

WHITBY GIRLS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
May 29th, 2013 – ABILITIES CENTRE, WHITBY

Executive Attendance:

Pattie Paling, *President*
Dave Martin, *1st VP Hockey Operations/*
Jason Hunt, *2nd VP House League Director*
Russ Winters, *Jr. House League Director*
Kevin Schram, *Coach and Player Development*
Nicole Kenyon, *Registrar*
Nancy Cable, *Treasurer*
Melissa Thompson, *3rd VP/Admin Assistant*
Patrick Birrell, *Equipment Director*
Sonya Schram, *Tournament Director*
Brian Mikkelsen, *Ice Scheduler*
Pat Brown, *Referee in Chief*
Jonathan Beam, *PR Director*
Lou Kyron, *Sponsorship Director*

Regrets:

Kristy Robichaud, *Clothing Director*

Special Guest:

George Meek, *Parliamentarian*
Teresa Muto, *Regional Director, Central East, OWHA*
Bill Williamson, *Second Vice Chairperson, OWHA*

1. Welcome and Introductions

Pattie Paling, President called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. and initiated Executive introductions.

2. Guidelines

George Meek, Parliamentarian reviewed the guidelines for the meeting and provided a brief overview of his background as a Parliamentarian. Mr. Meek also stated that the rules of order exist to facilitate the debate, and to ensure issues are dealt with in a fair and professional manner, and reminded those present that cell phones are not permitted during the meeting.

3. Acceptance of Minutes of AGM 2012

Moved by Daniella Del Zada, **Seconded** by Patti Paling

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2012 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Before the meeting continued, Maria Brooks requested a change to the agenda format. She requested Item 5, Amendments to the Constitution be moved up to item 4 on the agenda. The parliamentarian put the request to a motion.

Motion: To move Item 5, on the Agenda, Amendment to the Constitution up to Item 4

Moved by Maria Brooks, **Seconded** by Paul Brooks

CARRIED

4. Amendments to the Constitution

George Meek reviewed each proposed change and reminded the members that amendments needed 2/3rds of the votes to be carried or defeated.

1. Constitution: Section 1.05, Executive Council: C) Treasurer

"The Treasurer shall have a recognized accounting designation (C.A., C.G.A., or C.M.A.) or on an interim basis as needed due to a vacancy of the position, will have an equivalent related experience possessing a demonstrated ability to maintain the financial records and transactions for the Association"

Motion: To Change the current passage to read the proposed change.

Moved by Lou Kyron, **Seconded** by Pat Birrell

CARRIED

2. Constitution: Section 1.06, Duties of the Executive Council: F) Registrar

"Coordinate with the Tournament Director online registration for all WGHA sanctioned tournaments"

Motion: To remove the noted sentence.

Moved by Sonya Schram, **Seconded** by Melissa Thompson

CARRIED

3. Constitution: Section 1.06, Duties of the Executive Council: M) Tournament Director

"Shall submit to council a budget, for the upcoming season, which upon arrival will be incorporated into the cost per player for the new season"

Motion: To remove the noted sentence.

Moved by Sonya Schram, **Seconded** by Pat Birrell

CARRIED

4. Constitution: Section 1.05, Executive Council Section (M)

Addition – *"DIRECTOR of COACH and PLAYER DEVELOPMENT, GM HOCKEY OPERATIONS and PRESIDENT will strike a committee to select coaches for the upcoming season. In selecting these coaches, these executive positions will not be involved in the appointment of coaches when it falls into his/her own jurisdiction, or in the case of a coach application be the aforementioned Executive positions. Any elected WGHA Executive member can sit in on coach selection as a witness to insure fair and equal treatment of all applicants"*

The members met this change with questions and concerns. Discussion ensued. Maria Brooks inquired if the Executive had prior knowledge of her proposed change to the Constitution (item # on the amendment change on the Agenda), as it was a direct contradiction to her proposed change. Patti Paling advised that the executive had no prior knowledge of her proposal and this change was already being considered as a housekeeping measure. Ms. Brooks felt strongly that this proposed change was a conflict of interest. A heated discussion ensued. Some concerns mentioned involved the matrix, conflicts of interest with the executive and Bias. It was noted that after discussion a few members of the Executive did not support the addition. George Meek put the requested addition to a motion.

Motion: To include the addition to section 1:05, Executive Council Section (M).

Moved by Patti Paling, **Seconded** by Sonya Schram

MOTION FAILS

5. Constitution: Section 1.05, Executive Council: (F)

Addition – *"The Executive Council has the power to appoint replacements for any member of the Executive Council who resigns during their term of office or is neglectful of their duties"*

Motion: To include the addition as presented.

Moved by Patti Paling, **Seconded** by Dave Martin

WITHDRAWN

6. Constitution: Section 1.10, Nominations

Remove – *“if no nomination is received 30 days prior to the AGM, then nominations will be taken from the floor”*

Motion: To remove the noted sentence.

Moved by Patti Paling, **Seconded** by Dave Martin

DEFEATED

7. Constitution: Section 1.11, Amendments

Change – *“Notice of any proposed alteration or amendment must be submitted to the 3rd VP/Administrative Assistant of the WGHA in writing no later than 60 days prior to the Annual General Meeting”*

Discussion ensued. Members were in agreement with the change, however, there were concerns that if the change was made to 60 days as the Executive suggested, and that it would interfere with the hockey schedules. Patti Paling noted that if the Executive moved to 60 days the AGM would have to be moved into June in order to prevent interference with the hockey schedules. The members were in support of the suggested amendment and amending to include moving the AGM to June. The Parliamentarian, George Meek, disallowed any amendments to the constitution change that was presented.

Motion: To make the change as presented.

Moved by Dave Martin, **Seconded** by Pat Birrell

MOTION FAILS

8. Constitution: Section 1.05, Executive Council (M)

Change submitted by Maria Brooks – *“The Executive Council shall appoint coach selection committee each year for the purpose of representative coach selections. The President, 1st VP/GM Hockey Operations, and Director of Coach and Player Development shall sit on the coach selection committee. The Executive Council may appoint additional individuals to sit on the coach selection committee. The President, 1st VP/GM Hockey Operations and Director of Coach and Player Development are not eligible to apply for or hold a head coach position. To be eligible they must have resigned from their position on the Executive Council before submitting their application”*

Discussion ensued. Ms. Brooks believes there is a conflict of issue that this change would address. Ms. Paling noted that by limiting the Executive it could be detrimental to the organization. (**Other issues were brought forward but have been moved to Other Business, as it was not a part of the proposed amendment change**)

Motion: To make the change as submitted.

Moved by Maria Brooks, **Seconded** by Paul Brooks

MOTION FAILS

9. By-laws: Non-Resident Rep Protocol 3.3, Registration and Player Placement

Change – *“3.3.13 All players registered in the WGHA for the 2006/2007 hockey season are deemed a resident for the purpose of registration for the coming 2007/2008 season. All new non-resident players registering in the WGHA for the 2007/2008 season will be placed on a 3 (three) year residency term, where in their 3rd consecutive season they will be deemed a Whitby resident for the purpose of the WGHA”*

Note – it is a written addition to reinforce what was already in place

Motion: To make the proposed change.

Moved by Nicole Kenyon, **Seconded** by Melissa Thompson

CARRIED

10. Housekeeping items

By-laws: Non-Resident Rep Protocol 3.3, Registration and Player Placement

3.3.8: Change – *“the ideal coaching staff will consist of a coach, two or **three** assistant coaches and a trainer. It is **mandatory** that a trainer of each coaching staff be female”*

Motion: to make the change as presented

Moved by Melissa Thompson, **Seconded** by Dave Martin

CARRIED

Representative Team Rules

3.3.5: Change – *“WGHA Representative team players will not play in the WGHA House League Program”*

Motion: To make the change as presented

Moved by Dave Martin, **Seconded** by Patti Paling

CARRIED

Representative Team Rules

3.3.18: Change – *“Representative team exhibition games with boys’ teams and leagues not sanctioned with the OWHA must receive approval from the 1st VP/Representative Director and the OWHA (48 hours minimum notice must be given)”*

Motion: to make the change as presented.

Moved by Dave Martin, **Seconded** by Patti Paling

CARRIED

Representative Team Rules

3.3.19 Change - *“Jerseys are purchased and maintained by players. The WGHA Executive has implemented a 3-year mandatory purchase cycle to ensure that all jerseys are kept in uniform and good shape. This means that every third year (starting 2008/09 season) all players must purchase a new jersey not matter how old their current jersey is”*

Motion: to make the change as presented

Moved by Pat Birrell, **Seconded** by Patti Paling

CARRIED

3.5.21: Change – *“sponsor names may be used on representative team sweaters as well as the player’s names **BUT** these **MUST** be affixed using SPONSOR BARS and are only after approval of the WGHA and must be done by an approved supplier”*

Motion: to make the change as presented.

Moved by Dave Martin, **Seconded** by Patti Paling

CARRIED

3.6.13: Change - *“The game sheet is to be forwarded within 24hrs to the 1st VP/GM Hockey Operations for any further disciplinary action and/or hearing”*

Motion: to make the change as presented.

Moved by Dave Martin, **Seconded** by Sonya Schram

CARRIED

Suspensions: 3.6.1: Change – *“OWHA protest rules will apply as outlines in the CHA Rule Book, with the exception of the following: WGHA will establish a Discipline Committee to deal with all discipline issues as they occur under the Chairperson of the Referee-in-Chief, consisting of the President, 2nd VP/House League Director, the 1st VP/GM Hockey Operations and/or Director of Coach and Player Development”*

Motion: To make the change as presented.

Moved by Dave Martin, **Seconded** by Patti Paling

CARRIED

3.10.5: Add – *“All team officials participating in on ice activities MUST wear a properly fastened CSA approved hockey helmet. Trainers or other team officials attending an injured player are considered exempt from this rule”*

Motion: To make the change as presented.

Moved by Dave Martin, **Seconded** by Patti Paling

CARRIED

5. Nominations and Elections for 2008/2009 Positions

The following positions were filled by acclamation:

- President – Melissa Thompson
- 2nd VP House League Director – Jason Hunt
- Treasurer – Nancy Cable
- PR Director – Jonathan Beam
- Tournament Director – Sonya Schram
- 1st House League Director – Russ Winters
- Equipment Director – Patrick Birrell
- Coach and Player Development - Sh Hill

Ms. Paling noted that the following positions have remaining terms of office:

- 1st VP, Director of Hockey Operations – Dave Martin
- 3rd VP Administration Assistant – Melissa Thompson
- Registrar – Nicole Kenyon
- Referee In Chief – Pat Brown
- Jr. House League Director – Russ Winters
- Director – Lou Kyron Sponsorship
- Ice Scheduler – Brian Mikkelsen
- Clothing Director – Kristie Robichaud

Ms. Paling invited the nominees for Clothing Director, Geraldine Arseneau, Lisette Stapley, and Melanie Wilde, to present their speeches. By a secret ballot. Ballots were collected for counting.

6. Financial Statements

Due to time constraints, this item was struck from the agenda and the report will be posted on the website.

7. Financial Statements & Appointment of Accounting firm for 2013/2014

Moved by Melissa Thompson, **Seconded** by all in favor

That the Executive appoints the firm of Arden VanderHorst Professional Corporation as the accountant for the 2013/2014 season.

CARRIED

8. Executive Council Reports

Due to time constraints to the Building, Melissa Thompson advised that the reports will be posted on the website and any questions or concerns can be sent directly to the Executive.

9. New Business

Items moved to new business:

Discussion regarding cyber bullying brought forward during amendment discussion. Some members felt the disciplinary action was unfair, as the two individuals engaged in the bullying did not receive equal punishment. One had a 1 game suspension and the other had a one period suspension. Danielle Del

Zada noted the cyber bullying offences were different. The Player with the longer suspension made death threats and the other player did not.

Beth McCarthy inquired if there was a written conflict of interest policy. Patti Paling advised there was no written policy.

10. Questions from the floor

Struck from the agenda due to time constraints.

11. Thank you and Adjournment

George Meek officially adjourned the meeting at 9:30, however, advised the members that the announcement of Clothing Director would be made in the parking lot, as the Association have been advised that the building was now closed and must vacate immediately.

The Executive moved to the parking lot and the votes for Clothing Director were counted. Lisette Stapely acclaimed as Clothing Director. Meeting closed at 9:45.