

**Whitby Girls Hockey Association  
Annual General Meeting  
Wednesday May 29, 2019**

**Present:**

<i>Tyler Barnett</i>	<i>President</i>
<i>Craig Vallbacka</i>	<i>Director of Sponsorship</i>
<i>Steve Donegan</i>	<i>Director of Coach and Player Development</i>
<i>Jamie Heath</i>	<i>Director of Clothing</i>
<i>Pat Brown</i>	<i>Referee in Chief</i>
<i>Heather Paterson</i>	<i>Executive Secretary</i>
<i>John Bridgeman</i>	<i>Director of Equipment</i>
<i>Rob Prior</i>	<i>Ice Scheduler</i>
<i>Saskia Richards</i>	<i>Director of Tournaments</i>
<i>Mike Basque</i>	<i>Junior house League Director</i>
<i>Karen Markwart</i>	<i>Registrar</i>

**Absent:**

<i>Denise McKinnon</i>	<i>1nd VP House League Director</i>
<i>Mike Watters</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> VP Hockey Operations</i>

**Guests:**

<i>Don MacIntyre</i>	<i>Auditor, Hurren Sinclair MacIntyre CPA</i>
<i>Nancy Cable</i>	<i>Bookkeeper</i>
<i>Nicole Bush</i>	<i>Recording Secretary</i>

**Call to order**

Tyler Barnett called the meeting to order at 7:30. Mr. Barnett introduced the head table. He requested that the secretary, Heather Paterson review the guidelines for the meeting. Heather Paterson noted that in the past the Association used a Parliamentarian, however, it was proving difficult to locate one. The meeting will follow the Roberts Rules of Order.

**NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS 2018/2019 POSITIONS**

Tyler Barnett noted that there were two open positions on the Executive; Treasurer, which requires a professional designation, and Director of Public Relations. No nominations were submitted or raised from the floor. The positions remain open.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Tyler Barnett introduced the Auditor, Don MacIntyre, who would be presenting the Audited Statements for the year ending March 31, 2019. He reported a clean opinion. He reported a \$72,766 surplus. He reported a 1% increase in revenue. He noted the books were in good condition with proper authorizations over disbursements. He opened the floor to questions. No questions were presented. Don MacIntyre thanked the Executive and the membership for allowing him to present the financials.

**Motion:** To accept the Financial Statements as presented

**Moved** by Tyler Barnett **Seconded** by Heather Paterson

**CARRIED**

**Motion:** to appoint the Accounting Firm Hurren Sinclair MacIntyre CPA as the accounting firm for the 2019/2020 season

**Moved** by Tyler Barnett **Seconded** by Heather Paterson

**CARRIED**

## **APPROVAL OF THE 2018 AGM MINUTES**

Tyler Barnett noted two errors in the previous minutes; Shane Hill should be replaced with Brad Smart and the date in the motion to accept the previous minutes read 2015

**Motion:** to accept the 2018 AGM Minutes as amended.

**Moved** by Tyler Barnett **Seconded** by Heather Paterson

**CARRIED**

## **WGHA BYLAWS**

There were no By-Laws to review this year.

## **PRESENTATION OF EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

### **President's Report**

Tyler Barnett presented his report. He noted that it was a successful year for the organization. He thanked the volunteers, convenors, coaches, trainers and managers for their dedication. He offered a special thank you to the Executive for their assistance over the past season. Mr. Barnett reported a mandated change to the Novice Division for both House League and Rep as it moved to half ice hockey in the 2019/20 season. He reported a successful Tournament of Heroes with GGTS and the Executive has retained their services for the next two seasons. Mr. Barnett ended his report with special thank you to Louis Kyron for his years of service to the WGHA. Mr. Kyron would not be returning to the WGHA Executive.

### **1<sup>st</sup> VP GM Hockey Operations**

Steve Donegan presented the report in Mike Watters absence. He reported that there 20 rep teams from novice through senior. There were 19 teams representing Whitby in the Lower Lakes Female Hockey League, with four teams earning medals. Blake Prior will be back for a second season for the Provincial Women's Hockey League Junior Wolves. Two medals were received in the OWHA Championship with 14 teams in the final weekend. There were twelve suspensions handed out by the OWHA with nine players and three coaches. He reported there would be 21 rep teams for the 2019/20 season from Novice to Senior. Novice A and B would be in the new Hockey Canada half ice.

### **Director of Coach and Player Development**

Steve Donegan read his report. He reported there were five teams that finished the season first in their respective divisions and a total of ten teams finished in the top three. He reported that tenders were received for player development and the Executive were looking at an organization called Power Edge Pro which they could use in house. He reported there were three coaches attending the High Performance 1 Clinic this coming year and the WGHA is looking to hold their own Coach and D1 clinics. The executive will be looking at new timelines for coaching applications and announcements.

### **House League Report**

Mike Basque read the House League report. He reported that the WGHA iced 39 House League teams from initiation to senior. Players from the older divisions assisted the younger house league division on the bench and ice. The Wednesday night development was well received and resulted in noticeable improvement on the ice. He reported the keys to success of the House League program included; the DS program, Power Skating, Wolfpack, Player of the Game Awards, team breakfast/partied and the annual year end banquet. The new developments allowed the WGHA to compete and to attract and retain members. There was increased interest in volunteering. He thanked house league parents, coaches and staff for a successful season.

### **Secretary**

Heather Paterson thanked the Board for assisting with her transition to the role of secretary. She reported that it was still a struggle to get teams to complete the certification and CRC submissions in a timely manner. There would be new written instructions provided to managers and coaches.

### **Treasurer**

Tyler Barnet read the report that was submitted by Louis Kyron. Mr. Kyron had reported that he had been transforming the treasurer position from accounting to service and advisory. The WGHA would pilot new technologies in the upcoming season to allow portable credit and debit card payments.

### **Director of PR Report**

Heather Paterson read the report. The WGHA launched its Facebook page and currently had 287 followers. An new administrator for the page will be needed. The WGHA had a partnership with Freckle face Jewelry, Trafalgar Castle School and Royal Oak North and South. Trafalgar Castle was very interested in hosting the house league championship party again. There was a successful silent auction for the WGHA tournament.

### **Registrar**

Karen Markwart reported online registrations went smoothly. There were 610 House League Players and 342 Rep Players, with a total of 39 House League teams, five DS teams and 20 Rep teams.

### **Referee in Chief**

Pat Brown read his report. He thanked the Association for a successful season. He reported appropriate action had been taken for any altercations between referee, coaches and trainers. There were no game cancellations due to absent referees. The Referee Clinic will continue in September or early October.

### **Sponsorship Director**

Craig Vallbacka read his report. He reported that contributions help to keep the Organization expenses and fees lower. The WGHA had a long standing relationship with Whitby McDonalds for the Introduction/Tyke Division and Dodge for the Novice Caravan Kids Program. Other sponsors included; Complete Packaging, Cupcake Junkie, OPG, UOIT, Supreme Sports, Play it Again Sports, Hunter's Sports Photography, La Rosa's No Frills, Pro Hickey Life and Trafalgar Castle School. They were expecting the same level of support for the 2019/20 season.

### **Clothing Director**

Jamie Heath presented a brief report. He noted that House League uniforms would be ordered in June. They were exploring options to donate additional unused uniforms to northern communities. The Executive has been considering extending the length of the jersey cycle beyond three years and have reached out to the WMGA for discussion. RFP's would be going out to tender in September. He thanked the Association and the Executive for their support.

### **Equipment Director**

John Bridgeman reviewed his report. Most Goalie equipment had been returned. The summer loan goalie equipment will continue for interested members. House League coach and goalie equipment will continue to be replaced as required. The WGHA will continue to partner with the WMHA for the annual used equipment exchange at McKinney on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019. There has been ongoing discussions to purchase and implement half ice barriers for the initiation/Tyke/Novice divisions. He thanked the association and executive for their support.

### **Ice Scheduler**

Rob Prior presented his report. He reported his second year as ice scheduler had been successful with no issue in scheduling. They did have a few issues with ice slots that were not filled due to too many teams being away at tournaments which will be addressed in the coming season. The Association was looking at designated days for team practices and game days.

### **Tournament Director**

Saskia Richards reviewed her report. She noted that the tournament of heroes continued to be a successful tournament. 123 teams from the US and Ontario participated. They continues a four game minimum and free text messages to mobile devices. This was a profitable year for the Association which allowed them to refund Whitby teams with their registration fee, make a sizeable donation to the Wounded Warriors Foundation and the remainder of the profits will benefit the WGHA Development Fund.

### **Questions from the floor**

There were no questions brought forward

### **New Business**

No new business presented. The executive thanked everyone for attending

### **Thank you and Adjournment**

**Motion:** To adjourn the Annual General meeting at 8:00pm

**Moved** by Tyler Barnett **Seconded** by Heather Paterson

**CARRIED**