



## Wasaga Beach Minor Hockey Association

April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Remax Room, Wasaga Stars Arena

Annual General Meeting Minutes

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	
<b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the Annual General Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Wasaga Beach Minor Hockey Association is in session at 10:10 am.	
<b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>	
<b>Moved by:</b> Cam Scott <b>Second By:</b> Jeff Duncan <b>Discussion:</b> Nil <b>Motion: CARRIED</b> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda of the meeting of April 28th, 2024 of the Wasaga Beach Minor Hockey Association Annual General Meeting was approved.	
<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>	from 2022/23 AGM meeting
<b>Moved by:</b> Jeff Duncan <b>Second by:</b> Donnie Bishop <b>Discussion:</b> Nil <b>Motion: CARRIED</b> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes from the 2022/23 Annual General Meeting of the Wasaga Beach Minor Hockey Association were approved.	
<b>REPORTS</b>	
<b>President's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- President Heather Gibson thanked everyone for taking time to attend and participate. Great turn out.</li> <li>- Thank you to all of our sponsors. Sponsors are our largest single financial contribution so we should support the local businesses that support minor hockey.</li> <li>- Very proud of all of our successes this year; Fill-a-Helmet, Jamborees, Silver Stick, All Star Weekend.</li> <li>- Special shout out to the U11 Rep team -placed 3rd at International Silver Stick finals and U13LL for also securing a spot at the Silver Stick finals. This shows that WBMHA is competitive.</li> <li>- Year end awards banquet last weekend- recognize Coach of the Year: Bob Pozzebon. Congratulations Bob.</li> <li>- Another success this year was the association's support for the fundraiser coordinated by some of our members for Sherri Bishop. This was not an association event, but there was so much support given by our generous members. Thank you.</li> <li>- New arena; great events and grand opening. Thank you to the Town of Wasaga Beach and Jason Arnott. Jason wanted all of the funds from the Alumni event to support minor hockey.</li> <li>- Amalgamation discussion; put on hold this year as there were other issues that were a priority. Given all of the changes and lack of volunteers on the executive, we had to prioritize our time. Only 8 volunteers out of 12 positions. We need more people to step up on the executive as well as throughout the year.</li> <li>- I will not be returning for the next season, I have learned a lot, thank you.</li> </ul>	
<b>Registrar Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Erin Pozzebon presented the Registrars Report; 209 players registered from U5-U21.</li> <li>- Registration fees were the same as the year before.</li> <li>- Added the U21 team this year. 20 players from Wasaga, Clearview &amp; Elmvale.</li> </ul>	

- Registration numbers fluctuate for several reasons; a recent higher level of hockey being offered in Collingwood (90% of their NRP's went to Wasaga players). AAA/AA/A movement as well.
- Future planning ways to increase membership- 6-week try hockey program, possibly bringing back the \$50 chips program or a discount for U7 Wasaga Beach residents.

#### **Discussion**

- Nil

**Moved By:** Shelby Wyville

**Seconded By:** Louise Coker

**Motion: CARRIED, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Registrar's Report has been approved.

#### **Coach Liaison Report**

- Heather Gibson provided the report as Craig Underwood was unable to attend the meeting, but he wanted to make sure to thank all of the coaches for stepping up this year.
- Moving forward, we would like to apply a more standardized approach to recruitment of coaching volunteers. It is more than just knowing about hockey; handling conflict, managing different personalities (youth/parents), and being able to work well with others.

#### **Discussion**

- How are coach evaluations tracked? Online management system, prepares a spreadsheet.
- In the past, the coach interview process also involved a couple of people who were not members of the association, was that the same process as this year? Yes. There was a panel of interviewers, not all were members of the association.

**Moved By:** Kyle Coker

**Seconded By:** Jennifer Richard

**Motion: CARRIED, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Coach Liaison Report has been approved.

#### **Referee Report**

- Ryan Thompson provided the report. When he took on this role he thought there were more referees. It is very expensive to bring refs in from other areas.
- Overall he has had a positive experience and feels that all of the refs are very neutral and he feels they all speak positively of the Wasaga Beach coaches. Thank you all for being so great this year.
- We need referees, please have interested individuals reach out to express interest. Currently there is an incentive to provide new individuals with a free referee sweater.

#### **Discussion**

- How old do you have to be? Minimum age is 14. Those youth can ref up to U11 division. Training is provided by OMHA. Usually there is a course run in Stayner at the end of October each year. If there is enough interest Ryan will advocate for a training in Wasaga.
- Ryan has done a great job building relationships this past year, thank you.
- Is it possible to have 1st year refs identified with an arm band or something similar? This is up to OMHA.
- How much was spent on referees this year? Approximately \$14,000.

**Moved By:** Rebecca Terry

**Seconded By:** Chris Underwood

**Motion: CARRIED, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Referee's Report has been approved.

#### **Equipment Manager's Report**

- The Equipment Manager report was provided by Rick Collins. Please return your jerseys if you have not already. Sponsor bars should be neatly placed in the front pocket. Return First Aid kits, extra pucks, etc. Return name bars to the players.
- Rick acknowledged that he will not be on the board next year but will assist the new manager with

the transition.

- Lots of socks, both with and without logo. Sourcing out a dry cleaner that may be able to assist or sponsor dry cleaning jerseys at year end.

#### **Discussion**

- Nil

**Moved By:** Jeff Duncan

**Seconded By:** Matt Paine

**Motion: CARRIED, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Equipment Manager Report has been approved.

- Heather Gibson announced that the association would like to recognize Rick for his many years of dedication to WBMHA- 15 years on the board. The WBMHA gifted Rick with purchasing him a seat in the new arena. Thank you Rick, you will be missed.

#### **OMHA & Local League Reports**

- Brighty Risk provided the reports for both OMHA & LL. Change in dressing room policy will continue as it is, no changes.
- OHF will be handling the Vulnerable Sector Screens for all on-ice officials- if they do not have it, you will not be permitted on ice.
- Region 5 (Rep Division) plans on amalgamating but no changes yet.
- LL will be utilizing a reseed mid year to level out the teams, in addition to the end of season. This is new for LL.
- Each division has a Hockey Canada Pathway to assist with the development of the players. Coaches should be using this to plan their skill training.
- Very successful U7 and U8 Jamborees.
- Bid for All Star- both Local League and Rep. Successful in being awarded both. Great turnout. 360 youth were involved in the weekend.
- Been busy chasing for Birth Certificates and proof of residency documents -please make sure these are up-to-date online.
- Handing out NRP's and PTS's as they come in. PTS is no longer needed for tryouts with junior teams.

#### **Discussion**

- Questions about the amalgamation process and who WBMHA would possibly amalgamate with. More conversations need to be had. Elmvale declined amalgamation with WB and then their membership voted down their amalgamation with Midland.
- Please note that this is actually 2 separate positions, Brighty was carrying both. Moving forward would prefer to have one person for each position.

**Moved By:** Mike Berry

**Seconded By:** Marc Petitpas

**Motion: CARRIED, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the OMHA and Local League Reports have been approved.

#### **Parent Representative Report**

- Ashley Eby provided the report. Ashley stated this was her first year in this position, there was a learning curve. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who signed up to help out. Thank you to the Team Managers who helped pass along the information throughout the season.

#### **Discussion**

- Is it possible to get emails from the association rather than rely on Team Managers to pass along information? Current platform crashes when distributing mass emails. Need to fix this issue.
- Platform used for volunteer sign-up was wonderful- worked so well. Easy to use and great for tracking hours. It was also free to use.

**Moved By:** Cam Stott

**Seconded By:** Tony Markic

**Motion: CARRIED, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Parent Representative Report has been approved.

**Fundraising & Sponsorship Report**

- Kara Vickrey provided the fundraising report. Many accomplishments this year, big thank you to all of the volunteers who stepped up to help out. The association did not have a major fundraiser this year, rather we were able to capitalize on opportunities for the opening of the new arena.
- Poll the membership with regards to preference for fundraising initiative- participate in a fundraising activity or pay a fundraising fee per player upon registration. Many members wanted more information and discussion. Poll was disregarded.
- Next year teams participating in fundraising activities will not be allowed to do raffles or lottery type draws without first obtaining a lottery license from the town.

**Discussion**

- Nil

**Moved By:** Stefanie Thorne

**Seconded By:** Louise Coker

**Motion: CARRIED, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Fundraising & Sponsorship Report has been approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Treasurer's report provided by Katie Duncan and Heather Gibson. Several large cheques are still waiting to be deducted from accounts payable.
- Need to reinvest in GIC's or similar product, to plan for acquisition of new jerseys when needed. Possibly needed in approximately 8 years.
- Many costs involved in the move to the new arena that were not anticipated, such as the secure box installed to house/charge the game iPads. Will also need to purchase storage shelves for the WBMHA storage room.
- Ice time costs will increase next year. The town is using a stepped approach to raising the fees for ice rental. WBMHA currently receives a 20% discount.
- We are looking at a net profit of approximately \$10,000.

**Discussion**

- This report is not up to date. An up-to-date report will be provided to the members soon. Please stay tuned. Motion and vote to accept this report was not made due to having an incorrect financial statement.

**Silver Stick Report**

- Silver Stick report provided by Brighty Risk. Thank you to everyone who stepped up to make our Silver Stick tournaments happen. We had 4 tournaments/age groups in the old arena.
- This was our 50th anniversary of hosting Silver Stick, we were awarded a commemorative plaque. The Silver Stick association is very impressed with WBMHA.
- The town has committed to fund the registration fees for all Wasaga teams who make it to the final tournament. Thank you to member Jodi Petitpas for her presentation to the town council.
- We have applied for permission to increase the number of participating teams for next year, still waiting on approval.

**Discussion**

- Nil

**Moved By:** Annick Bezeau

**Seconded By:** Glenda Frazer

**Motion: CARRIED, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Silver Stick Report has been approved.

**Bylaw Review**

- Notice- typo in Article 3- need to add Ontario to the point naming the Hockey Federation.

- Notice- typo in Article 7.2 c) no proxies
- Notice- typo in Article 11.1 Fiscal year terminates April 30
- Main points of change include: creating structure more in line with the Not-for-Profit Act, Hockey Canada, Ontario Hockey Federation, OMHA, Georgian Bay Minor Hockey and Region 5. One vote per family rather than per player registered. Increase the Board of Directors to 19 roles (7 are non-voting) voted in at the AGM by the membership. Voting quorum at 10% of membership- 21 people needed as of today.

#### **Discussion**

- Was this reviewed by a lawyer? No
- Will this replace the Rules of Operation? Where are the policies to support this Bylaw? The ROO's will discontinue. Policies have already been written that support this new Bylaw, but first we have to put this Bylaw into effect, then we can introduce the supporting policies.

**Moved By:** Matt Paine

**Seconded By:** Jeff Duncan

**Motion: CARRIED**, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the new Bylaw for the WBMHA has been approved by the general membership

#### **Elections**

#### **Discussion**

- Motion to start the elections process in the reverse order than is currently presented (start with President, VP first rather than last).

**Moved By:** Stefanie Thorne

**Seconded By:** Tanya Graver

**Motion: CARRIED**

#### **Wasaga Beach Minor Hockey Board of Directors 2024-25**

#### **VOTING MEMBERS**

**President** - Erin Pozzebon

**Vice President** - Kara Vickrey

**Director of Risk Management/Trainer/Diversity & Inclusivity** - Erin Beresford

**Treasurer** - Laura Risk

**Director of Registration** - Katie Duncan

**Director of Representative** - Brighty Risk

**Director of Local League** - Tanya Graver

**Director of Fundraising & Sponsorship** - Jodi Petitpas

**Secretary** - Andrea Adam

**Director of Head Coach Liaison** - Paul Crowder

**Director of Equipment** - Marc Petitpas

**Director for Parent Representative** - Ashley Eby

#### **NON-VOTING MEMBERS**

**Director of Officials** - Ryan Thompson

**Director of U7 Development** - Chris Underwood

**Director of Silver Stick** - Brighty Risk

**Director of Social Media** - Stefanie Thorne

**Director at Large** - Tony Markic

**Director of Food & Beverage** - AVAILABLE

**Past President** - Heather Gibson

AJOURNMENT	2:05 pm
<b>Moved by:</b> Rick Collins <b>Motion: CARRIED</b>	