

Stouffville-Markham Girls Hockey Association Annual General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday June 5th, 2019, 7pm

Stouffville Clippers Arena

1. **Introductions** Roundtable Introductions
2. **Business Arising from Past Season (pages 2-3)** Executive members
3. **Financial Statement (Separate document)** Dianne White

Dianne explained that the house league expenses exceed the revenue. 2 sets of bumper boards, small nets, small pucks were all purchased this year for the ½ program.

Markham ice is allocated based on residency, SMGHA will be losing 3 hrs of ice this coming season due to this. **Action:** Sara Folkes to look into getting a flyer distributed through the Public and Catholic schools in the area. The Kelsey’s and Swiss Chalet in Markham are HL sponsors next season. **Action:** John Bogias is going to inquire about placing road signs at both locations.

Moved by Pete Morra to accept the Financial Statement - CARRIED

1. **Amendments to the Existing Constitution (pages 3-6)** John Wilson
2. **Election of Open Executive and Director positions** John Wilson **(page 7)**
3. **New Business**

Pete Morra reminded everyone that the Association still needs HL Convenors for the 2019-2020 season.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:06pm

1. **Business Arising from Past Season**

Bantam A rep team did online version trial. A few glitches that we can eliminate next year, so we should be able to go forward with this process..

Interac email money transfer can now be sent without the requirement of a Question and Answer. Pace Savings Trust company (SMGHA Bank) implemented the auto deposit feature 2 months ago. We now have enabled that feature which is helping to cut down on paper cheques.

Last summer was the SMGHA’s 6th year hosting a Junior Ref recertifying clinic, and our 1st year hosting a Senior Ref clinic. 2 of our refs were invited to the Level 3 clinic and passed. Tori Charon

and Evelyn Wilson. 15 refs were invited 12 passed.

For the upcoming season New players to hockey playing House League can register for $199 up to July 1, 2019.

There will be no Novice DS team next season. LLFHL will probably not run a Novice division. OWHA will work on a schedule over the summer. It will run the same as HL. Up till January 15 it will be half ice games only, they are suggesting teams of 18 so it can be 2 teams of 9 playing cross ice 4x4 hockey. January 15 can go full ice. No keeping score. No playoff games. If penalty called player sits out their shift but the teams play at full strength. 7 and 8 year olds can play together. Tournaments called a Jamboree, everyone plays the same number of games with no Jamboree winner.

 **OWHA Executive reports:**

2018-19 Total Members 450; 13 Rep, 16 HL & 3 DS teams

Added Peewee A, down Senior A team, Bantam A and Bantam B.

Now Novice A, 2 Atom, 3 Peewee, 2 Bantam and 5 Midget rep teams.

In 2017-18 Total Members 460; 15 Rep, 16 HL & 3 DS teams

 **Provincials – 8 teams participated**

Nov B, Atom AA (Silver), Atom A, Peewee AA (Bronze), Peewee A, Midget AA, Midget BB White, and Midget B, participated in Provincials this year.

 **LLFHL**

All rep teams to Playoffs, except Bantam AA, Bantam BB, MBB Ted and Novice B/A.

4 Teams went to Championship weekend. Atom AA, Peewee AA (silver),

Peewee BB and MBB White Page 2

 **House League** HL Registration up by 25, mostly new division of Initiation.

16 teams: One Initiation-17 players, 3 Novice teams of 16 players, 4 Atom teams of 11 players, 4 PW 16, and 4 Midget HL 14-16 player

 **Starsfest** **Tournament**

Starsfest in Sept, 77 teams (12 divisions), 175 games, profit $ 13,803.53. It was a sold-out event. We utilized the 2 ice pads at Angus and the 4 pads in Stouffville.

**HL Registration for 2019-2020 Season to Date**

 New Players to hockey @ $199 = 18

 Returning players @ $425 = 16

1. **Proposed Amendments to the Constitution**

## Article 5 – Executive and Board of Directors

The Executive shall have the power to form committees including a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors can consist of the following roles in addition to the aforementioned elected Executive:

* Referee in Chief even
* Coach Mentor even
* Ice Scheduler even
* Coordinator for Clothing & Equipment odd
* Director of Communications & Public Relations odd
* Coordinator of Sponsorship odd
* ***Representative to the Provincial Women’s Hockey League (PWHL) odd***
* 6 Directors with no Portfolio. Maximum 3 elected each year even/odd

The Board of Directors shall be elected annually at the AGM and be asked to serve for a two year term. Where possible, elections will stagger two year terms on even and odd years as noted above. It is desired to have no individual hold two positions concurrently.

***Motion: To remove the item in bold italic, as we no longer have that role, and to add in the role of Director with No Portfolio. (Currently called Member at Large)* -**CARRIED

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## Article 5 – Executive and Board of Directors

The following Board of Director roles are elected annually

* Novice/Atom Rep Convenor
* Peewee Rep Convenor
* Bantam Rep Convenor
* Midget Rep Convenor

*Motion: To insert the existing Convenor roles into the Board of Directors* **-**CARRIED

## Article 6 – Duties of Executive Officers

b) The Executive shall have the power to suspend or discipline any member or service connected with the Association that does not promote the Association’s values or upholds the standards set out in the Constitution and By-Laws.

Motion: to reword to

b) The Executive shall have the power to suspend or discipline any member or service connected with the Association that does not promote the Association’s values, ***code of conduct*** or upholds the standards set out in the Constitution and By-Laws.

(Including our new code of conduct) **-**CARRIED

## Article 7 – Duties of the Board of Directors

### Director of Communications & Public Relations

The Director of Communications & PR shall:

1. Be responsible for all SMGHA publicity and related correspondence
2. Be responsible for the publication of the SMGHA Starlite Newsletter
3. Liaise with the SMGHA Web service provider to ensure currency and provide guidance on web site layout.
4. When necessary negotiate fees or costs and bring proposals to the Executive for approval to proceed.

*M****otion : to reword to***

The Director of Communications & PR shall:

1. Be responsible for all SMGHA publicity and related correspondence
2. Be responsible for the promotion of the association and boost membership across all divisions

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1. Be responsible for creating and managing a communication strategy through social media and website content that attracts new members to promote growth and engages with existing members to create a sense of community
2. Liaise with the SMGHA Web service provider to ensure currency and provide guidance on web site layout.
3. When necessary negotiate fees or costs and bring proposals to the Executive for approval to proceed.

 **-**CARRIED

***Article 7 – Duties of the Board of Directors***

*M****otion : to insert***

### Chair of Disciplinary Committee

1. Select up to 2 other members of the Disciplinary Committee that are either on the Executive or members in good standing with no prior disciplinary action against them and well respected within the SMGHA community
2. Co-ordinate and lead the Committee by scheduling and chairing meetings and managing disciplinary and complaint process
3. Identifying conflict of interest with Disciplinary members if applicable and selecting alternative members depending on the circumstances surrounding the incident
4. Seek out members that have mediation or conflict resolution experience or prior experience with disciplinary committees to form the committee

### Chair of Coach Selection Committee:

1. Select members to be on Committee prior to interviews
2. Members can be an executive, coaches (either current or former) who are not up for a team, managers, trainers, etc.
3. Ensure members are declaring conflict of interest as this is mandatory for coach selection committee
4. Select alternative members where needed should a current member have a conflict of interest for a division or otherwise

(Add the 2 new Committee chairs) **-**CARRIED

## Article 8 – Annual General Meeting Process and Procedures

d) An election of open Executive and other positions shall be conducted at the AGM.

Motion to reword to Page 5

d) An election of open Executive and other positions shall be conducted at the AGM. Candidates cannot have a daughter registered with another OWHA Girls Hockey Association

(to ensure no possible conflict of interest) -CARRIED

## Article 8 – Annual General Meeting Process and Procedures

j) To be eligible to run for President, the individual must have served at least one full term (2 years) on the Executive in the past two terms

 *M****otion : to reword to***

* 1. ***To be eligible to run for: President, 1st Vice President, Treasurer, Registrar, Ice Scheduler positions the individual must have served at least one year on the Executive in the past term.***

 ***(the same as LLFHL and OWHA constitutions )*** - CARRIED

***By-Laws***

## By-Law 1 – Residency

1. To allow for an appropriate balance of competitiveness and local development, the SMGHA has implemented a residency requirement for all Rep teams.
2. It should be noted that our ice allocation is directly tied to the number of residents that we have in the SMGHA.
3. ***Any exceedance must be approved by the executive prior to securing and finalizing the team roster***

**Note:** A resident is defined as a player who currently resides at or can provide satisfactory evidence to the Executive of intent to reside at an address located in Whitchurch-Stouffville, Markham, Unionville**, *Claremont, Mount Albert, Goodwood, Richmond Hill***or Thornhill.

***Motion: To add the items in bold italic***

(to further clarify our residency boundary’s) - CARRIED

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1. **Nominations for Executive Positions for 2019/2020 Season**

**All Positions Open for Nominations**

Secretary - Russ May, nominated by John Wilson – CARRIED

1st Vice President Rep and LLFHL Liasion - Dave Fearn, nominated by Heather Risi – CARRIED

2nd Vice President Rep – Stars Clothing - Heather Risi, nominated by Dave Fearn – CARRIED

Timekeeper Scheduler (1 yr term) - Russ May, nominated by John Wilson – CARRIED

Vice President House League - Andrew McCurrie, nominated by John Wilson – CARRIED

Director Of House League - Pete Morra to work with Andrew McCurrie to find someone to do the off ice duties.

Director Of Communications - Heather Risi, nominated by John Wilson. Heather will help but does not want the title of Director of Communications.

Midget Rep Convenor - Dave Fearn, nominated by John Wilson - CARRIED

Bantam Rep Convenor - Scott Tayor, nominated by John Wilson - CARRIED

Peewee Rep Convenor - Troy Whitten, nominated by Scott Taylor - CARRIED

Atom & Novice Rep Convenor - T.B.D.

3 Directors with no portfolio - Sara Folkes, Gabriela Ramer, Georgina Bogias - CARRIED

**Returning executive positions for 2019**

President (2 yr term) John Wilson

Treasurer (2 yr term) Dianne White

Registrar (2 yr term) Dianne White

Ice Scheduler (2 yr term) Dianne White

Referee-in-Chief (2 yr term) John Wilson

Coach Mentor (2 yr term) Ron Kapuscinski

Past President Dianne White

Directors with no Portfolio (2 yr term) Peter Morra

 John Renzetti

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