

# 2017 HOCKEY ALBERTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**  
**RED DEER COLLEGE**

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**Member Delegates:** Airdrie MHA, Bashaw MHA, Bow Island MHA, Bowden MHA, Brooks MHA, Calmar MHA, Chauvin MHA, CNN MHA, Cold Lake MHA, Crossfield MHA, Devon MHA, Drumheller MHA, Elk Point MHA, Fort McMurray MHA, High Country MHA, Hockey Calgary, Hockey Edmonton, Kitscoty MHA, Leduc MHA, Lloydminster MHA, Olds MHA, Onoway MHA, Redwater MHA, Rocky Mountain House MHA, Spruce Grove MHA, Spruce View MHA, St. Albert MHA, Stettler MHA, Strathcona MHA, Strathmore MHA, Sturgeon Hockey Club, Sundre MHA, Taber MHA, Vermilion MHA, Wainwright MHA

**Hockey Alberta:** Terry Engen, Fran Zinger, Rob Virgil, Len Samletzki, Fred Horbay, Dave Sevalrud, Ryan Koehli, Dean Hengel, Jody Ginther, Sherry Haarstad, Randy Hupka, Barry B Rost, Garry Bushnell, Betty Chmilar, Kevin Kobelka, Debbie Northcott, Janet Fairless, Kelly Ullrich, Lisa Davies, Seema King, Diane Ziemmer, Glenn Sommerville, Pam Douglas, Annie Orton, James Parks

**Life Members:** Ernie Boruk, Marv Bird, Bob Clark, Don Gatto, Mac MacLeod, Ted Carter, Vern Paul

**Staff:** Rob Litwinski, Kevin Macrae, Mike Klass, Michelle Skilnick, Brad Lyon, Bryden Burrell, Allison Marriott, Victoria Hofferd, Jeremy Haluschak, Ted Emmett, Kendall Newell,

## **Recording**

**Secretary:** Katrina Papke

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### 1.0 **WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS – Terry Engen**

Terry Engen called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

Terry Engen spoke to the membership, welcoming everyone to the 110<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and thanked the members for being dedicated volunteers of Hockey Alberta.

Terry Engen explained that the change in timing of the Annual General Meeting is due to the change in the fiscal year end. In future, The Annual General Meeting may happen later in the fall to allow sufficient time to receive the Audited Financial Statements.

Rob Litwinski announced that normally the Board would complete the roll call now but will wait this time to ensure accuracy. Roll call will be done prior to the Notices of Motion, as noted on the agenda.

Rob Litwinski acknowledged Hockey Alberta's major sponsors: ATB Financial, CCM, Best Western, Pembina Pipelines Corp., Freson Bros., Western Hockey League, Gatorade, Dodge Dealers of Alberta; and partners: Hockey Alberta Foundation, Hockey Canada, Calgary Flames, Edmonton Oilers, and Alberta Sport Connection.

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Rob Litwinski thanked the Sheraton Red Deer Hotel & Conference Centre, as well as the Red Deer College as the host facilities for the 2017 Hockey Conference and AGM.

Terry Engen paid tribute to any members of the hockey community that have passed away throughout the year 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, and acknowledged the Life Members and Board Member that could not be in attendance at the 110<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting.

## 3.0 **PRESENTATION OF THE 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – Terry Engen**

### 3.1 Errors or Omissions

- None Stated

### 3.2 Approval of the Minutes

**Moved by: Drumheller MHA**

**Seconded by: St. Albert MHA**

That the minutes of the 2016 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 in the 2017 AGM Information Package that was circulated prior to the meeting; therefore, reports would not be read.

**Moved by: St. Albert MHA**

**Seconded by: Delburne MHA**

That the Report to Membership of the 2017 Annual General Meeting be accepted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

## 6.0 **REPORTING OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Len Samletzki**

Len Samletzki presented the Audited Financial Statements of the Alberta Amateur Hockey Association. Members received two separate reports dated July 31, 2016, which is the 3-month stub year to transition to the new fiscal year, and July 31, 2017, which is the first full new fiscal year. Hockey Alberta continues to have a strong financial position.

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Len Samletzki reported that Hockey Alberta had an increased revenue in 2017 compared to the corresponding budget, as noted on page 3, Statement of Operations of the General Fund, in the July 31, 2017 Audited Financial Statements. The main drivers for the higher revenue is higher participants, sponsorship and officiating revenue.

Ron Chicoyne from Hockey Calgary questioned why Hockey Alberta is absorbing so much of the Hockey Alberta Foundation expenses. Rob Litwinski informed the membership that in looking at other Foundations that operate, it's quite common for the Foundation Executive Director to report to the Chief Executive Officer of the main organization. Any type of review is also done in conjunction with the Chair of the Foundation Board. The model is something that other foundations are using.

Ron Chicoyne indicated that Hockey Alberta absorbed \$600,000 of expenses from the Hockey Alberta Foundation over 26 months, which does not appear to be consistent with note 11, paragraph 2, in the Audited Financial Statement. Ron Chicoyne questioned how Hockey Alberta determines what is an expense and what is a loan. Ron Chicoyne further stated that Hockey Alberta Foundation has owed Hockey Alberta funds for years, yet not seeing it decrease. Rob Litwinski responded that the note could use some more elaboration, however, Hockey Alberta believes showing it helps to be more transparent.

Ron Chicoyne also questioned why the salaries expense increased over the past few years. Len Samletzki informed that Hockey Alberta added service staff with the Regional Centres, which has added value to Hockey Alberta and its members.

It was questioned why the Report to Board from Auditors wasn't circulated to the membership. Len Samletzki stated that report is confidential to the Board.

Len Samletzki advised the membership that honorariums are annually budgeted for Hockey Alberta Board members and are part of the Policy Framework built for the organization. Each position of the Board is awarded honorariums as follows:

- Chair of the Board - \$3,500
- Vice Chair of the Board - \$2,000
- Director at Large (3), Director of Finance and Past Chair - \$500 each
- For a total of \$8,000

As per the Hockey Alberta Bylaws, the honorariums for the Board are to be approved by the membership.

**Moved by: St. Albert MHA**

**Seconded by: Strathmore MHA**

To approve the 2017-2018 Honorariums for the Hockey Alberta Board of Directors in the amount of \$8,000.

**CARRIED**

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## 7.0 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR – Len Samletzki

**Moved by: Drumheller MHA**

**Seconded by: Taber MHA**

That the firm of Collins Barrow of Red Deer be appointed as the Hockey Alberta Auditors for 2017-2018 season.

**CARRIED**

## 8.0 NEW BUSINESS – Terry Engen

Terry asked if there are any new additions to the agenda from the floor. No new business was brought forward.

## 9.0 ROLL CALL OF VOTING DELEGATES – Rob Litwinski

Rob Litwinski proceeded with the roll call for the 110<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting. Rob Litwinski reported that of the members in attendance, 172 votes were present and asked if there were any errors or omissions. No errors or omissions stated.

**Moved by: Sturgeon Hockey Club**

**Seconded by: Hockey Calgary**

That the listing of voting delegates be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

## 10.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

Rob Virgil reviewed the first notice of motion included in the 2017 Hockey Conference & AGM Information Package pertaining to Bylaw 1.7, Page 11, paragraph 7 submitted by Board.

**Moved by: St. Albert MHA**

**Seconded by: Hockey Calgary**

To approve the change to Bylaw 1.7(k), Page 11, paragraph 7 of the Bylaws as presented:

(k) “Finance Director” for the Board of Hockey Alberta shall mean the individual appointed annually by the Board of Directors after completion of a recruitment and selection process led by the Board.

*Hereinafter, any reference made to the selection of the Finance Director within the Bylaws will need to be amended to appointed by the Board of Directors.*

**CARRIED**

Rob Virgil reviewed the second notice of motion included in the 2017 Hockey Conference & AGM Information Package pertaining to Bylaw 5.1, page 18, paragraph 1 submitted by the Board.

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**Moved by: St. Albert    Seconded by: Hockey Calgary**

To approve the change to Bylaw 5.1(a), Page 18, paragraph 1 of the Bylaws as presented:

(a) The Board shall be comprised of nine (9) individuals being the Past Chair and eight (8) Directors (including the Chair, the Vice-Chair, the Finance Director and five (5) Directors at Large). The Chair, the Vice-Chair and the five (5) Directors at Large are elected by the Members....

*Hereinafter, any reference made to the number of Board members and the selection of the Finance Director within the Bylaws will need to be amended to nine (9) individuals.*

**CARRIED**

## 11.0 **ELECTIONS –Rob Virgil**

Terry Engen called upon Rob Virgil to conduct the elections for the Hockey Alberta Board of Directors. Rob Virgil announced the following:

Terry Engen, Chair of the Board, has 2 years to serve.  
Fran Zinger, Vice-Chair of the Board, has 2 years to serve.  
Len Samletzki, Director of Finance, has 1 year to serve.  
Jerrold Lemko, Director at Large, has 1 year to serve.

Rob Virgil announced there are two Director at Large positions open for election this year. Each position will serve a three-year term.

The Nominating Committee puts forward the following names of the candidates who have fulfilled the nomination requirements and submitted their nomination by the deadline.

- Brock Balog
- Jonathan Crier
- Ed Croken
- Brock Harrington
- Eric Michalko
- Allan Mowbray
- Roy Stasiuk

Rob Virgil advised the membership that Eric Michalko has withdrawn his nomination and his name will not appear on the ballot. Each candidate was given the opportunity to address the membership. Going in alphabetical order, Brock Balog was called upon first.

Brock Balog from Calgary addressed the membership. Rob Virgil thanked Brock Balog for his statement and called upon Jonathan Crier to address the membership.

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Jonathan Crier from Maskwacis addressed the membership. Rob Virgil thanked Jonathan Crier for his statement and called upon Ed Croken to address the membership.

Ed Croken from Edmonton was unable to be here today, however, Will Jang addressed the membership on his behalf. Rob Virgil thanked Will Jang for addressing the membership on behalf of Ed Croken and called upon Brock Harrington to address the membership.

Brock Harrington from Drumheller addressed the membership. Rob Virgil thanked Brock Harrington for his statement and called upon Allan Mowbray to address the membership.

Allan Mowbray from Calgary addressed the membership. Rob Virgil thanked Allan Mowbray for his statement and called upon Roy Stasiuk to address the membership.

Roy Stasiuk from Edmonton addressed the membership. Rob Virgil thanked Roy Stasiuk for his statement and continued to outline the election procedures.

Rob Virgil explained that each member was provided with a ballot naming all nominees. Members are to select exactly two candidates in the voting booths. If there are more, or less, than two selected on a ballot it will be considered spoiled. Once all the members have voted, the ballots will be counted by the Life Members and results will be announced by Rob Virgil. The two candidates receiving the most votes will be declared the new Directors at Large of the Hockey Alberta Board.

On behalf of the Board and the members, Rob Virgil thanked all of the candidates that have let their names stand for a position on the Board. Hockey Alberta is fortunate to have had such a strong set of candidates.

Rob Virgil announced that even though only two candidates would be successful today, in 2018, Hockey Alberta will once again be seeking additional Directors on the Board and advised the candidates to consider running again.

Based on the numbers duly recorded by the Life Members, Allan Mowbray and Brock Harrington are declared the new Directors at Large of the Hockey Alberta Board of Directors. Rob Virgil congratulated them and welcomed them to the Board.

**Moved by: Taber MHA**

**Seconded by: Airdrie MHA**

To destroy the election ballots.

**CARRIED**

## **12.0 AWARDS PRESENTATION – Terry Engen**

Terry Engen congratulated all award winners and thanked them for their support to hockey in Alberta.

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Terry Engen recognized the individuals and associations who were presented with awards at the BFL Awards Reception on September 29<sup>th</sup>:

**MHA Executive of the Year – Pamela Brown**

**MHA of the Year – Marwayne, Dewberry, Kitscotty MHA's**

**Meritorious Award Winners – Greg Nesom**

**Development Awards – Jeremy Congo, Keith Hurd, Ron Oscroft, Roger Wolfe**

**Ernie Boruk Award – Dave Butler**

**Dave Ganley Award – Doug Brown**

Terry Engen acknowledged the following individuals for dedicated service as a Hockey Alberta volunteer:

**Aaron Rawlake – 5 years**

**Trevor Hittel – 5 years**

**Dave Butler – 5 years**

**Betty Chmilar – 10 years**

**Fran Zinger – 10 years**

Additionally, Terry Engen recognized the following Board members and long-time volunteers who have moved on from Hockey Alberta:

**Minor Regulations Coordinator – Bonnie Ogilvie**

**Female Hockey – Greg Nesom**

**Board Member – Fred Horbay**

**Board Member – Dave Sevalrud**

Terry Engen presented the Chair of the Board Award to Doug Kinsella with CR MHA.

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.

## 13.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by: none needed.**

To adjourn the meeting.

**CARRIED**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:01pm.