

Vancouver Ultimate League Society

Annual General Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2023



1. Call to Order

The chair Lisa Riddle called the meeting to order at 19:02.

2. Introduction

The Chair introduced the members of the Board of Directors and the Office staff following the land acknowledgement.

The Vancouver Ultimate League acknowledges with gratitude the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the kʷikʷəłəm (Kwkwetlem), xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Salilwatał (Tseil-Waututh) Nations.

Quorum confirmed at 19:04 with 59 participants in the meeting (57 eligible to vote) and with participants still continuing to join the meeting and have membership confirmed.

There were also 13 validated proxies received prior to the deadline.

[Complete list of attendees, eligible voting members, and valid proxies is included as Appendix A]

3. Review of Minutes of the 2023 AGM

Motion made by Ari Metzger seconded by Kelly Wunderlich to approve the minutes of the 2022 AGM as posted on the website. Motion Passed - 44 votes For / 0 Opposed / 13 Abstentions

4. Old Business

No old business

5. Annual Reports

President Report:

- Thank you to staff
- Thank you to volunteers
- Thank you to all the VUL partners
- Highlighted the growth in youth, smooth running of programs, implementation of new ERP, and sufficient surplus to repay CEBA loan taken during COVID.

Executive Director Report:

- Thank you to senior staff team
- Thank you to Adult Program coordinators
- Thank you to Youth Club program coordinators
- Thank you to individuals on regional field advocacy committees
- HR announcements: Thank you to M. Dorsey who saw through the EMS project after moving on from IT Manager role to new opportunity. Welcome to new IT Manager Bryant Vergera.
- Adult and Youth growth sees VUL back to offering almost all pre-COVID programs
- Youth programs cover Vancouver, Richmond, North Vancouver, and Surrey now lot of chances for youth to participate in ultimate in their own municipality and region

- VUL and BCU together secured rights to host nationals resulting in net profit and legacy equipment on hand for VUL and BCU - Thank you to the team, especially TDs as well as Thank you to Brian Gisel for sharing knowledge.
- Congratulations to BC teams for BC Juniors championships, Junior Nationals, and Senior Nationals
- Art Hawkins raised \$5k and was recognized by Ultimate Canada as a new Ultimate Canada record. Thank you to the organizing team.
- Thank you to touring teams for participating in Touring team contribution programs

Strategic Plan Update:

- Implementation of new EMS system overviewed as a major achievement with thanks given to the volunteer testers for their support
- Progress on strategic goals including talent retention including development of new onboarding procedures for board/staff, hiring of new Youth Program Manager, hiring of new IT Manager.
- Committees focused on specific core strategic plan elements (ie. SOTG committee - working on clarifying definition of SOTG cutting across all programs and reevaluating our SOTG evaluation tools and education tactics around SOTG)

Treasurer's Report:

- Reviewed the CEBA loan taken in COVID and repaid the loan achieving the goal of funding through operations and taking advantage of the loan forgiveness
- Capital project fund withdrawal for the EMS project was sufficient as the project has come in under budget and on-time.
- Overviewed the Financial Statements for the Year Ending September 30, 2023
 - Notable Balance Sheet matters include the capitalized EMS costs in intangible assets as well as the accumulated amortization (based on a 5 year useful life which is considered to be a conservative estimate). It was also noted that the CEBA loan balance was reported at September 30, 2023 but it's been paid in full subsequent to the fiscal year end.
 - Notable Income Statement matters include the hosting revenue and hosting expenses for the Canadian Ultimate Championships which resulted in a net surplus of approximately \$12k. Revenue increases driven by Youth and VULS winter programs with increases in amortization expense offset by reductions in professional fees.

Motion made by Juniper (Owen) Sigurdsson, seconded by Wendy LeBreton to receive the President's report as presented and the Financial Statements for the Year Ending September 30, 2023 as distributed in the AGM package. *Motion Passed - 47 votes For / 0 Opposed / 7 Abstentions*

6. New Business

Change from Member-Funded Society to an Ordinary Society primarily driven by increased access to government grants.

Motion made by Aryanna Chartrand, seconded by Emily Gaudette to change the VUL's society status from Member-Funded to Ordinary Society. *Motion Passed - 47 votes For / 1 Opposed / 16 Abstentions*

Changes proposed to society by-law wording to reflect change in society as well as other by-law updates.

Motion made by Wendy LeBreton, seconded by Mika Campbell Nishimura to change the VUL's by-laws as presented in AGM package. *Motion Passed - 45 votes For / 0 Opposed / 19 Abstentions*

7. Board Elections

Acknowledgement of outgoing Directors - The Chair acknowledged the outgoing directors: David Midgley, Lisa Riddle, and Ken Su.

The Chair introduced the candidates for the three (3) 2-year terms on the Board of Directors. Each candidate was given 3 minutes to speak.

- Noah Berson
- Relsie Delos Santos (aka Fes)
- Joshua Tan
- Maria Margarita Tuazon (aka MM)
- Derek Knoechel

Presentations were made in the following order: 68 participants - 66 eligible.

- Noah Berson
- Relsie Delos Santos (dropped offline and did not present)
- Derek Knoechel
- Joshua Tan
- Maria Margarita Tuazon

For the 66 eligible member voters and 13 proxy holders, a secret ballot voting procedure was conducted using Google Forms with Diane St-Denis (Executive Director), Pratik Garud (Youth Manager), Lisa Riddle (President), and Ken Su (Vice-President/Secretary) acting as scrutineers.

During the secret ballot voting procedure, AGM meeting door prizes were drawn with the winners as follows (note that gift cards will be mailed by staff to winning members):

- \$25 gift card to The General Public - John Jamora
- \$25 gift card to The Eatery - Sarah Wright
- \$25 gift card to The General Public – Annie Wang

Executive Director confirmed for the members present the election of Noah Berson, Joshua Tan, and Maria Margarita Tuazon. Congratulations to new board members and thanks to all candidates for standing for election and thanks to the members for participating in the board election process.

Motion made by Ari Metzger, seconded by Wendy LeBreton to destroy the ballots. *Motion Passed - 37 votes For / 2 Opposed / 9 Abstentions*

8. Formal Adjournment

Chair once again thanked the VUL partners, BCU, and Ultimate Canada, and members in attendance.

Motion made by Kelly Wunderlich, seconded by Ari Metzger to adjourn the annual general meeting. *Motion Passed - 24 votes For / 1 Opposed / 9 Abstentions*

APPENDIX A

Staff Members in Attendance

- Diane St-Denis, Executive Directors
- Pratik Garud, Youth Programs Manager

Board Members in Attendance

- Lisa Riddle, President
- Ken Su, Vice President / Secretary
- David Midgley, Treasurer
- Ari Metzger, Director
- Kelly Wunderlich, Director
- John Zhou, Director
- Anna-Maria Morris, Director

Voting Delegates in Attendance		
Alan Baggish		
Anamaria Morris		
Anarya (AJ) Ng		
Annie wang		
Anson Lit		
Ari Metzger		
Aryanna Chartrand	Proxy for	An La
Bailey Snider		
Ben Talbot		
Bernie Chui		
Braedan Robinson		
Brian Gisel		
Bryant Vergara		
Chirag Patel		
Christopher Sim		
Christy Fong		
Crystal Hung (Tan)	Proxy for	Ethan Low
Dane Yule		
David Midgley		
Derek Cheng	Proxy for	Brian Mihai
Derek Knoechel		
Emily Gaudette	Proxy for	Nikolaus von possel

Emily Taddei	Proxy for	Zoya Khan
Florencio Tuazon		
Gabriel Hung		
Hunter Van Dyke	Proxy for	Nhaia Markowski
Jacob Muir	Proxy for	Julie Astley
Jeremy Wang		
Jillian Reynolds	Proxy for	Benjamin Karwacki
John Jamora		
John Zhou		
Josh Amato		
Joshua Tan	Proxy for	Russell Hamilton
Katherine Lee		
Kelly Wunderlich		
Ken Lindsay		
Ken Su		
Kevin Walton		
Lucy Southen		
Marcus Yeung		
Mark Bustin		
Megan Wong		
Mika Campbell nishimura		
MM Tuazon		
Myles Lu		
Nicola froese		
Noah Berson		
Owen/Juniper Sigurdsson	Proxy for	Talia Berson
Richard Tam		
Ryan Loui-Ying		
Ryan Sinclair		
Sarah Wong		
Sarah Wright		
Simon Cohen	Proxy for	Grace Hattrup
Sonny Young		
Talia Bersob		
Tashia Kootenayoo	Proxy for	Cynthia Chao
Theodore Ng		

Tim Vines		
Travis Smith		
Trevor Ng		
Trisha Roberson		
Tyus Chow		
Victoria Perez		
Wayne Ziants		
Wendy LeBreton		
Yaroslav Tarasyuk		