SportMedBC
2024-2025 Annual General Meeting
Zoom, online + in person at the Creekside Community Centre, Vancouver
Monday November 24th, 2025
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm, with Dr. David Cox in the Chair. Dr Cox welcomed everyone to the 43rd AGM of SportMedBC.
A total of thirteen (16) votes is registered and therefore (Bylaw 3.5) "a quorum of 5% of the membership in good standing as of June 30, 2022, or 10 persons, whichever number is lesser" was declared. There were 0 proxies registered for the meeting. Eligible voting members were identified as SportMedBC Full Members as at June 30th in accordance with Bylaw 2.1 and 2.2.

- Acknowledgement were made to the Coast Salish Territory, the traditional Territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

Directors were introduced:

- Dr. Joseph Stern (Treasurer)
- Anthony Findlay (Vice-Chair)
- Paul Dwyer
- Mahsa Ahmadi
- Dr Matt Wentzell
- Scott Braley
- Marc Rizzardo
- Eddie Cannon
- Dr Rishi Bhalla
- Dr Shelaina Anderson
- Kim Cormack
- Jane Blaine

Staff and Contractors were introduced:

- Robert Joncas
- Kathy Shahbaz
- Kelly Chan
- Janette Shearer
- Cathy Hudson

Expressing their regrets are:

- Jianping Chen, IT Specialist

The Chairman made some clarifications of the procedures of the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Cox called for additions to the agenda, there was no addition, however, to accommodate the Auditor and let him leave the meeting earlier to move the financial report to point #5

MOTION: Wentzell / Findlay - To adopt the agenda as is. Carried

3. MINUTES OF THE 2022-2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (November 20th, 2023)

MOTION: Findlay / Stern - To accept the minutes of the 2023-2024 Annual General Meeting (held November 25th, 2024) as circulated.

Carried

4. CHAIR'S REMARKS

Dr. Cox referred the members to his written report in the AGM Booklet and thanks the staff and Board for their work in helping to move the Council forward toward achieving our Vision. He also formally recognized the following funders and supporters:

In 2024-2025, SportMedBC benefitted from public funding support, including:

- Operational and programming support from ViaSport on behalf of the Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development.
- Operational and programming support from the BC Community Gaming Grants

In 2024-25, other key partners included:

- RBC Whistler Granfondo through their cycling clinics

MOTION: Rizzardo / Ballha – To receive the report of the Chairman. Carried

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Gary Wozny presented the Audited Financial Statement for 2024-25. Auditor Gary Wozny thanked his staff for the work that they did, and SportMedBC contract accountant Cathy Hudson was also thanked for her critical contribution to the association.

Motion: Cormack / Bhalla - To accept the 2024-25 Audited Financial Statements as presented.

Carried

Dr. Cox calls the membership for a motion to name Tompkins Wozny to be the auditor for 2025-2026

Motion: Bovard / Findaly - To name Tompkins Wozny as the auditors of record for 2025-26 fiscal year.

Carried

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Robert Joncas provided a short verbal report in addition to the information in the AGM Booklet. The Highlights for 2024-2025 were:

- Acknowledge the Teamwork, SportMedBC Team. Great Team of individuals who work well together, helping each other.

- Sport Safety & Events: Busy year which is back to what it was like pre-covid.

- A lot of information always goes out of our communication department. Social media is always active, our new website is bringing more and more viewers.

- The InTraining program department has been busy as well with the RunWalk clinics and the Fondo Clinics. The Executive Director was supporting the InTraining Manager in her role with the Fondo Clinics, and he mentioned that he went to all of the Fondo Clinics except for one. The participants, Coaches and sweepers greatly appreciated that initiative

- Report on Invictus Games will follow with Kathy

- The annual report is about what's been done, and the staff will report individually after

- Thank the Staff and the Board of Directors for their support and cooperation.

MOTION: Bhalla / Ahmadi - To receive the Executive Director's report

Carried

7. PROGRAMS AND SERVICES REPORTS

Program data and host partner acknowledgements for programming activities are included in the AGM Booklet. Staff members were asked to highlight their portfolios.

1. **Sport Safety and Event Services –** *Kathy Shahbaz, Manager*

- Acknowledge the work of Andrea Duenas, her assistant.

- Event Services:

    - Many scheduled events were with:
      BC Australian Football League, BC Lacrosse, BC School Sports, BC Soccer, BC Sports Cheer, BC Ultimate, Burnaby, Canoe Kayak BC, CompNet West Canada, EA Sports, Grappling Industries, Handsworth Secondary, Langley Minor Hockey Association, Mable League, Richmond Olympic Oval, RM Burrard, Runnning Room Canada, Taekwondo Canada, Tora Rugby, Ultimate Canada, Wickfest and many others

- Sport Safety – Courses & Workshops:
    - We had 2 concussion Management workshop, 1 Sport First Aid course and 7 Athletic Taping Course.
    - Lots of focused courses & workshops promotion which equaled teaching within 6 communities.
    - Annual report shows all the groups and PSOs that we partnered with this past year.

2. **Marketing and Communication**s – *Janette Shearer, Manager*

- Directory: 859 members, 19 professional associations
- 61,000 Practitioner & Clinic Directory Pageviews
- 611,000 total website pageviews
- 102,000 resource library pageviews
- Reach: 72,000

3. **InTraining Programming** – *Janette Shearer, Coordinator*

- 2024-25 was the 7th year of the fall InTraining program already.
- It was the 30th year of the Spring InTraining RunWalk
- Second year of Maintaining 10K
- A total of 217 RunWalk participants registered
- 19 Clinics across the province
- Only 1 virtual registered participant
- 44 volunteer Leaders
- RBC Granfondo Clinics:
    - 7th year
    - 124 In-Program participants
    - 15 Virtual
    - 12 clinics
    - 15 coaches
    - 15 volunteers

Motion: Wentzell / Stern - To receive the staff reports. Carried

8. ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2025-26

Dr. Joseph Stern is the Nominations Chair for this year's AGM. He announced that Marc Rizzardo, Kim Cormack, Paul Dwyer, Mahsa Ahmadi, Dr Rishi Bhalla, Dr Shelaina Anderson, and Dr Matt Wentzell have completed their terms of office and that there are up to 7 positions open on the Board (maximum of 13 Directors allowed), 10 practitioners with a maximum of 2 per association and 3 new positions for PSO, DSO, LSO, MSO and Coaches.

Directors Marc Rizzardo, Kim Cormack, Paul Dwyer, Mahsa Ahmadi, Dr Rishi Bhalla, Dr Shelaina Anderson, and Dr Matt Wentzell have indicated their wish to be nominated for another term as a director.

Since there was no other nomination from the floor (online), Dr. Stern declared Directors Marc Rizzardo, Kim Cormack, Paul Dwyer, Mahsa Ahmadi, Dr Rishi Bhalla, Dr Shelaina Anderson, and Dr Matt Wentzell elected to serve two years until 2026.

They join Directors Dr David Cox, Dr Joseph Stern, Anthony Findlay, Eddie Cannon, Jane Blaine and Scott Braley on the 2025-26 Board of Directors.

9. HPOA TRANSITION

Thomas Lutz presented an update on the Health Professions and Occupations Act, which will replace the Health Professions Act in BC on April 1st, 2026. The changes will affect SportMedBC's bylaws and membership requirements, as the act shifts from "members" to "licensees" and redefines health professions' mandates to be more patient-focused and inclusive of Indigenous reconciliation and anti-discrimination. Thomas explained that SportMedBC will need to amend their bylaws to align with the new act, with options to do so before or after the law's implementation

10. ADJOURNMENT

Dr Cox thanked members for attending the AGM. He invited all to stay to listen to Jim Bovard's presentation on his 40-year experience in Sports Medicine highlighting changes in technology, education, and athlete care, and discussed his upcoming role as a venue medical officer for the 2026 FIFA World Cup in Vancouver, where he will facilitate medical care for teams and FIFA VIPs during the tournament

Motion: Rizzardo / Ahmadi - To adjourn the 2024-25 Annual General Meeting of SportMedBC.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

SportMedBC Annual General Meeting – November 24th, 2025, ATTENDANCE

Board of Directors – voting members (13)

1. Dr. David Cox (Chair: non-voting)
2. Dr. Joseph Stern
3. Eddie Cannon
4. Paul Dwyer
5. Anthony Findlay
6. Mahsa Amhadi
7. Dr. Matt Wentzell
8. Marc Rizzardo
9. Scott Braley
10. Dr. Rishi Bhalla
11. Kim Cormack
12. Dr Shelaina Anderson
13. Jane Blaine

Registered Members in attendance – voting members (3)

14. John Ashiru
15. Elan Johnson
16. Dr James Bovard

Proxies (0)

Non-voting member (1)

David Diaz

Guest (2)

17. Gary Wozny (Auditor)
18. Thoman Lutes (Lawyer)

Staff and Contractors (5)

19. Robert Joncas
20. Kelly Chan
21. Kathy Shahbaz
22. Janette Shearer
23. Cathy Hudson

Total Attendees: 23