



Volleyball Manitoba Annual General Meeting

Date: September 2, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m. CST

Location: In person and via Zoom

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **7:07 p.m.** by **Kevin Neufeld, Board President & Chairperson.**

- **Attendance:** 14 members present in person, 16 via Zoom (30 total).
- **Quorum:** Established (minimum 10 voting members).
- **Introductions:** Kevin introduced the current Board members and Volleyball Manitoba staff.
- **Recording Secretary:** Tim Au was appointed.

2. Approval of Agenda

Kevin outlined the structure of the meeting and voting process for both in-person and online attendees.

MOTION: *To approve the agenda as presented.*

- **Moved by:** Andrei Halkewycz
- **Seconded by:** Madison Minarik
- **CARRIED**

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The 2024 AGM minutes were made available via QR code and on the VM website.

MOTION: *To approve the 2024 AGM minutes as presented.*

- **Moved by:** Austin Cadieux-Coombes
- **Seconded by:** Gabrielle Wishart
- **CARRIED**

4. President's Report

Kevin Neufeld presented highlights from the President's Report (as included in the Annual Report):

- Strong programming with increased interest and participation numbers.
- Challenge: unexpected \$107,000 Safe Sport investigation costs.
- Transition to a new reporting system with Volleyball Canada.
- Appreciation extended to all volunteers and supporters of the 14U National Volleyball Championships.

5. Executive Director's Report

Presented by Executive Director. Key updates included:

- Staff changes; new hires joined the team.
- Board approved VM staff participation in the Sport Manitoba pension plan (aimed at retention).
- Transitioned Safe Sport reporting from OSIC to ITP.
- Partnerships: worked with MASRC to deliver programming in St. Theresa's Point.
- Introduced Activity Messenger (via Sport Manitoba).
- Grad All-Star Games moved to University of Winnipeg; Awards Banquet held at RBC Convention Centre.
- Grade 8/9 Championships financial strain addressed by moving to a host school model (with free entry for host schools). Still seeking boys' hosts.

Discussion:

- **Ekus Malcolm** asked about rental fees at RBC Convention Centre for 14U Nationals.

- VM receives gate revenues; Volleyball Canada receives entry fees.
- Volleyball Canada provided VM with an additional \$20,000 subsidy for 2025.
- VM declined future hosting due to staff overtime and resource limitations.

6. Financial Report

The Finance Committee presented the 2024–25 financial statements:

- Operating deficit: **\$15,176** (favorable considering Safe Sport costs).

Discussion:

- **Austin Cadieux-Coombes** asked about VM tournament costs. Response: identified facility issues, with adjustments underway.
- **Chris Sommerhalder** asked if government will invest in new facilities.
- **Ekun Malcolm** asked about access to high school gyms.

MOTIONS:

1. *To approve the 2024–25 financial statements.*
 - **Moved by:** Tonya Moreton
 - **Seconded by:** Gabrielle Wishart
 - **CARRIED**
2. *To appoint Gislason Targownik Peters as auditors for the 2025–26 fiscal year.*
 - **Moved by:** Gabrielle Wishart
 - **Seconded by:** Kevin Neufeld
 - **CARRIED**

7. Election of Directors

Nominated Candidates (9):

- David Bommersbach
- Austin Cadieux-Coombes

- Ruben Cervantes
- Joel Heppner
- Christine Kolbuck
- Joe Moore
- Tonya Moreton
- Chad Moyer
- Goy Sengmany

Continuing Directors (Year 2 of 2-Year Term):

- Tim Au
- Andrei Halkewycz
- Roger Labossiere
- Madison Minarik
- Kevin Neufeld
- Ted Redekop

Directors Concluding Term:

- Taylor Basaraba
- Chris Chong
- Jessica Friesen
- Tristan Hodges
- Ayiya Ottogo
- Gabrielle Wishart

Outcome: Five positions available. Following election, the following were elected to the Board:

- **David Bommersbach**
- **Austin Cadieux-Coombes**
- **Christine Kolbuck**
- **Joe Moore**

- **Chad Moyer**

MOTION: *To approve the five elected nominees.*

- **Moved by:** Andrei Halkewycz
- **CARRIED**

Note: A brief Board meeting followed the AGM.

8. Amendments to the Bylaws

MOTION: *To approve the proposed amendments to the bylaws.*

- **Moved by:** Austin Cadieux-Coombes
- **Seconded by:** Andrei Halkewycz
- **CARRIED**

9. New Business

- **Chris Sommerhalder** raised questions regarding:
 - WCB requirements.
 - Approved club process.
 - Rule change implementation (to be directed to the Indoor Competitions Committee).

10. Adjournment

MOTION: *To adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.*

- **Moved by:** Gabrielle Wishart
- **Seconded by:** Andrei Halkewycz
- **CARRIED**