

Report to the AGM

We had scheduled 4 provincial tournaments this year with one being abandoned at the last minute by Tournament Director, Richard Gauthier. We were very pleased to bring tournament play back to Victoria this year which was a huge success!!

We had a National Tournament, Selection Event in Vernon which was a success. The owner of Rosters were very pleased with seeing such high caliber players in his facilities. This is definitely something we could do again in the future.

Programming stays consistent with retaining 90% of participants. Lack of funding has hampered the Juniors' ability to attend the Nationals.

Grants

First time ever receiving a Gaming Grant this year. This provided us with \$15K of restricted funds.

The last time we applied for a Sport Grant was in September 2024 for \$3k which we were declined because of too many applicants. Sport Grants have pretty much dried up in the province.

With increasing our designation from Affiliated status to Recognized status last year, our goal was to put our focus on achieving Accredited Status so we can receive Unrestricted Automatic Funding and secure financial stability for the future of the Association. After following up on our review to achieve this, ViaSport recently informed us they have now postponed reviews and evaluations until Fiscal Year 26/27. They also informed us that although we tick all the boxes to achieve Accreditation, we have to wait for that review process. They also stated that, they can no longer provide automatic funding unless the government increases the funding pool available as they will not be taking away from other sports organizations. This means that even if we go through the formal evaluation in 26/27, if there is no increase in the pool of funds, we will not receive funding from the government.

We are currently out of money as of July 1st. We rely heavily now on the Gaming Grant to survive which we will not know about until end of August. With many funding changes with all sectors, I wouldn't be surprised if the available funds decreased for the Sport Sector in Gaming Funds.

Without Gaming Funds in August, Racquetball BC Association will have no choice but to fold.

We had a fantastic year last year overall and we are struggling to stay afloat.

Thanks,

David Serra
Executive Director