



Ad Hoc Committee – Membership Definition Final Report and Recommendations

The *Ad Hoc* Committee presented a report to the Membership during the Annual General Meeting on November 23, 2019. Further to that presentation all information was circulated to the members via [Information Bulletin 19-06](#), which also provided an opportunity for feedback to be submitted to the committee.

Feedback was reviewed by the committee and considered in the development of the final recommendations. The feedback did not lead to any significant changes to the proposed Bylaw amendments. On behalf of the *Ad Hoc* Committee, the Board is presenting Notices of Motion to amend Bylaw 2.1 (a) and Bylaw 4.6 (a).

Within the *Ad Hoc* Committee's report there was also a summary of operational considerations. An update on each of these considerations is included here:

- **Sizes of Associations:** Hockey Alberta has implemented a new service model that will enhance the support and service to associations of all sizes. This plan includes adjusted volunteer roles and an adjusted meeting plan to engage like-sized MHAs with each other.
- **Recreational Hockey:** Hockey Alberta has built a detailed recreational hockey model to incorporate existing Pond Hockey programs as well as other flexible hockey options. This model will provide a consistent structure for programs while keeping flexible guidelines that can be used to attract new players and/ or players seeking less commitment than the traditional Minor Hockey system. This new model will be implemented for the 2021-22 hockey season.
- **Hockey Canada Accredited Schools:** A new policy was created by Hockey Canada to provide more consistency to Accredited School structures and it was implemented for the 2020-21 season. Using this policy, Hockey Alberta has amended our Provincial Accredited Schools model and continues to engage our registered programs in meetings to discuss best practices and potential changes to regulations in the future.
- **Minor Hockey Leagues:** Working with the Minor Leagues on consistency of operations continues to be one of the primary strategic objectives of Hockey Alberta for 2020-21. Building the relationship amongst the Leagues is a focus as well as engaging the Leagues directly with Hockey Alberta, and our volunteers, more often. The service structure changes have engaged the Leagues on day-to-day registration, player movement and discipline related items. The consistent Tiering initiative is still ongoing, leading to Provincial Championships.
- **Officials:** Hockey Alberta's Officials Committee continues to identify new initiatives that can help provide support and guidance to officials across the Province. Starting this season, an action has been initiated to identify and implement Referees-in-Chief (RIC) within Leagues. We are also focusing on further developing the support system for local officials through the RICs in each community. The committee continues to have a regional structure of volunteers providing support and leadership on a day-to-day basis as well as a staff lead through the Manager, Officiating.
- **Streams of Hockey:** Within our AAA and AA programs, Hockey Alberta's committees are implementing additional meetings with the host MHAs at each level. These meetings are used for planning League and playoff schedules, sharing best practices and discussing future change. Each committee is developing and/ or adding to their operational standards in order to create consistency to how programs are hosted across the Province.

On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank the membership for their questions at the 2019 AGM as well as those that submitted feedback. I would also like to thank and acknowledge our committee members and the stakeholder group that we consulted with throughout the process.



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Ad-Hoc Committee Members

- Terry Engen – Committee Chair (Past Chair, Hockey Alberta)
- Francois Gagnon – Hockey Alberta Board
- Ron Chicoyne – Past President, Hockey Calgary
- Geoff Humphrey – Chair, West Central AA Hub/ Past President, Eckville MHA
- Elton Davidge – President, Sherwood Park MHA
- Gary Tanton – Vice President, Camrose MHA
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Stakeholder Consultation Group

- Ted Carter – Hockey Alberta Life Member
- Craig DeCoursey – Chair, Officials Committee
- Andy Oakes – Okanagan Hockey Academy, Edmonton
- Dean Hengel – Executive Director, Hockey Edmonton
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- James Parks – Chair, Minor Leagues Committee
- Shannon Ziemann – Gleichen Pond Hockey
- Jerry Muise – President, NCHL (Senior Hockey)

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Should any member of Hockey Alberta wish to discuss this report prior to the Annual General Meeting please contact Hockey Alberta's CEO Rob Litwinski (rlitwinski@hockeyalberta.ca). He will get in touch with myself and/or work with you directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry C. Engen".

Terry Engen
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