.
- They are struggling to increase membership. While there is some initial interest from new players, it often fades due to the absence of a formal league structure and regular competition. Recruitment efforts are ongoing.
- There may be folks willing to travel to Lethbridge to run learn to play clinics if the need arises. **Please contact Joe or Dorina** if you need any support in this regard.

2. New business**Documents Reviewed:**

Two documents were circulated in advance of the meeting:

- *2027 National Organizing Committee*
- *Building Edmonton and Area Broomball – A Template for Others?*

i. Organizing Committee & Volunteer Call:

The National Organizing Committee is being co-chaired by Dorina Bit and Cheryl Harwardt. Volunteers are needed both for the organizing committee and to help during the event.

Please contact Joe or Dorina if you or someone in your area is interested in volunteering.

ii. Building Alberta Broomball

The goal is to leverage the national event to boost interest and participation across the province, and have Alberta-based teams represented in **all four divisions at nationals**: Men's, Women's, Mixed, and Masters (40+).

This will take effort by all leagues. Edmonton has shared its *Building Edmonton and Area Broomball* plan as a model to help achieve this. Other leagues are encouraged to create their own plans and adapt any useful components from Edmonton's template.

iii. Ongoing Meetings:

It was agreed that additional meetings will be held regularly to support the success of the 2027 Nationals Organizing Committee and broader Building Broomball initiatives. Other key resources will be invited to these meetings as needed.

Proposed 2025/26 meeting schedule:

- **Mid-September:** Review league outreach plans and efforts. Confirm if any assistance is needed for clinics, etc. Provide an update on organizing committee progress and identify any additional support or resources required. Finalize the recruitment plan for the Secretary position and begin recruitment with the goal to be complete by November 30, 2025.

- **Mid-November:** Receive league outreach updates and provide assistance as required. Assess interest in sending teams to U20 or Senior Nationals in advance of the **Dec 1st deadline**. Identify candidates for officials training and coaching courses. Receive update from Organizing committee. Receive update on Secretary recruitment efforts – any additional ideas / marketing required?
- **Early March:** Confirm that national teams are in place. Receive league outreach updates and evaluate what needs to occur to ensure goals are met before the end of the broomball and/or school season. Regular Organizing Committee update.
- **May:** Annual General Meeting – 2026/2027 ongoing meeting schedule to be set at that time.

3. Elections:

- President (2025-2027 term): Joe Fisher was re-elected by the members present.
- Treasurer (2025-2027 term): Jeannie Jamison was nominated, accepted the nomination, and was elected by the members present.
- Secretary (2025 2027): No nominations were received. The ABA will conduct a search to fill this position later in the year.

4. Next AGM meeting:

- The AGM will continue in May going forward.
- Dorina Bit's term as Vice President ends in 2026. An election will take place at the 2026 AGM.

5. Meeting adjourned at 8 pm