

2019 HOCKEY ALBERTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2019
RED DEER COLLEGE

Member Delegates: Edmonton Braves, Airdrie MHA, Alix MHA, Bow Island MHA, Brooks MHA, Calmar MHA, Camrose MHA, Chestermere MHA, Fort McMurray MHA, Fort Saskatchewan MHA, High Country MHA, Hockey Calgary, Hockey Edmonton, Lacombe MHA, Lamont MHA, Lloydminster MHA, Piikani Nation, Red Deer MHA, Redwater MHA, Sherwood Park MHA, Spruce Grove MHA, St. Albert MHA, Stony Plain MHA, Strathcona MHA, Warburg MHA, Winfield MHA

Volunteers: Terry Engen, Fran Zinger, Rob Virgil, Len Samletzki, Allan Mowbray, Brock Harrington, Michael Bates, Francois Gagnon, Connie Anderson, Michelle Malbeuf, Ed Jessome, Randy Hupka, Jamie Henry, Janet Fairless, Kelly Ullrich, Gerry Johnston, Janice Coulter, Winston Delorme, James Parks, Graham Lewis, Sandra Gaeckle, Earl Reid

Life Members: Ernie Boruk, Vern Paul, Don Gatto, Mac MacLeod, Bob Clark

Staff: Rob Litwinski, Kevin Macrae, Mike Klass, Michelle Skilnick, Brad Lyon, Bryden Burrell, Allison Marriott, Jeremy Haluschak, Kendall Newell, Taryn Baumgardt, Ted Emmett, Kevin Strybosch, Brett Kelly, Drew Dixon, Holly McDavid, Blake Cosgrove, Stacey Pattison, Matt Weninger, Katrina Papke (Recording Secretary)

1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS – Terry Engen

Terry Engen called the meeting to order at 2:08PM, welcoming everyone to the 112th Annual General Meeting and thanked the members for being dedicated volunteers of Hockey Alberta.

Rob Litwinski spoke to the membership, noting that there will be no notices of motion.

Rob Litwinski acknowledged Hockey Alberta's major sponsors and partners for the 2018-2019 season.

Terry Engen paid tribute to the members of the hockey community that have passed away throughout the year, specifically remembering Life Member Doug McKenzie, and Officials Committee Life Member John Jacobs, by observing a moment of silence.

2.0 INTRODUCTIONS OF DIRECTORS AND LIFE MEMBERS – Terry Engen

Terry Engen introduced the Board of Directors and Life Members in attendance, noting the Life Members that are unable to attend.

3.0 PRESENTATION OF THE 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – Terry Engen

3.1 Errors or Omissions

- None Stated

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3.2 Approval of the Minutes

Moved by: High Country MHA

Seconded by: Fort McMurray MHA

That the minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – Terry Engen

Terry Engen identified that there is no official business arising from the minutes.

5.0 REPORT OF DIRECTORS TO MEMBERSHIP – Terry Engen

Terry Engen advised the membership that all reports have been published and were handed out with the AGM delegate packages prior to the meeting. As the report was included in the delegate package, there is no need to read the entire document.

Terry Engen provided highlights of the past year. Hockey Alberta underwent a GST Audit by Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). Len Samletzki will provide details of this under the Audited Financial Statements. Terry Engen thanked RDC for the opportunities that the new facility has offered.

Terry Engen thanked the Hockey Alberta staff and volunteers for all their time and support in the past year.

Rob Litwinski informed the membership that an ad hoc committee was created to review the current membership definition of Hockey Alberta. The work of this committee will be presented later in the agenda under new business. Rob Litwinski reported that Hockey Canada has gone through a big transition in the past few years to become more member driven. The male player registration has decreased this year; female registration has increased. The Intro to Hockey model was mandated this past year and the change management for that is still ongoing. Hockey Alberta has been in the Gary W. Harris Canada Winter Games Centre for a full year now and has seen over 1,200 participants from all over the province.

Rob Litwinski indicated that because of the Every Kid Every Community Program through the Hockey Alberta Foundation, Hockey Alberta has been able to give out grants to all sizes of minor hockey associations (MHA's). Rob Litwinski introduced Tim Leer, Executive Director of the Hockey Alberta Foundation.

Tim Leer introduced the Foundation Board Members, announcing that Dennis Zukiwsky is the new Chair of the Foundation Board. Tim Leer presented the Foundation's vision and mission and stated that through many fundraising activities, the Foundation is able to provide funding to hockey in the province. Tim Leer shared a video about what the Foundation is about. The Hockey Alberta Foundation has provided over 1.3 million in disbursements for player fees and equipment, scholarships, grassroots and mentorship programs since 2004.

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Terry Engen thanked Tim Leer and the Foundation for what they do.

Moved by: Fort Saskatchewan MHA

Seconded by: Airdrie MHA

That the Report to Membership of the 2019 Annual General Meeting be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

6.0 **ROLL CALL OF VOTING DELEGATES – Rob Litwinski**

Rob Litwinski proceeded with the roll call for the 112th Annual General Meeting. Rob Litwinski reported that of the members in attendance, there is one vote in Junior A, B and C, no votes in the Senior division, and 170 votes in Minor Hockey, for a total of 171 votes present. No errors or omissions were stated.

Moved by: Piikani MHA

Seconded by: Sherwood Park MHA

That the listing of voting delegates be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

7.0 **REPORTING OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Len Samletzki**

Len Samletzki presented the 2018-2019 Audited Financial Statements of the Alberta Amateur Hockey Association.

Len Samletzki reported that RSM has removed the qualified opinion that appeared in the Independent Auditors Report from the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Len Samletzki reviewed the Statement of Financial Position. The Strategic Fund has decreased primarily due to the investment in Red Deer College for the new facility. The Facility and Technology Funds have increased. The Donation Fund has increased due to a significant donation from the Hockey Alberta Foundation. The investment in capital assets has increased as well, due to the purchase of office furniture for the new facility.

Len Samletzki informed the membership that, in 2019, Hockey Alberta was subject to a GST Audit. CRA's opinion is that participant fees and insurance provide a benefit and therefore GST should be charged. They also believe that Hockey Alberta does not directly provide the programming of minor hockey and therefore the under 15 exemption does not apply. Hockey Alberta underwent a GST audit in 2005 and have been treating insurance and membership fees the same way since that ruling. With Hockey Canada's support, Hockey Alberta has filed a Notice of Objection. In order to mitigate penalties and interest charges, Hockey Alberta has entered into a payment plan with the CRA.

No questions from the floor.

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8.0 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR – Len Samletzki

Moved by: St. Albert MHA

Seconded by: Hockey Edmonton

That the firm of RSM Canada of Red Deer be appointed as the Hockey Alberta Auditors for 2019-2020 season.

CARRIED

9.0 NEW BUSINESS – Terry Engen

Terry Engen called upon Rob Litwinski and Geoff Humphrey to present on the work the Membership Definition Review Ad Hoc Committee has done and what they are proposing. The purpose of this committee is to review the current definition and determine any potential changes for the future. A report was distributed to the attendees to coincide with the presentation.

Terry Engen introduced the members of the committee and thanked them for their time and efforts. Terry Engen explained that the committee brought in a group of stakeholders to critique the committee's initial work and provide feedback. The intent today is to give the membership in attendance the opportunity to partake in the exercise.

Geoff Humphrey informed the membership that the committee discussed and reviewed the streams of hockey and presented the recommendations of the committee on each of the streams with regard to membership status.

Rob Litwinski reviewed the operational considerations such as sizes of associations and developing a further definition of recreational hockey. The value of membership came up early and often in the committee meetings and is something Hockey Alberta needs to continue to build on. Rob Litwinski opened the floor for member feedback and questions.

Terry Engen indicated that in the coming months, the committee will have more work to do as they gather more feedback from the members and stakeholders.

10.0 ELECTIONS –Rob Virgil

Rob Virgil conducted the elections for the Hockey Alberta Board of Directors. Rob Virgil announced the following:

Francois Gagnon, Director at Large, has 2 years to serve.

Michael Bates, Director at Large, has 2 years to serve.

Wilson Gemmill, Director at Large, has 2 years to serve.

Brock Harrington, Director at Large, has one year to serve.

Allan Mowbray, Director at Large, has one year to serve.

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The Director of Finance position is appointed by the Board of Directors.

Rob Virgil announced the Chair of the Board is up for election and is a three-year term. The Nominations Committee has brought forward Len Samletzki for election. As no other nominations have been received, Len Samletzki is declared the Chair of the Board of Hockey Alberta.

Rob Virgil announced the Vice Chair of the Board is up for election and is a three-year term. The Nominations Committee has brought forward Allan Mowbray for election. As no other nominations have been received, Allan Mowbray is declared the Vice Chair of the Board of Hockey Alberta.

As a result of these elections, with Allan Mowbray moving to the Vice Chair position, there is a vacancy that the Board must fill for the year that is remaining in the Director at Large term. The Nominations Committee has reviewed a number of candidates for this position and decided on Fran Zinger to fill the Director at Large position for the remaining year.

Len Samletzki addressed the membership. Len Samletzki stated he is excited for the opportunity and that working with the CEO and members is important to him in growing the game and development of players and coaches, as well as the ability to be agile and react quickly to the changing ways of hockey. Len Samletzki appreciates the number of members who have moved hockey forward, including the Life Members and stated he looks forward to continuing to work with the CEO and membership.

11.0 AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS – Terry Engen

Rob Litwinski congratulated all award winners and thanked them for their support to hockey in Alberta. Rob Litwinski recognized the individuals and associations who were previously presented with awards from the 2018-19 season.

Order of Merit:	Chris Hurley (Edmonton)
Order of Merit:	Ally Bendfeld (Innisfail)
Order of Merit:	Bobby Fox (Medicine Hat)
MHA of the Year:	Lacombe MHA
Volunteer of the Year:	Jody Forbes (Calgary)
Provincials Exceptional Host Site:	Vermilion (BT B) / Olds (PW Female A)
Coach of the Year:	Kent Beagle (Rimbey)
Team of the Year:	Springbank Peewee AA Rockies
Player of the Year:	Kason Buffalo-Rain (Maskwacis)
Official of the Year:	Lacey Senuk (St. Albert)
Ernie Boruk Award:	Dave Mousseau (Red Deer)
Dave Ganley Award:	Michael Roberts (Calgary)

Terry Engen acknowledged a Board member that will be moving on from Hockey Alberta. Rob Virgil has always had the best interest of hockey, province wide, in mind. Terry Engen thanked Rob Virgil for his many years of service. Rob Virgil addressed the membership, stating he learned a lot from his time

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with Hockey Alberta and thanked all minor hockey associations, volunteers, and staff for their dedication.

Terry Engen presented the Chair's award. The recipient is unable to be here today but announced Aaron Rawlake as the award recipient.

Terry Engen reported that his role with the Hockey Canada Governance Committee will continue as the Hockey Alberta representative and that he will move into the role of Past Chair of the Hockey Alberta Board.

In closing, Terry Engen thanked the membership, volunteers and staff on behalf of the Board for their dedication and support they have provided to amateur hockey in Alberta.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: High Country MHA

To adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

Meeting was adjourned at 4pm.