

2014 HOCKEY ALBERTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



**SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2014
THE WESTIN, EDMONTON**

Member Delegates: Dave Bell (2), Lorna LeBlanc, Peter Burletoff, Dallas Fallscheer, Travis Galenzoski, Brett Cox, Clifton Cross, Darrell Wagner, Steve Perrin, Tabi Arsenault, Jerry George, Kim Edworthy, Tate McNelly, Brent Talsma, Gary Tremblay, Beckey Buchaski, Cheryl Goodwin, Blair Mack, Stephanie Swartz, Darcy Elder, Twyla Ricard, Shane Tuff, Tim Martin, Ken Heggie, Stacey Carefoot, Ken Browne, Rich Komarnisky, Shane Hainstock, Eric Bloomquist, Colleen King, Jennifer Johnson, Warren Williams, Betty Chmilar, Kevin Kobelka

Hockey Alberta: Terry Engen, Fran Zinger, Rob Virgil, Len Samletzki, Fred Horbay, Dave Sevalrud, Laury Schmidt, Craig Reid, Francois Gagnon, Graham Parsons, George Kallay, Paul Schmidt, Dean Hengel, Randy Hupka, Jamie Salm, Barry Brost, Todd Vance, Danny Povaschuk, Debbie Northcott, Janet Fairless, Shawna Benn, Seema King, Lin Luymes, Trevor Hittel, Mark Doram, Pam Douglas, Sherry Haarstad, Julie Wilkinson, Gord Lane, Kevin Galloway, Stephen Anderson, Greg Nesom, Bob Stinn, Dave Shaw, Dave Butler, Marty Tingstad, Mark Woytkiw, Ryan Weyland, Gord Hira, Aaron Rawlake, Jerrold Lemko

Life Members: Don Gatto, Marv Bird, Ted Carter

Staff: Rob Litwinski, Scott Robinson, Tim Leer, Mike Olesen, Kevin Macrae, Justin Fesyk, Michael Kraichy, Jeremy Haluschak, Danielle Nystrom, Michelle Skilnick, Jimmy Adams, Katrina Bellamy, Allison Marriott, Victoria Hofferred

Recording Secretary: Allison Ramsay

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1.0 WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS – Terry Engen

Terry Engen called the meeting to order at 1:47pm

Terry Engen spoke to the membership and welcomed everyone to the 107th Annual General Meeting and thanked the members for being dedicated volunteers of Hockey Alberta.

Terry Engen expressed condolences to the families of Al Spence, Alec and Vi Fedoruk, as well as all the players, coaches, administrators, referees, and friends of hockey who passed away this season.

Terry Engen acknowledged Hockey Alberta's major sponsors: ATB Financial, Source for Sports, Investors Group, Elite Sportswear and Awards, CCM/RBK, Basilli's Best, Western Hockey League, Best Western, and Gatorade.

Terry Engen thanked the Westin Edmonton as the host facility for the 2014 Hockey Conference and AGM.

2.0 ROLL CALL OF MEMBER DELEGATES – Rob Litwinski

Rob Litwinski proceeded with the roll call for the 107th Annual General Meeting. Of the people in attendance, 179 voting delegates were present.

Moved by: Dave Bell

Seconded by: Clifton Cross

That the listing of voting delegates be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3.0 INTRODUCTIONS OF DIRECTORS AND LIFE MEMBERS – Terry Engen

Terry Engen introduced the Board of Directors and Life Members. Terry Engen officially announced that Ted Carter has been selected as the newest Life Member. Ted Carter spoke briefly to the membership giving special thanks to Gord Hira, the Board of Directors, and his wife Jean Carter.

4.0 PRESENTATION OF THE 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – Terry Engen

4.1 Errors or Omissions

- None Stated

4.2 Approval of the Minutes

Moved by: Travis Galenzoski

Seconded by: Kevin Kobelka

That the minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting be accepted as circulated.

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5.0 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – Terry Engen**

- None Stated

6.0 **REPORT TO MEMBERS – Terry Engen**

Terry Engen provided a few brief highlights regarding key subjects pertaining to the recent Alberta Hockey Summit as well as the Operational Structure Review.

Terry Engen advised the membership that all reports have been published in the 2014 AGM Information Package that was circulated prior to the meeting; therefore, reports would not be read.

Moved by: Tim Martin

Seconded by: Stacey Carefoot

That the report to the membership of the 2014 Annual General Meeting be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

Len Samletzki presented the audited financial statements of the Alberta Amateur Hockey Association dated April 30, 2014.

Moved by: Colleen King

Seconded by: Gary Tremblay

To accept the audited financial statements as presented.

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Moved by: Colleen King

Seconded by: Gary Tremblay

That the membership ratify all acts of the Board of Directors in the past year.

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8.0 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR – Len Samletzki

Moved by: Colleen King

Seconded by: Gary Tremblay

That the firm of Collins Barrow of Red Deer be appointed as the Hockey Alberta Auditors for 2014-15 season.

CARRIED

9.0 ELECTIONS –Rob Virgil

Terry Engen announced that Bob Clark, Nominating Committee Chair was unable to attend and called upon Rob Virgil. Rob Virgil announced the following:

Terry Engen, Chair of the Board, has two years to serve.

Fran Zinger, Vice Chair of the Board, has two years to serve.

Rob Virgil, Past President, has two years to serve.

Len Samletzki, Director of Finance, has one year to serve.

Laury Schmidt, Director at Large, has one year to serve.

Position of Director of Operations: The position is a three year term and the Nominating Committee has brought forward Fred Horbay for election. As no other nominations were duly received, Fred Horbay was declared the New Director of Operations of the Hockey Alberta Board.

Position of Director at Large: The position is a three year term and the Nominating Committee has brought forward David Sevalrud for election. As no other nominations were duly received, David Sevalrud was declared the new Director at Large of the Hockey Alberta Board.

10.0 NOTICES OF MOTION – Rob Virgil

Rob Virgil reminded the membership that the bylaws must be passed by special resolution which means two thirds of the membership (120 of the 179 votes in attendance) must be in favor for the special resolutions to be passed.

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a) **Notice of Motion #1 – “Director of Hockey Operations”**

Rob Virgil reviewed the notice of motion and rationale with the membership.

Moved by: Darrell Wagner

Seconded by: Betty Chmilar

To remove paragraph 1.7 (h) from Bylaw Article 1, Page 13 as presented in Notice of Motion #1.

CARRIED

b) **Notice of Motion #2: - “Council”**

Rob Virgil reviewed the notice of motion and rationale with the membership.

Moved by: Darrell Wagner

Seconded by: Betty Chmilar

That the word “*Council*” be replaced with the word “*Committee*” in paragraphs 1.7 (k), (s), (t), (ff), (ii), 6.2, and 6.3 in Bylaw Article 1 and 6, Pages 13-14 and 24 as presented in Notice of Motion #2.

CARRIED

c) **Notice of Motion #3: - “Minor Hockey Council”**

Rob Virgil reviewed the notice of motion and rationale with the membership.

Moved by: Darrell Wagner

Seconded by: Betty Chmilar

That paragraph 1.7 (bb) be deleted from Bylaw Article 1, Page 14 as presented in Notice of Motion #3.

CARRIED

d) **Notice of Motion #4: - “Life Members”**

Rob Virgil reviewed the notice of motion and rationale with the membership.

Moved by: Darrell Wagner

Seconded by: Betty Chmilar

That paragraph 2.3 (b), Bylaw Article 2, Page 16 read as follows: “*The Board shall appoint Life Members as per Policy*” as presented in Notice of Motion #4.

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e) **Notice of Motion #5: - “Board”**

Rob Virgil reviewed the notice of motion and rationale with the membership.

Moved by: Darrell Wagner

Seconded by: Betty Chmilar

That paragraph 5.1 of Article 5, Page 20 be changed to reflect the new terminology of Board positions as well as the composition of the Board as presented in Notice of Motion #5.

CARRIED

f) **Notice of Motion #6: - “Votes to Govern”**

Rob Virgil reviewed the notice of motion and rationale with the membership.

Moved by: Darrell Wagner

Seconded by: Betty Chmilar

That the words “*other than the Executive Director*” be removed from paragraph 5.13 of Article 5, Page 23 as presented in Notice of Motion #6.

CARRIED

g) **Notice of Motion #7: - “Officers”**

Rob Virgil reviewed the notice of motion and rationale with the membership.

Moved by: Darrell Wagner

Seconded by: Betty Chmilar

To make changes to reflect that the Director of Hockey Operations, Executive Director, and Past Chair are not recognized as officers in Paragraph 7.1-7.6 of Article 7, Page 24-25 as presented in Notice of Motion #7.

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11.0 **NEW BUSINESS – Terry Engen**

- Terry Engen called upon Rob Litwinski to provide the membership with key business updates.
- Rob Litwinski provided information to the membership on Hockey Canada and their upcoming 100 year anniversary celebration, the Bauer Big Assist Program, the Sticker Program, and Schools Program. He also provided updates regarding registrations and the recent Summit.
- Tim Leer spoke to the membership regarding the Spring Hockey Review and Female Hockey Review.
- Justin Fesyk updated the membership on advances within the Coach Development Program.
- Mike Olesen provided information regarding the Operational Structure Review.
- Kevin Macrae spoke to the membership on Investors Group Hockey Alberta Provincials, upcoming provincial development events, and regional/national championships.

Terry Engen thanked Hockey Alberta management for their updates and opened the floor to the members to come forward with new business.

Woody Johnston (observer) from Winfield came forward to update the membership regarding the lack of procedure and practices of Hockey Alberta for boundary resolution. He expressed his concerns relating to the transparency of the organization, lack of communication, and accountability of Hockey Alberta. He brought up the specific example of an issue regarding boundaries that he submitted quite some time ago which he feels hasn't been looked into to his satisfaction and noted that he has not felt respected throughout the process. He stated that he would like to have his issue solved and addressed in a proper manner.

Dave Bell from St. Albert identified their association as having the same concerns. He then requested that the response to Winfield regarding boundary issues be copied to the entire province.

Terry Engen thanked them for their feedback and assured Winfield that Hockey Alberta will be looking into their specific concern.

12.0 **AWARDS PRESENTATION – Don Gatto**

Don Gatto acknowledged the following members that had players play at the national team level and called forward the presidents to accept a Hockey Canada picture on their behalf:

Shannon Szabados – Hockey Edmonton
Jay Bouwmeester – Hockey Edmonton
Meaghan Mikkelsen – St. Albert MHA

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Don Gatto acknowledged the following award winners at the national level that were recognized at this year's Hockey Canada AGM:

**Female Breakthrough Award – Dave Peterson
Order of Merit, West – Rob Virgil**

Don Gatto acknowledged the following award winners who will be recognized at the Awards Gala following the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting:

**MHA Executive of the Year – Erron Steele
MHA of the Year – Stettler MHA
Meritorious Award Winners – Sherry Haarstad, Jannie Bettac, Kim Marsh, Ken Vreeling
Development Awards – Jody Ginther, Howie Draper, Maureen Medori
Ernie Boruk Award – Curtis Nichols
Dave Ganley Award – Brent Woods, Herman Costa**

Terry Engen came forward to present the Chair of the Board Award to Earl Reid.

Terry Engen introduced a short video created by Hockey Canada which summarized the 2013-14 hockey season. At the conclusion he added that Bob Nicholson, Hockey Canada's President and CEO, has recently retired. He commented that the branch truly appreciates all of his work over the past number of years and Hockey Alberta is looking forward to continuing on the positive relationship with the new President/CEO.

13.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: Terry Engen

Seconded by: Ken Heggie

To adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

Meeting was adjourned at 3:44pm.