



**Annual General Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting Check-in starts at 9:30 am**  
**Sunday December 10, 2023 – 10:00 am-11:30 am**

Date of Meeting:	December 10, 2023	Location:	Zoom Conference Call
Minutes Prepared By:	Kelvin Cheng, OVA	Time:	10:00 A.M.

ONTARIO VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
Katie Hutchinson	OVA President
Christine Cook	Vice President Finance/Treasurer
Daphne Choi	Vice President Administration/Secretary
Danny Gosselin	Regional Council Director
Leigh Pearson	Director-at-Large
Michael Amoroso	Director-at-Large
Kelsey Orth	Director-at-Large
Howie Grossinger *	Director-at-Large
Victoria Altomare	Athletes Representative
NOMINATION COMMITTEE	
Corinne Williams	Nominations Committee Chair
REFEREES COMMITTEE	
Andrew Robb	
ONTARIO VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION STAFF	
Jo-Anne Ljubicic	Executive Director
Jennifer Harkness	Director of Finance & Administration

\*not in attendance

1. Call to Order
  - a. Katie Hutchinson calls meeting to order
  - b. Jo-Anne introduces OVA staff members
  - c. Katie introduces the OVA board
2. Establishment of Quorum
  - a. Over 30 people checked in
  - b. Quorum established
3. Introduction of Scrutineers
  - a. Online voting software – Simply Voting
  - b. Contact Kerish and Suzanne for voting help
4. Approval of the Agenda

**MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented**

**Tauri Caputo/Alex  
Park**

**CARRIED**

5. Declaration of any Conflicts of Interest
  - a. None
6. Adoption of Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting

**MOTION: To approve the previous annual meeting minutes through Simply Voting**

**Tauri Caputo/Richard Beedham  
CARRIED**

7. Board and Committee Chair Reports
  - a. Board of Directors – Katie Hutchinson
    - i. Thanks to board members and outgoing personnel Kelsey Orth & Daphne Choi
    - ii. Revamping safe sport and understanding OSIC and DSO
    - iii. Strategic plan
      1. Athlete development, coaching culture, club connection
    - iv. New policies around Team Ontario
    - v. Community engagement and committees
  - b. Governance Committee – Daphne Choi
    - i. ONCA compliance
    - ii. Board member onboarding is a priority
  - c. Regional Council – Danny Gosselin
    - i. Engage community and club leaders through survey and gathering feedback
    - ii. IVDC tackling tryout window
  - d. Athletes' Council – Victoria Altomare

- i. Driven by athletes
  - ii. 13-18U, coaches, past members, variety of POVs
  - iii. Input on strategic planning and OVA policies
  - iv. Post-secondary recruiting led by members of the council
- e. Referee Committee – Andrew Robb
  - i. Referee numbers have rebounded along with athletes
  - ii. Referee recruitment and retention through OVA lining and scoring
  - iii. Referees going to Youth Nationals and working on the RDT
  - iv. Record number of 7 nominations for CCAA and U Sport from Ontario
  - v. Renzo Milan Hall of Fame and Ed Yu Award of Merit posthumously
  - vi. Thanks to referee committee and staff to ensure events are running
- 8. Presentation of the Annual Report
- 9. Presentation of Audited Financial Statements
  - a. Clean audit opinion
  - b. No management recommendations
  - c. A lot of cash on hand as part of contingency fund, better return than investments
  - d. Assets include regional funds
  - e. OTF grant, able to purchase more sport court
  - f. Huge jumps in activity and revenue
  - g. Club grant from last year – one off
  - h. Sponsorships up because of Enercare
  - i. Investments up because of bank account
  - j. Able to manage expenses, more activity
- 10. Appointment of Auditor
  - a. MacNeill Edmundson Professional Corp
  - b. Christine happy to recommend and put to vote

**MOTION: To appoint MacNeill Edmundson Professional Corporation as the auditor**

John Curtis /Andrew Robb  
**CARRIED**

- 11. New Business/Questions (if any submitted)
  - a. Able to submit questions in chat
- 12. Approve By-Law Amendments
  - a. Compliance with ONCA, add provision for different membership class as required
  - b. Clarification of board eligibility and service limits
    - i. 9 base members plus appointed directors
    - ii. Don't need to be a member to be an independent candidate for board
    - iii. Service limits, closing loophole
    - iv. More consistency around signing authority
  - c. Adding more clarity around bylaws

**MOTION: To approve the new bylaw amendments as presented**

**Brad Miller/Richard Beedham**

**13. Election of New Directors**

- a. Vice-President Secretary/Admin
  - i. Congratulations to Paul Bonfigli, acclaimed, no other candidates
- b. Athletes' Representative
  - i. Congratulations to Victoria Altomare, acclaimed, no other candidates
- c. Director at Large
  - i. Andrew Nichols
    - 1. Volleyball family, non-profit and for profit experience, support high performance program and operations
    - 2. Which committee would you be interested in working in?
      - a. Strategic planning
      - b. High performance
    - 3. Corporate sponsorship?
      - a. Biosteel and Crocs Canada, creating winnable solutions to get fundraising, create partnerships and find brands that represent feelings to expand possible businesses
  - ii. Brad Graham
    - 1. Was on board of directors about 20-30 years ago, involved since 1981, is a coach, referee, coach evaluator and facilitator
    - 2. Which committee would you be interested in working in?
      - a. Athlete development, grassroots, officials, coach development
    - 3. Corporate sponsorship?
      - a. Educator, getting funding for schools, would need support of members
  - iii. Derek Dedman
    - 1. Not present on the call
- d. Ballot remains at 3 candidates
- e. Congratulations to Andrew Nichols as the new Director at Large

**14. Adjournment**

**Meeting was adjourned all agenda items completed.**

Next Annual Meeting December 8, 2024.

## **Attendance List**

### **Voting Members**

Alex	Park
Andrea	Dhanoa
Andrew	Nichols
Andrew	Robb
Brad	Graham
Cindy	Weese
Diahann	Mahon
Don	Morton
Dwayne	Cochrane
Greg	Albert
Greg	Worley
Irena	Zamboni
John	Curtis
Julie	Gordon
Julie	DiGregorio
Kim	Dresser
Laura	Gallacher
Martin	Gauthier
paul	bonfigli
Qin	Lin
Rej	Godmaire
Richard	Beedham
Shaun	Illingworth
Tauri	Caputo
Vishnu	Persaud
William	Kidda
John	Navarrete
Kristen	Nichols
Amanda	King
Shane	Williamson
Matt	Sommerville
Corinne	Williams
Amanda	King
Brad	Miller
Marilyn	Lunn
Cindy	Weese
Fayrial	Leung
Greg	Worley

**Non-Voting Members**

Davaska	Ferguson
Laurie	Ireland
Natalie	Wong
Shane	Williamson
Annette	Nunno
John	Kirakui
Clint	Hunter
Donovan	Bumanglag
Dyan	Heson
Kim	Dresser
David	Wildboer
Susan	Hammond
Zarah	Cohen
James	Schulz
Debbie	Flack
Chris	Lopez
Irving	Ho
Anthony	Fong

**OVA Staff**

Jo-Anne Ljubcic  
Jennifer Harkness  
Alishia Lidums  
Louis-Pierre Mainville  
Carrie Campbell  
Dylan Brennand  
Kerish Maharaj  
Mario Rando  
Kelvin Cheng  
Mark Wiersma  
Jacob Barker  
George Huffman  
Angie Shen  
Mario Rando  
Mylene Andrade