

Minutes of AGM 2023

Date: July 13, 2023

Location: Westin Harbour Castle in Toronto, ON (streamed virtually)

AGM Slide Deck (including referenced reports): [Link](#)

1. Voting Member Present:

- Chair: Melissa Burns
- Vice Chair: Matt Kovacs
- EDU: Jimmy Gagne
- Post-Secondary: Tyler Hetherington
- Competitive: Salil Gupta
- Treasurer/Board Member: Carol Meissner
- Alberta Esports Association: Ryan Coutts
- BC Esports Association: Spiro Khouri
- Mantioba Esports Association: Jehan Moorthy
- Saskatchewan Esports Association: Shaye Ruecker
- Yukon Esports Alliance: Brandon Wicke
- Alberta Education Representative: Michael Saretzky
- School Esports Association of BC: Justin Wong
- Manitoba School Esports Association: Karl Hildebrandt
- Ontario School Esports Association: Matthew Wannamaker
- Saskatchewan School Esports Association: Durston McKenna
- SAIT: Andrew Tran
- Durham College: Bill Ai
- U Waterloo: Greg Mittler
- Simon Fraser: Jennifer Seto
- St Clair College: Shaun Byrne
- Lambton College: Tony Frangis
- Conestoga College: Zack Dodge
- Keyano College: Ben Bramly

2. Introductions

- Land Acknowledgement (Melissa Burns)
- Our Mission and Vision (Melissa Burns)
- Core Values

3. Motions

- Approve AGM 2022 Minutes - motioned by Melissa Burns, seconded by Shaye Rucker
- Accept Agenda for 2023 - motioned by Melissa burns, seconded by Salil Gupta



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4. Impact Reports

○ EDU (*Jimmy Gagne*)

- Report presented in-person by Melissa Burns due to audio level difficulties in created video
- **Overview & Pillars:** Focuses on student-centered growth across four pillars: Varsity Esports (leagues/tournaments), Scholastic Esports (curricular integration), Intramural Esports (casual/intra-school clubs), and Development & Resources (networking, workshops, IT support, and curriculum templates).
- **Accomplishments:** Hosted a Fall *Rocket League* tournament, supported local in-person events hosted by Ontario and Manitoba associations, and expanded into Western Canada by welcoming organizations in British Columbia, Saskatchewan, and Alberta.
- **Strategic Goals:** Plans to establish educator-run non-profit organizations in Atlantic Canada and territories, host an educators conference, and launch rotating in-person national finals every two years.
- [Report in recording starting at 20:09 until 27:50](#)

○ PS (*Tyler Hetherington*)

- Report presented in-person by Tyler Hetherington
- **Overview & Pillars:** A national council dedicated to post-secondary esports, guided by three pillars: Advocacy (representing Canadian programs to North American leagues, publishers, and government), Recognition (power rankings, national tournaments, and awards), and Education (helping schools allocate resources, setup varsity teams, guide student clubs, and survey the landscape).
- **Accomplishments:** Hosted a National Championship with 5 titles, 37 schools, 93 teams, and 693 students across 163 matches. Maintained National Power Rankings for *Rocket League*, *Valorant*, *League of Legends*, and *Call of Duty*, generating over 550,000 Twitter impressions.
- **Strategic Goals:** Expand power rankings (adding *Overwatch*, *Apex*, *CS:GO*, *R6*), host semesterly national championships, scale up to 20+ (5-year plan) and 30+ (10-year plan) connected varsity programs across all provinces, and build K-12 to collegiate recruitment pipelines.
- [Report in recording starting at 28:19 until 43:54](#)

○ COMP (*Salil Gupta*)

- Report presented in-person by Salil Gupta
- **Overview & Levels:** Works with non-profit provincial associations, grassroots groups, and industry to support player pathways across four levels: Recreational, Club, Amateur, and Professional Esports.
- **Accomplishments:** Represented Canada internationally at the 2022 IESF World Esports Championship in Bali (13th in *TEKKEN 7*) and the IESF



Regional Qualifiers in CS:GO. Formed the inaugural EC COMP National Council bringing together provincial associations from Yukon, BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario.

- **Strategic Goals:** Form non-profit provincial orgs in Ontario, Atlantic Canada, and the territories, establish provincial Rec/Club leagues, and host a bi-annual rotating in-person "Esport Canada Games".
- [Report in recording starting at 44:07 until 51:29](#)

5. Financial Report (Carol Meissner)

- Statement of Operations
 - [Report in recording at 51:50 ending at 53:12](#)
 - Carol Meissner is new as CFO to AGM 2023
 - For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023:
 - **Revenues: \$0.00** in both 2022 and 2023.
 - **Expenditures:** Increased from **\$963.64** (2022) to **\$1,202.26** (2023).
 - *Breakdown (2023):*
 - A. Athlete Support (**\$463.02**),
 - B. Advertising & Promotion (**\$371.82**),
 - C. Administration (**\$290.41**),
 - D. and Legal Fees (**\$77.00**).
 - **Net Deficit: -\$1,202.26** for FY 2023 (compared to **-\$963.64** in FY 2022).
 - **Assets: \$0.00** cash on hand.
 - **Liabilities: \$2,165.90** total accounts payable owed to board members and executives (Melissa: \$2,015.90; Amar: \$124.00; Matt: \$13.00; Kendryx: \$13.00).
 - No external funding source - self-funded by members

6. EC Overview (Melissa Burns)

- Accomplishments
 - [Report in Recording beginning at 53:24](#)
 - **Identity & Core Values:** Federally registered non-profit serving as the national governing body for Canadian esports. Built around mission, vision, and core values: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), Advocacy, Collaboration, and Play.
 - **Key Organizational Highlights:**
 - Expanded its leadership team with new executives (Chief Officers for Partnerships, Legal, Performance, Marketing, and Finance/Treasurer) and board members/volunteers.
 - Established international connections, including a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Esports Australia.
 - Formally announced a merger with the Canada Esports Association.
 - **Long-Term Vision:** Aims to strengthen Canadian stakeholder ties, secure federal support, and establish Canada as a global leader in sustainable,



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equitable esports infrastructure.

7. Voting

- [Voting Beginning at 1:02:39](#)
- Vote to accept new bylaws (recommended for approval by the EC board)
 - 18 yays, 1 abstain (St. Claire College)
- Vote to accept Carol Meissner as Treasurer
 - 19 yays (unanimous)
- Vote to accept Jimmy Gagne as Chair of EDU on the Board of Directors
 - 5 Yays (unanimous)
- PS Chair
 - PS voted as a council prior to AGM to have Tyler Hetherington continue as Chair of PS for an additional year to be up for election at 2023/2024 AGM
- Vote to accept Salil Gupta for a 2 year term as Chair of COMP
 - 5 yays

8. Closing

- Announcements
 - [Report beginning at 1:14:00](#)
 - CEA accepted Letter of Intent to join as strategic partners to have one governing body in Canada
 - Jay Balmer speaking to the work being done by CEA
- Closing Remarks (Melissa Burns)
 - Motion to adjourn by Melissa Burns - seconded by Jehan Moorthy



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