
**East Lambton Minor Hockey
Annual General Meeting
June 22, 2022
Watford Arena**



- 1.0 Call to Order - 7:33pm
- 2.0 Approval of Agenda (Martina Jackson/Shawn McPherson) Carried.
- 3.0 Approval of Previous AGM Minutes (Pete Van Gorp/Brad Coon) Carried.
- 4.0 League Reports from Association Activities this Past Year

- 4.1 Treasurers Report

Note: Financial report will be posted online with these AGM minutes.

Motion to approve the financial report (Tim Lehrbass/Kyle Chisholm) Carried

- 4.2 OMHA/ Shamrock

U-9: Lost in the finals of year-end league tournament that we hosted.
U-11: Qualified for OMHA year-end tournament in Barrie, lost in quarters.
U-13A/E: Qualified for OMHA year-end tournament in Windsor, lost in quarters.
U-13: Qualified for OMHA year-end tournament in Barrie, lost in semi-finals.
U-15 A/E: Won their division in league play.
U-15: Lost out in their qualifying series for OMHA tournament.
U-18: Lost out in the qualifying round robin for OMHA tournament.

- 4.3 LMLL – the league began the season, planning not to reseed team at any point, but rather play all teams all year, even though ELMHA and others advocated otherwise. By Christmas the seeding approach was voted to return. Next season will be organized in East and West (of London) categories to begin the season and then a seeding will take place. No new rules.

- 5.0 Planned Activities of the Association

- goalie clinics
- Skill development will resume, including hitting clinics for older players
- 3 Silver Stick tournaments
- Mighty Mite Day
- Minor Hockey Day (organized by Hockey Moms)
- possible U-9 year-end tournament
- if members have other suggestions, please reach out to a board member

- 6.0 New Business

- 6.1 Select two scrutineers for the ELMHA Board election process

- Steve Straatman, Danielle Bryce

6.2 Fundraising –

- the board is considering merging the two events of Cash Calendars and Elimination Dance
- this would allow for one event to plan with larger cash amounts
- no Cornfest Dance planned by ELMHA this year
- a member suggested that the Cash Calendar market may be saturated
- \$250 fundraising amount to continue
- the board requested fundraising suggestions from the membership at this meeting; the board will continue to receive fundraising suggestions from the membership

6.3 Armstrong Foundation Update

- vision/mandate of the Armstrong Foundation is to promote youth involvement in Minor Hockey
- coach and trainer courses still covered
- \$200 per team tournament funds
- first year of registration reimbursed
- ½ rate of goalie registration reimbursed
- Hockey development reimbursed, up to \$100
- If anyone has suggestions, please bring the ideas to the committee for consideration

6.4 Registration reminder – Registration open, July 6 late fee

6.5 Volunteer Credits –

- each family needs to complete 3 volunteer shifts otherwise their \$300 volunteer cheques will be cashed.
- each family is required to complete one shift at one of our Silver Stick tournaments
- these events allow us to keep registration lower

6.6 Equipment Update

- ELMHA is currently exploring pricing on new jerseys, as we are considering replacing a couple sets at a time over the next few years
- we would start with the worst ones first
- we believe the Armstrong foundation paid for the original jerseys
- socks have or will be given to players for their first year; replacements when worn out or grown out can be purchased
- a member advocated for larger goalie jerseys
- a member suggested that ordering only a couple sets at a time can lead to a lot of questioning for those that must wait.
- feedback from the membership that younger groups had too small of socks; for one team they only fit about 3 players

6.7 Posting of Board Minutes Online

- minutes are well documented, a concern has been expressed that the minutes are not consistently posted online in a timely manner, with sometimes several months passing before posting
- the secretary suggested that Action Items are well tracked within the meeting minutes and that the posting of the meeting minutes each month will be added as a standing action item to encourage regular posting of the monthly meeting minutes
- members are encouraged to contact any board member, any time throughout the season, if minutes have not been posted in a timely manner.

6.8 Bantam AE 2021-2022 Concern

- a concern was brought to the board's attention, after the season concluded, that consideration needs to be given that players whom do not wish to participate in hit hockey, have a place to play, and ELMHA did not provide that option to our players at the U-15 level this year.

- it was shared that the board was approached by the coaches, representing the parents and players, prior to this decision. A thorough discussion about the potential pros and cons and challenges was explored prior to making this decision.
- the President expressed to the membership that this concern of providing players a no-hit option would be taken forward when determining team placements

6.9 ELMHA Banquet 2022 – Location Concerns

- a concern was shared that the Banquet location was posted to be outdoors at the pavilion and then switched to indoors at the hall.
- the President explained that this was simply an error in the original posting, and the webmaster make the correction in a reasonable amount of time to inform the membership.

7.0 Election of the Board

It was announced that the following board members are concluding their two-year terms:

Adam MacKellar
Julie Hayter
Marty Swan
Sarah McLean
Brad Blain
Steve Minten
Julie Aarts

It was then announced that Marty Swan is stepping down. This was Marty's second go as an ELMHA board member. He was also part of the original group that facilitated our amalgamation. Marty is our longest standing board member. The President offered his appreciation on behalf of ELMHA for the many contributions Marty has made to our organization over the years.

All other board members on this list expressed interest in continuing for another two-year term.

Motion (Shawn McPherson/Steve Straatman) was made to re-elect Adam MacKellar, Julie Hayter, Sarah McLean, Brad Blain, Steve Minten, and Julie Aarts for an additional two-year term. Carried.

Three members were nominated for the open board position:

1. Tim Lehrbass (accepted nomination)
2. Greg Kustermans (accepted nomination)
3. Danielle van (accepted nomination)

Nominations closed.

Danielle Bryce announced Tim Lehrbass as the successful candidate.

8.0 Adjournment - 8:20 (Pete van Gorp/Danielle Bryce) Carried.