

2015 HOCKEY ALBERTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



**SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2015
THE WESTIN, CALGARY**

Member Delegates: Grande Prairie MHA, Peace River MHA, Sexsmith MHA, Cold Lake MHA, Elk Point MHA, Athabasca MHA, Spruce Grove MHA, St. Albert MHA, St. Albert Comets, Stony Plain MHA, Sturgeon Hockey Club, Westlock MHA, Beaumont MHA, Devon MHA, Eckville MHA, Leduc MHA, Red Deer MHA, Rimbey MHA, Rocky Mountain House MHA, Spruce View MHA, Sylvan Lake MHA, Warburg MHA, Winfield MHA, Bow Island MHA, Crowsnest Pass MHA, Airdrie MHA, Banff MHA, Brooks MHA, Carstairs MHA, Chestermere MHA, Olds MHA, Redcliff MHA, Camrose MHA, Stettler MHA, Strathcona MHA, Hockey Edmonton, Hockey Calgary

Hockey Alberta: Terry Engen, Fran Zinger, Rob Virgil, Len Samletzki, Fred Horbay, Dave Sevalrud, Laury Schmidt, Francois Gagnon, Joe Kuhar, Graham Parsons, Dean Hengel, Dave Shaw, CJ Senkow, Stefan Brown, Darren Kuz, Jody Ginther, Dave Butler, Sherry Haarstad, Daryl Pickering, Gord Lane, Connie Anderson, Randy Hupka, Jamie Salm, Barry Brost, Todd Vance, Betty Chmilar, Bob Stinn, Debbie Northcott, Janet Fairless, Shauna Benn, Donna Reeds, Seema King, Sherri Barrett, Trevor Hittel, Glenn Sommerville, Phil Moreau, Stacey Carefoot

Life Members: Ernie Boruk, Vern Paul, Marv Bird, Bob Clark, Don Gatto,

Staff: Rob Litwinski, Kevin Macrae, Mike Klass, Michelle Skilnick, Brad Lyon, Bryden Burrell, Allison Marriott, Holly Martin, Victoria Hofferd, Scott Robinson, Melissa Drake, Jeremy Haluschak, Justin Fesyk, Karen Dommet

Recording Secretary: Katrina Papke

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 108th Annual General Meeting and thanked the members for being dedicated volunteers of Hockey Alberta.

Terry Engen expressed condolences to the family of Gary Tremblay 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, Elite Sportswear & Awards, CCM/Reebok, Western Hockey League, Gatorade, Source for Sports, Tundra Process Solutions, LA Media, Best Western, and United Cycle.

Terry Engen thanked the Westin Calgary as the host facility for the 2015 Hockey Conference and AGM.

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2.0 **ROLL CALL OF MEMBER DELEGATES – Rob Litwinski**

Rob Litwinski proceeded with the roll call for the 108th Annual General Meeting. Rob Litwinski reported that of the members in attendance, 158 votes were present and asked if there were any errors or omissions.

There were three Minor Hockey Associations in Zone 3 that needed to be added to the roll call list: Stony Plain, Spruce Grove, and Westlock. After updating the list, the total number of votes in the room was brought up to 169.

Moved by: Hockey Edmonton

Seconded by: Banff MHA

That the listing of voting delegates be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

3.0 **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 that could not be in attendance at the 108th Annual General Meeting.

4.0 **PRESENTATION OF THE 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES – Terry Engen**

4.1 Errors or Omissions

- None Stated

4.2 Approval of the Minutes

Moved by: Hockey Edmonton

Seconded by: Brooks MHA

That the minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

- None Stated

6.0 **REPORT OF DIRECTORS TO MEMBERSHIP – Terry Engen**

Terry Engen provided a few brief highlights regarding the past season. A 3 year business plan with initiatives was created with 33 initiatives, 28 of which have now been checked off as completed.

- The new Vision and Mission has been created and the membership informed.
- Terry Engen thanked the Chair's of The Female Structure Review Committee and the AA Hockey Model Committee for their excellent leadership and moving the ball forward with those committees.

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- There's been a concerning spike in Match on Official infractions in the past year, which begs the question, do we need to do anything different?

Terry Engen advised the membership that all reports have been published in the 2015 AGM Information Package that was circulated prior to the meeting; therefore, reports would not be read.

Moved by: Hockey Calgary

Seconded by: Banff MHA

That the report of Directors to the membership of the 2015 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, 2015.

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 - \$2,500
- 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: Hockey Edmonton

Seconded by: Stettler MHA

To approve the 2015-2016 Honorariums for the Hockey Alberta Board of Directors in the amount of \$8,000.

CARRIED

8.0 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR – Len Samletzki

Moved by: Hockey Edmonton

Seconded by: Stettler MHA

That the firm of Collins Barrow of Red Deer be appointed as the Hockey Alberta Auditors for 2015-16 season.

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9.0 **OPERATIONS REPORT – Rob Litwinski**

Rob Litwinski presented the business plan update which included registration statistics, the Hockey Delivery Model, results from the player satisfaction survey, LMHA standards, and Hockey Alberta's key focus for the upcoming 2015-2016 season.

Rob Litwinski informed the membership there was a 10% response from all the homes the player satisfaction survey was sent to, and 90% of associations had a response. Rob Litwinski reviewed the questions in the survey and the average ranking out of 10 that each question received. Over 80% of respondents advised that they would be returning to hockey next season. Being this is the first player survey Hockey Alberta has sent out, the results will be used as a bench mark for future surveys.

Rob Litwinski reviewed the LMHA standards and noted that other branches and Hockey Canada are working on a similar document.

Rob Litwinski identified key focus items for the next season. Hockey Alberta will continue to enhance, build, and implement the hockey delivery model, review the Provincial Championship Model, build a player first charter, and review Hockey Alberta's visual identity.

A short video pertaining to the 2015 Esso Cup hosted by Red Deer MHA was shared with the membership to show a glimpse of what a national event can bring to the total community.

10.0 **NEW BUSINESS – Terry Engen**

Terry Engen advised the membership that new business was covered under the Operations Report agenda item thus there is no further new business at this time.

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 one year to serve.

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

Rob Virgil, Past Chair, has one year to serve.

Fred Horbay, Director at Large has two years to serve.

David Sevalrud, Director at Large, has two years to serve.

Position of Director of Finance: The position is a three year term and the Nominating Committee has brought forward Len Samletzki for election. As no other nominations have been duly received, Len Samletzki was declared the Director of Finance of the Hockey Alberta Board of Directors.

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Position of Director at Large: The position is a three year term and the Nominating Committee has brought forward two candidates to be considered for election to the position of Director at Large: John Erkelens and Jerrold Lemko.

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

John Erkelens addressed the membership and thanked them for their support. John Erkelens spoke to a number of areas that he believes he can make a difference, including programs, association support, and management.

Rob Virgil thanked John Erkelens for his statement and called upon Jerrold Lemko to address the membership.

Jerrold Lemko presented his background and explained why he wants to be on the board. Jerrold Lemko advised the membership that being a member of the Hockey Alberta Board of Directors would be a natural progression for him and spoke of his passion for grassroots hockey. Jerrold Lemko would like to see the board a little more visible and creating relationships with the members.

Rob Virgil thanked Jerrold Lemko for his statement and went on to explain the election process.

The elections are done by secret ballot. Each member represented received an envelope at check-in for the meeting which contains the member's ballot with the vote's weight identified on the ballot. The members were advised to complete their ballot at their table, fold it in half and drop it in the ballot box at the table at the front of the room. Once all the members have voted, the ballots will be counted by Life Members and elections announced.

Rob Virgil called for any remaining ballots to be deposited into the ballot box. As all members have submitted their ballots, the election for the position of Director at Large is declared closed and the Life Members will begin to count the votes.

Based on the numbers duly recorded by the Life Members, Jerrold Lemko is declared the new Director at Large of the Hockey Alberta Board of Directors. Rob Virgil congratulated Jerrold Lemko and welcomed him to the Board.

Moved by: Hockey Edmonton

Seconded by: Stettler MHA

To destroy the election ballots.

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12.0 **AWARDS PRESENTATION** – Rob Virgil

Rob Virgil congratulated all award winners and thanked them for their support to hockey in Alberta.

Rob Virgil acknowledged the following member that had players play at the national team level and called forward the representative to accept a Hockey Canada picture on their behalf:

Emerance Maschmeyer – Fort Saskatchewan MHA

Rob Virgil recognized the individuals and associations who were presented with awards at the BFL Awards Luncheon earlier today:

MHA Executive of the Year – Graham Tanner

MHA of the Year – Killam MHA

Meritorious Award Winners – Darcy Haugan, Gary Tremblay

Development Awards – Blair Becker, Craig DeCoursey, Chris Turnbull

Ernie Boruk Award – Don Roberts

Dave Ganley Award – Aaron Brown, Gary Greenough

Terry Engen came forward to present the Chair of the Board Award to Betty Chmilar.

Terry Engen presented outgoing Director at Large of the Board, Laury Schmidt, with a framed Hockey Alberta banner and thanked him for his 9 years of service with Hockey Alberta.

Terry Engen recognized the following Operational Committee volunteers that have decided to move on:

Referee Committee – Marty Tingstad, Ryan Weyland, Jared Greenberg, Cory McLean

Operations Advisory Committee – Tamara Robbins, George Kallay, Paul Schmidt

Pond Hockey Committee – Gord Hira, Howard Wurban, Cara Sheppard

Terry Engen introduced a short video that summarizes one of the promotional initiatives that Hockey Alberta offered during the 2014-2015 hockey season; Tundra True Spirit of Hockey Day.

Wrapping up the meeting, Terry Engen began to call a motion for adjournment at which time Elwood Johnston from Winfield came forward to express his discontentment regarding the procedure and practices of Hockey Alberta for boundary resolution. Terry Engen interrupted, declaring that he is out of order, as he was not following the protocol for matters such as this. Terry Engen advised Mr. Johnston to discuss the issue through the proper channels within his zone.

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13.0 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Stettler MHA

Seconded by: Eckville MHA

To adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.