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## BVPA Board Member

### Role Description

The BVPA Board of Directors is the legal authority and has charge of effective governance in matters of policy, finance, programs, volunteers and advocacy. The board itself is governed by the objects and bylaws of BVPA and the Alberta Societies Act. The BVPA Board of Directors, subject to the bylaws and direction given by a majority of members at a general or special meeting, has full control and management of the affairs of the club.

### What is expected of you in your role as a board member:

- Serve on the board, attend the board meetings, develop a working knowledge of governance and promote the values and mission of the BVPA.
- Sit on at least one Board Committee
- Assist the board in making sound decisions, seeking out all relevant information before deciding, and supporting the board decisions that have been made.
- Monitor the effectiveness of the bylaws, policies and manuals in achieving the objects of the BVPA and propose improvements.
- Contribute to the development and execution of the BVPA strategic plan.
- Be responsiveness to requests to ensure Board/Committee work can continue.
- Pre-read the materials for the board, membership and other meetings you attend.
- Assist with some of the special events and promotion of BVPA.
- Notify the chairperson, if you cannot attend a scheduled meeting.
- Approach other board members if you need assistance or training in your role.
- Notify the President if you are unable to fill your role, and help find an agreeable solution.
- Report any potential for conflict of interest immediately to the board executive.
- Comply with the Board Code of Conduct (when implemented).
- Disclose any real or potential conflict of interest arising in any matter under consideration by the Board.
- Keep in confidence any confidential information revealed to them in their role as Directors, including discussions at the Board table.
- Refrain from giving direction to other volunteers, unless authorised by the board.
- Graciously resign from the board position if you are no longer able to fulfill these expectations.
- The board meetings are scheduled on a regular basis, as determined by the President, and the time commitment is 4-5 hrs per month, including pre-reading for the meeting. There may be additional time requirements for any other role you may have agreed to fill as a member of the board.

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## BVPA President

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In addition to the job description for a board member of the BVPA, the president is also expected to:

- Provide oversight to ensure the board adheres to relevant legislation, the bylaws are upheld, reviewed as necessary and changes brought before a meeting of the members for consideration and approval.
- Lead the board in its strategic direction setting and in developing and completing the annual plan.
- Provide guidance to the board governance processes.
- Exclusively represent, and speak on behalf of, the BVPA Board to members, volunteers, officials and the public.
- Supervise the affairs of the board.
- Call and preside at all meetings of the club and the board of directors, except where noted in the bylaws.
- Ensure that committee chairpersons, managers and team leaders are appointed and have the needed resources and training.
- Serve as ex officio member of committees and attend their meetings if needed.
- Provide input to the Secretary for preparation of agendas for board meetings.
- Ensure that risk assessments are conducted and liabilities are adequately managed.
- Lead an annual process to evaluate the effectiveness of the board and board members.
- Act as one of the signing officers for cheques and other documents.
- Orient the new president.
- Delegate duties where appropriate.

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## BVPA Vice President

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In addition to the job description for a board Member of the BVPA, the vice president is expected to:

- Assist the president in the performance of the president’s duties.
- Fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the president in his/her absence.
- Chair one or more committees to develop the skills to fulfill the duties of the president.
- Keep informed on key issues.
- Fill in for other executive positions or tasks when needed, or for skills development.
- Act as one of the signing officers for cheques and other documents as directed.
- Orient the new vice president.

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## BVPA Secretary

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In addition to the job description for a board member of the BVPA, the secretary is also expected to:

- Act as the official clerk of the board and custodian of all records, contracts, correspondence and other official documents of the club.
- Prepare agendas for board meetings in consultation with the other board members.
- Assumes the responsibilities of a Privacy Officer per federal and provincial legislations.
- Send out the formal notices and information for the Board and Membership meetings
- Request, gather and consolidate board meeting material
- Create the filing structure and maintain files of all board documents (including Committee minutes and documents, Annual Plans, Calendars, Agreements, Policies, ...)
- Maintain Board Meeting Action Item Tracking
- Maintain a record of board and membership attendance and take meeting minutes.
- Distribute the minutes to board members within one week after meetings.
- If unable to attend a meeting, may appoint one of the other acting directors to attend and act as the secretary for such meeting.
- Ensures copies of BVPA's objects, bylaws and policy statements are maintained on the website.
- Prepare and submit the Annual Society Return.
- Maintain lists of officers, board members, managers, coordinators and committee lists.
- Under the direction of the president, prepare formal board correspondence,
- Safeguard all electronic accounts with passwords and protect those passwords.
- Act as one of the signing officers for the board for cheques and other documents.
- Orient the new secretary.

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## BVPA Treasurer

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In addition to the job description for a board member of the BVPA, the treasurer is expected to:

- Ensure that the club has appropriate fiscal management procedures, safeguards and reporting standards in place, and that these are adhered to.
- Make sure all monies paid to the club are deposited in an account chosen by the board.
- Keep accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements for BVPA related expenditures.
- Provide financial statements monthly and when requested.
- Oversees the annual Financial Audit
- Present an audited statement of the financial position of the club to the AGM.
- Provide financial advice and financial risk assessments to the board.
- Give regular reports to the board on the financial state of the club.
- Act as one of the signing officers for the board for cheques and other documents.
- Prepare a budget and present it at the AGM.
- Orient the new treasurer.
- Have basic accounting skills and a working knowledge of Quickbooks.