



Rugby Manitoba  
145 Pacific Avenue  
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## **Rugby Manitoba Annual General Meeting**

Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 11:30am  
Sport Manitoba, Conference Room A

### **Board Attendance**

Dave Simpson  
Guy (Mac) McKim  
Elizabeth (Liz) Masi  
Fiona Dunn  
Chris Ewen (Zoom)  
Alix Bellemare  
Courtney Maines

### **Executive Attendance**

Steve Dreger  
Colleen Horton  
Gord MacInnes

### **Club Attendance and Voting Representative**

**Assassins** - 5 votes  
**Wanderers** - 2 votes  
**Wasps** - 3 votes  
**Wombats and Brumbies** - 6 votes  
**Barbarians** - 5 votes  
**Warriors** - 4 votes  
**Rowdies** - 2 votes  
**Dauphin** - 5 votes  
**MARR** - 1 vote

Kris Pritchard  
Dan Fardoc  
Matthew Fraser  
Charlene Bakke  
Amanda Kula  
Andie Bell  
Brittany Adam  
Isaak Becker  
Marko Klimenko  
Troy Campbell  
Keenan Horton



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Bryce Dunn  
Reg Millar  
Arleigh Mackenzie  
Christian Taylor  
Adam Kowalchuk (Zoom)  
Brendan (Zoom)  
Daphne (Zoom)  
Joey Potter (Zoom)  
JC Boss (Zoom)  
Brad Hirst (Zoom)  
Jose Orellana (Zoom)

### *Meeting Notes*

**Call to Order at 11:32am by Steve, seconded by Fiona**

**Approval of Previous Minutes (additions, corrections, approved)**

**Additions to Agenda**

### **Reports**

All uploaded to Google Drive - President, ED, RDO, Financial

### **President's Report**

- See report
- Changes on the board due to passings and those rejoining or new members
- President's Meetings the past couple months
  - Great engagement from all clubs
- Draft schedule is coming for the senior league, but need input from clubs
- New Executive Director (Steve), and a new position Assistant Executive Director (Colleen)
- Rugby Canada new One Squad direction
  - Provincial presidents to meet three times a year for Presidents Council
  - New strategy and calendar to be discussed by presidents and can be vetoed
- More on social media since we have a better structure on the board

### **Executive Director Report**

- See report



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- Two board meetings, two President's Meeting, Executive attended Rugby Canada Meeting, Executive attended Sport Manitoba/Tourism Winnipeg Forum
- Working to strengthen rugby in Manitoba through members participating in the community

### **Rugby Development Officer Report**

- See report
- Second season of U14 tackle across Manitoba, with tournaments
- 6 jamborees for minis, and flag rugby
- Youth athletes registered was 330
  - A bit down from last year due to registration issues with SportLomo that are being looked into
- 20 school visits
- 6,081 introduced to flag rugby
- U19 junior club programs
- Youth in flag and tackle was 7,292
- UM Herd team played regionally and is hosting a tournament with 130 athletes
- Level 1 and 2 coaching courses offered
- Objectives
  - Promote flag rugby in middle schools
  - Winter development sessions booked and to be advertised
  - 2024 Manitoba Summer Games in Dauphin in preparation for 2025 Canada Games
  - To grow tackle rugby in high schools
  - Work with high school leagues on 10s and 15s and a fall 7s league
  - Level 1 and 2 coaching courses upcoming

### **Financial/Treasurer's Report**

- See report
- As of November 17, we have \$17,814.53 in the account
  - Lowest it has been in a while
  - Payroll comes out of this account on 15th and 30th of each month
  - Two credit cards are paid out from this account
- Financial Committee is looking for members, applications are upcoming
- Website to be updated more regularly
- Most of our money comes from grants for Summer YDO positions
- Sport MB has been assisting with bookkeeping
  - Funds have been withheld, but are slowly coming in
- No budget presented because working on audits (2021, 2022, 2023) with Sport MB
  - Budget will be rolled out for the new year, potentially to have another President's Meeting



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- Clubs can send email addresses to the Board to be included in email notifications
- Rugby MB will help with grants to support community
- Memorials for community members
  - Player's benches at MGRP
- Cashed in \$31,000 GIC

### Election of Officers

Current by-laws say an Officer can only hold the position for two terms, so we can vote on dispensation to allow someone a third term **Sport Manitoba recommends that we refrain using a dispensation vote in the future. (added November 28, 2023)**

In 2021, voted to have each club allowed one vote per 20 registered members

- Each member attending the AGM has a vote

#### 1. President

- ~~Arleigh nominated Christian Taylor~~ **Nomination was invalid due to by-law 2.6 (added November 28, 2023)**
  - ~~Amanda Kula seconds~~
  - ~~Christian accepts his nomination~~
- ~~Troy Campbell nominates Dave Simpson~~
- ~~Guy McKim seconds~~
  - ~~Dave accepts his nomination~~
- No other nominations
- Vote on dispensation
  - 12 yes votes, 8 no votes
- ~~Vote on Christian vs Dave~~
  - ~~10 Christian, 8 Dave, 2 abstain~~

#### 2. Secretary

- Fiona Dunn has put her name forward for another term
  - Amanda nominates Fiona and Guy seconds
  - Fiona accepts her nomination
  - By acclamation

#### 3. Board Member

- Colleen nominates Issac
  - Isaak declines
- Jose nominates Dave
  - Dave declines
- To be decided at a Board meeting

#### 4. Board Member

- To be decided at a Board meeting

#### 5. Board Member



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#### **Announce Opening of League Convenor Position**

- Hiring late December or early January
- To be posted on website later this week
- Hiring one or two people
- Voting at next board meeting as to suggestions

#### **Awards**

- President's Award - Liz Masi
- MARR / Club of the Year - Brandon Barbarians
- 2023 Volunteer of the Year - Jarett McLaughlin
- 2023 U16 Male Player of the Year - Sutherland Fox
- 2023 U18 Male Player of the Year - Oliver Dandeneau
- 2023 U18 Female Player of the Year - Beth Couling
- 2023 Senior Women's Player of the Year - Fiona Dunn
- 2023 Senior Men's Player of the Year - Jay Masi

**Motion to Adjourn at 1:14pm by Arleigh, seconded by Guy  
All in favour**