



**MINUTES OF THE 2025 BC ATHLETICS SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD VIRTUALLY ON AUGUST 13, 2025 BY ZOOM
WITH REMOTE DELEGATE REGISTRATION AND VOTING**

Virtual check-in for Delegates was opened at 6:30pm.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm with Board Chair, Darren Willis, as the Chair.

2. CHAIR'S WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Darren welcomed the delegates and thanked them for attending.
- Darren gave a land acknowledgement and shared wishes of safety to all of the communities and people affected by the wildfires.

3. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING PRIVILEGES

- Quorum constitutes 29 votes. The Chair confirmed that a quorum was present.

4. REVIEW OF ONLINE VOTING PROCEDURES

- The voting procedures were listed on the BCA website.

5. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED BC ATHLETICS CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

- A copy of the resolution was posted on the BC Athletics website.
- Darren introduced the purpose of the special general meeting and explained the history of the organization that led up to the proposed changes in the constitution and bylaws; primarily due to a need for modernizing and bringing the organization into compliance with the BC Societies Act.
- Darren turned over the meeting to Greg Gilhooly, viaSport Legal Consultant, to provide an introduction and overview of the proposed constitution and bylaws.
- Greg shared his background and involvement in the Sport BC Governance Project, the goal being to improve all Provincial Sport Organization's accountability and transparency while strengthening organizational governance.
- Greg noted the proposed draft attempts to ensure statutory rights are enshrined in the bylaws so there are no structural inequities that would interrupt what is set out in the societies act. Percentages and Affiliated/Non Affiliates Clubs have not been changed. The proposed draft also enhances a formalized system from identified groups within the organization with the advisory councils getting a vote. Also expands the rights of the membership with the club.
- Greg acknowledged that change is difficult and with an organization of BC Athletics' size, there are many perspectives on what the governance should look like. Greg encouraging taking it step by step with this not being the last step in the modernization of the organization. The constitution and bylaws may not address everything but it is a good step forward, that lays a good foundation, with structure for participation from different groups and modernizes the voting. The Board of Directors work in that reality and this ensures the governing documents are relevant to how the organization is currently operating. The current bylaws do not align with the concept of good governance today. Sport Canada has implemented the Canadian Sport Governance Code and consistent with that, good governance is smaller boards and not appointing Directors to set positions.

- Greg advised his aim was to help create a document that is in the best interest of the organization.
- The floor was opened for questions. Upon completion of the discussion, the Chair noted a 2/3 majority is required to pass a special resolution and called the vote.

Proposed BC Athletics Constitution and Bylaws

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BC ATHLETICS CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS, AS PUBLISHED ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, BEING THE VERSION PROVIDED TO MEMBERS IN ADVANCE OF A TOWN HALL AND AS AMENDED ONLY TO CORRECT CERTAIN TYPOS AND NON-MATERIAL ERRORS AS INDICATED IN THE DRAFT, BE APPROVED FOR IMPLEMENTATION BY THE BC ATHLETICS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Vote was not passed by the delegates. DEFEATED
83 votes cast, 50 in favour, 33 not in favour, 1 abstain

6. CLOSING REMARKS

- Darren noted the organization would prepare for the AGM under the old bylaws and would consult with Greg on how best to move forward. Darren felt it would require more discussion to address some of the concerns raised at the meeting tonight and advised the membership that governance was still a priority for the organization and the funding partners. Darren thanked everyone for their time and participating.
- Greg Gilhooly noted the AGM will likely have to be postponed given the regional nominations needed, as that would not be possible to be completed within a couple of months.
- Darren advises staff would be in touch with further information, about the AGM, once it was decided and arranged. Darren and Megann thanked everyone for attending,

7. ADJOURNMENT

- The 2025 BC Athletics Special General Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Shannon Barrows, Recording Secretary
 2025/08/13

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