



## Canada Rugby League Association | 2023 AGM

### CRLA 2023 AGM

Sunday, April 30 · 8:30 – 9:15pm EST

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/eqk-ridz-kcm>

Or dial: (CA) +1 289-315-8107 PIN: 892 553 865#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/eqk-ridz-kcm?pin=2500710531775>

### Attendance:

- RLBC
  - Ben Hickey
  - Blake Stewart
  - Sarah Duncan
- ARL
  - Alanna Fittes
  - Aliz Evan
- ORL
  - Sara Canini
  - Andrew Giguere

### Land Acknowledgement

- The CRLA acknowledges that we are situated on the traditional land of the Qayqayt First Nation, as well as all Coast Salish peoples, on whose traditional and unceded territories we live, we learn, we play and work. We acknowledge the enduring presence of First Nation, Métis and Inuit people on this land and are committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect.

### Agenda:

- **Approval of 2022 AGM minutes (attached)**
  - Motion to approve minutes of 2022 AGM
    - Motion: John Cameron
    - Seconded: Sarah Duncan
    - Result: Carried
- President's report
  - Josh Knight
- **Receipt and approval of financials (attached)**
  - Highlights:
    - In the past year, the CRLA has paid off almost 50% of its outstanding debt, and the debt now stands at \$18k.
    - Focus in 2023 on closing off Ravens RLWC expenses and driving sponsorship for both teams
      - Set up fundraising committee
  - Motion to approve financial statements of 2022



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- Motion: John Cameron
- Seconded: Sarah Duncan
- Result: Carried

### Voting at AGM:

- Reminder of delegates:

Number of Constituents in a Members' Geographical Area	Authorized Number of Delegates
<100	2
101 – 500	3
>500	4

- BC - 3
  - Blake Stewart
  - Sarah Duncan
  - Ben Hickey
- Alberta - 2
  - Alanna Fittes
  - Alix Evans
- Ontario - 2
  - Andrew Giguere
  - Sara Canini
- **Voting of Constitutional Amendments**
  - Past President - Board Position
    - Creation of the position of Past President on the Board to encourage continuity amongst the CRLA, and provide guidance from past experience. Also, the Board currently has eight (8) members, and although the goal of the Board is to govern through consensus, an odd number, to prevent ties, is best practice
  - Motion by Sara Canini, ORL, to Amend the CRLA constitution as follows, to create the Board position of "Past President":
    - 11. Board of Directors
      - a) Be responsible for the day to day management of the CRLA, who shall have the delegated authority to manage



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CRLA business subject to CRLA By-Laws, Regulations, Playing Rules, and Policies and any resolution of an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting;

- b) Comprise of no less than three (3) and no more than six (6) elected Directors and up to ~~two (2)~~ **three (3)** appointed Directors. Elected Directors are elected by Members at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting for a two-year term of office. All elected Directors shall be eligible for re-election. The Board may, at its discretion, appoint further Directors provided that the number of appointed Directors does not exceed one third the number of elected Directors on the Board
- 11.6.6 Past President
  - The Past President Shall:
    - a. Help provide continuity of governance and operations of the CRLA by providing guidance and support to the new Executive
    - b. Lead or fulfill other portfolios or committees as jointly agree by the Board
    - c. Be held by the former President, or Acting President, if there had been a vacancy that was filled

- Seconded: Blake Stewart
- Result: Carried

### • **Board Positions**

- Not up for election:
  - Director at Large - Bob Jowett (Appointed in 2022)
- Up for election - Acclaimed:
  - Vice President - Daniel Tate
  - Treasurer - Michael Steer
  - General Secretary - Katie Grudzinski
  - Director of Rugby League - Ben Hickey
  - Director at Large - Sarah Duncan
  - Director at Large - Sara Canini
- Up for election - Contested
  - President
    - Candidates
      - Josh Knight
      - John Cameron - Vote In Support
    - Vote

### • **Other Business**



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- What can we do to make it easier for refs to be qualified
  - Sarah has been speaking to Romeo
  - Can we do some of it when they are in Jamaica
    - Do online course first, then second part there
  - Whatsapp group among provincial reps
- Meeting called: 9:26pm EST, MST, PST