

Presidents Report

I would like to thank everyone for taking the time today to attend our 2023 AGM. Your input and feedback are key to running a successful provincial organization.

I would like to thank my fellow directors and committee members for the hard work and dedication and many late nights and early mornings working on policy documents, your effort is greatly appreciated.

This year started off dealing with having to invest significant time in cleaning up our finances and the vast majority of our Executive Directors time was spent getting our financial records and business processes back into shape.

Over the year we had 4 successful Alberta cups including one in Edmonton. We saw tournament registration numbers we haven't see for years in this province and was very exciting to see. We also had athletes attending the Canada Winter Games and had very successful results there. All in all it was a very successful year for fencing in Alberta.

As for the board, we spent a lot of our time working on fixing missing policies to improve our standing with the province and make sure our funding was secure for the following year.

This summer we successfully interviewed and hired a new full time Executive Director in Sean Rathwell, to replace Maia Rathwell who was filling the ED role temporarily. I would like to extend a warm welcome to Sean and thank him for all the work he has already put into this organization.

We also hosted a Strategic plan and roadmap session with our board and member clubs and are excited to be presenting our updated strategic plan here tonight and I would like to also thank Sport Law for the fantastic help they were in organizing this.

I'm looking forward to an amazing 2023/24 fencing season, and look forward to working with all clubs to have a successful year.

Richard Bezemer