

# 2018 HOCKEY ALBERTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2018**  
**RED DEER COLLEGE**

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**Member Delegates:** Airdrie MHA, Alix MHA, Beaumont MHA, Bentley MHA, Bow Island MHA, Brooks MHA, Chestermere MHA, Clairmont MHA, CNN MHA, Delburne MHA, Devon MHA, Fort McMurray MHA, Fort Saskatchewan MHA, Grande Prairie MHA, High Country MHA, Hockey Calgary, Hockey Edmonton, Lac La Biche MHA, Lacombe MHA, Lamont MHA, Lloydminster MHA, Red Deer MHA, Saddle Lake MHA, Sherwood Park MHA, Spruce Grove MHA, St Albert MHA, Stettler MHA, Stony Plain MHA, Edmonton Royals, North Edmonton Red Wings, Edmonton Avalanche, Edmonton Braves, Edmonton Mavericks, Edmonton Northstars, Edmonton Rivermen, Edmonton Seera Icemen, Edmonton SWZ Ice Kings, Edmonton SWZ Oil Kings, St. Albert Comets, Edmonton Jr Female Wolves

**Volunteers:** Terry Engen, Fran Zinger, Rob Virgil, Len Samletzki, Jerrold Lemko, Allan Mowbray, Brock Harrington, Connie Anderson, Randy Hupka, Betty Chmilar, Jamie Henry, Julie Feragen, Janet Fairless, Kelly Ullrich, Seema King, Lin Luymes, Jennifer Foster, Pam Douglas, Francois Gagnon, Bob Stinn

**Life Members:** Ernie Boruk, Marv Bird, Bob Clark, Ted Carter

**Staff:** Rob Litwinski, Kevin Macrae, Mike Klass, Michelle Skilnick, Brad Lyon, Bryden Burrell, Allison Marriott, Jeremy Haluschak, Kendall Newell, Taryn Baumgardt, Ted Emmett, Katrina Papke (Recording Secretary)

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

Terry Engen called the meeting to order at 2:22PM.

Terry Engen spoke to the membership, welcoming everyone to the 111<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and thanked the members for being dedicated volunteers of Hockey Alberta.

Terry Engen stated that Hockey Alberta faces some disappointments when members leave at lunch time and miss the AGM as well as other sessions. This may be a discussion point with the new Board. In Manitoba, each member is billed a \$1000, if the member attends the AGM, they get it reimbursed. Nova Scotia does the same thing with two meetings per year billing \$2500. Nova Scotia now has 100% member turn out at their meetings. Terry Engen expressed appreciation for those who have stayed for the remainder of the meeting.

Rob Litwinski acknowledged Hockey Alberta's major sponsors and partners for the 2017-2018 season: ATB Financial, CCM, Best Western, Dodge Dealers of Alberta, Freson Bros., Western Hockey League, Gatorade; and partners: Hockey Alberta Foundation, Hockey Canada, Calgary Flames, Edmonton Oilers, Alberta Sport Connection, and Red Deer College.

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Furthermore, Rob Litwinski acknowledged two new partners that have come on board for the 2018-2019 season: Looker Office Furniture and Player's Bench.

Rob Litwinski requested that if any members know of any potential sponsors that could help Hockey Alberta open doors to let him know.

Rob Litwinski thanked those that put names forward for nominations of awards.

Terry Engen paid tribute to the members of the hockey community that have passed away throughout the year, specifically remembering Life Members George Hughes and Orest Korbutt, 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.

## 3.0 **PRESENTATION OF THE 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – Terry Engen**

### 3.1 Errors or Omissions

- None Stated

### 3.2 Approval of the Minutes

**Moved by: Sherwood Park MHA**

**Seconded by: Fort McMurray MHA**

That the minutes of the 2017 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 thanked the Board of Directors for their professionalism and work that they've put in over the year.

Terry Engen identified that it's important to recognize that the participants are different today and the Board of Directors acknowledges that. Hockey Canada talked this morning about where they're going as a national organization and Hockey Alberta will be going in the same direction. The staff and Board of Directors will be looking to the membership for input on what a member looks like in the future. There are a lot of club teams that are members of this organization; the question is where do they fit in?

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Where do leagues fit in? Terry Engen reported that Hockey Alberta is starting to put a plan in place for the evolution of membership. The Board of Directors is also talking about hockey without borders. Some branches already operate that way. Currently Hockey Alberta is very regulated. The staff and Board of Directors will be asking for member input on hockey without borders as well.

Rob reported on highlights from the past year. Something that came up that Hockey Alberta wasn't planning on but was asked to help by Hockey Canada was the Hlinka Gretzky Cup. This was an opportunity for Hockey Alberta to align nationally. Through the leadership of staff members Drew Dixon, Justin Fesyk and Kevin Macrae, Hockey Alberta hosted a coach's conference at the event and had 120 coaches in attendance. Feedback from that event was that every person would like to come back for the conference next time.

Alberta Sport Connection has evaluated Hockey Alberta through their funding and accountability framework. Hockey Alberta did not receive a perfect score, however, did 143 points out of 147. The only item that Hockey Alberta lost points in was not having representation in the Summer Games.

Through the regional strategy, Regional Managers have done more than 156 site visits, 162 coach clinics, and 61 NCCP Development Courses with almost 1000 participants.

Through the leadership of the Board of Directors, Hockey Alberta has started shifting the governance structure of the Officials. This was done in conjunction with the Officials Committee.

Hockey Alberta will continue to work on the strategic objective 'Alberta One'. There is now aligned tiering within the province. Management is also in process of reviewing the Provincials process.

Hockey Alberta has aligned with Hockey Canada in terms of member standards. Member standards still needs to be launched with the membership.

Rob Litwinski informed the membership there will be an open house for the new facility and encouraged the members to stop in. The new facility has given Hockey Alberta the opportunity to run player programming, build a better business plan and provide a provincial training centre. The staff have started to track where in the province people are coming from to use the facility with Hockey Alberta and plan to build a heat map to show how many different groups are using it from around the province. The agreement with Red Deer College (RDC) started with a charter. A Memorandum of Understanding is now complete to ensure the new long-term lease, and currently finalizing the Master Services Agreement. Although Hockey Alberta hasn't put a value on the brand exposure, there are a number of savings using this facility as Hockey Alberta can book ice and meeting facilities at a much lower cost.

Rob Litwinski informed the membership that Hockey Alberta has added a section in our financials with respect to the Hockey Alberta Foundation to declare the financial relationship. The Hockey Alberta Foundation is a marketing and branding arm of Hockey Alberta and it provides a fundraising component to the game. There are funds coming back to Hockey Alberta but also directly to the game.

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Rob Litwinski called upon Tim Leer, Executive Director of Hockey Alberta Foundation, to present to the membership.

Tim Leer introduced the Hockey Alberta Foundation Board of Directors and provided an overview of who and what the Foundation is.

Tim Leer presented the Foundation's vision and mission and informed the membership of the areas of support the Foundation provides. The Foundation runs programs such as the Every Kid Every Community Quarterly Grant Program, Future Leaders Development Program, Future Leaders Scholarships, Equipment Bank Outreach Program, Heroes Hockey (Superhero Program), as well as provides player assistance, and executes growing and accessing the game initiatives.

Tim Leer presented highlights from last year. New partnerships were created with Gord Bamford Foundation and Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation. The Foundation is working with the Calgary Flames Foundation to solidify a partnership as well. The Golf Classic is the biggest fundraiser of the Foundation, which sold out two months ahead of schedule. Birdies for Kids, which supports many charities, selected the Foundation to receive matching donations. Three different Speaker Series were held last year; in Red Deer, Olds and Calmar. This year they will be held in Vegreville, Red Deer and Lethbridge.

Tim Leer reported that the 2018-19 goal of the Foundation is to access more dollars, by growing donors and third-party partners, in order to increase disbursements. Three ways that people and organizations can help is to make a donation, host an event in which the Foundation can bring some things to the table for a profit-sharing model, or select the Foundation as your charity of choice.

Tim Leer thanked Hockey Alberta and the membership for the ongoing support of the Foundation.

**Moved by: Hockey Calgary**

**Seconded by: Brooks MHA**

That the Report to Membership of the 2018 Annual General Meeting be accepted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

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

Len Samletzki presented the 2017-2018 Audited Financial Statements of the Alberta Amateur Hockey Association.

Len Samletzki explained that in the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of the 2<sup>nd</sup> page, Collins Barrow provided a qualified opinion which is about the sponsorships and not being able to provide value amounts. This year Hockey Alberta will be working towards removing that statement.

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Len Samletzki reported that there will be some disbursements out of the Strategic Fund in the next year for payment to RDC for the investment in the facility.

Len Samletzki informed the membership that the Donation Fund in the Audited Financial Statements is new this year. The Donation Fund consists of donations from the Hockey Alberta Foundation via Alberta Sport Connection and is used for growth and development initiatives.

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. It was noted that there is a notice of motion later on in the agenda for removal of these starting in the 2019-2020 season. 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 (5), Director of Finance and Past Chair - \$500 each
- For a total of \$9,000

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

**Moved by: Fort Saskatchewan MHA      Seconded by: Bentley MHA**

To approve the 2018-19 Honorariums for the Hockey Alberta Board of Directors in the amount of \$9,000.

**CARRIED**

## 7.0 **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR – Len Samletzki**

Len Samletzki informed the membership that RSM Canada has purchased Collins Barrow.

**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 2018-2019 season.

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## 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.

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## 9.0 ROLL CALL OF VOTING DELEGATES – Rob Litwinski

Rob Litwinski proceeded with the roll call for the 111<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting. Rob Litwinski reported that of the members in attendance, there are 12 votes in Junior A, B and C, no votes in the Senior division, and 185 votes in minor hockey, for a total of 197 votes present. Rob Litwinski asked if there are any errors or omissions. No errors or omissions stated.

**Moved by: High Country MHA**

**Seconded by: Sherwood park MHA**

That the listing of voting delegates be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

## 10.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

Rob Virgil reviewed the notice of motion included in the 2018 AGM delegate package pertaining to Bylaw 5.15 (b), submitted by the Board. The Board wishes to remove the Bylaw in its entirety in order to be compliant with Alberta Gaming Liquor and Cannabis (AGLC) regulations for the successful application of Casino eligibility. The Bylaw change would take effect in the 2019-2020 season.

**Moved by: Hockey Edmonton**

**Seconded by: Fort McMurray MHA**

To approve the removal of Bylaw 5.15 (b) of the Hockey Alberta Bylaws in its entirety.

**CARRIED**

## 11.0 ELECTIONS –Rob Virgil

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

Brock Harrington, Director at Large, has two years to serve.

Allan Mowbray, Director at Large, has two years to serve.

Terry Engen, Chair of the Board, has one year to serve.

Fran Zinger, Vice Chair of the Board, has one year to serve.

Len Samletzki, Director of Finance has been appointed by the Board of Directors.

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

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

- Michael Bates
- Edward Croken
- Francois Gagnon
- Wilson Gemmill
- Jerrold Lemko
- Todd Thiessen

Each candidate was given the opportunity to address the membership. Going in alphabetical order, Michael Bates was called upon first.

Michael Bates addressed the membership. Rob Virgil thanked Michael Bates for his statement and called upon Edward Croken to address the membership.

Edward Croken addressed the membership. Rob Virgil thanked Edward Croken for his statement and called upon Francois Gagnon to address the membership.

Francois Gagnon addressed the membership. Rob Virgil thanked Francois Gagnon for his statement and called upon Wilson Gemmill to address the membership.

Wilson Gemmill addressed the membership. Rob Virgil thanked Wilson Gemmill for his statement and called upon Jerrold Lemko to address the membership.

Jerrold Lemko addressed the membership. Rob Virgil thanked Jerrold Lemko for his statement and called upon Todd Thiessen to address the membership.

Todd Thiessen addressed the membership. Rob Virgil thanked Todd Thiessen for his statement and continued to outline the election process.

Rob Virgil explained that each member was provided with a ballot naming all nominees. Members are to select exactly three candidates in the voting booths. If there are more, or less, than three 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 three candidates receiving the most votes will be declared the new Directors at Large of the Hockey Alberta Board. If there is a tie vote for any two candidates a revote will be done for only those two.

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 there would be a short break while the Life Members count the ballots.

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Based on the numbers duly recorded by the Life Members, Michael Bates, Francois Gagnon and Wilson Gemmill 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: Fort McMurray MHA**

**Seconded by: Hockey Calgary**

To destroy the election ballots.

**CARRIED**

## **12.0 PRESENTATION OF THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD AWARD – Terry Engen**

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

Terry Engen recognized the individuals and associations who were previously presented with awards.

<b>Order of Merit:</b>	Debbie Northcott
<b>Provincials Exceptional Host Site:</b>	Whitecourt (Atom A) / Rimbey (Midget C)
<b>Coach of the Year:</b>	Kyle McLaughlin (Canmore)
<b>Team of the Year:</b>	St. Albert Midget Female AAA Slash
<b>Official of the Year:</b>	Chad Huseby (Red Deer)
<b>Ernie Boruk Award:</b>	Kumail Moledina (Edmonton)
<b>Dave Ganley Award:</b>	Gary Gorenjuk (Bonnyville)

Rob Litwinski acknowledged the following individuals for dedicated service as a Hockey Alberta volunteer:

**Terry Engen – 20 years**  
**Randy Hupka – 10 years**  
**Danny Povaschuk – 10 years**  
**Barry Brost – 5 years**  
**Seema King – 5 years**  
**Gord Lane – 5 years**  
**Todd Vance – 5 years**

Rob Litwinski acknowledged the long-time volunteers that have moved on from Hockey Alberta:

**Debbie Northcott – Minor Administration Committee**  
**Danny Povaschuk – Minor Regulations Committee**

Terry Engen presented the Chair of the Board Award to Andy Odenbach of Blackfalds.

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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, and reminded the membership of the open house at the new Hockey Alberta office immediately following the AGM.

## 13.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by: Hockey Edmonton**

**Seconded: High Country MHA**

To adjourn the meeting.

**CARRIED**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40PM.