



Officials Committee
Annual General Meeting
May 28, 2017
Baymont Inn & Suites, Red Deer, AB

Attendance: D. Kuz, B. Ramsay, R. Larson, C. Nichols, C. Senkow, V. Nelson, M. Woytkiw, W. Krausnick, M. Davidson, I. Calverley, D. Ganley, J. Kobal, D. Brown, C. Peters, M. Tingstad, J. Ginther, C. Keller, D. Ziegler, H. Costa, D. Butler, D. Shaw, T. Pawsey, D. Coles, B. Renner, D. Westwood, L. MacIsaac, R. Weyland, D. Gilfoy, C. Despot, M. Rebus, T. Tondou, G. Hart, C. Rebus, D. MacDougall, S. Brown, G. Enns, C. Huesby, N. Tremblay, B. Campbell, B. Gavin, C. Gregory, D. Pickering, C. DeCoursey, J. Gaucher, D. Ingram, J. Graham, J. Graham

Staff: M. Klass, A. Marriott

1. Call to Order

D. Shaw called the 2017 Officials Committee Annual General Meeting to order at 10:02am

2. Roll Call

3. Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed for members lost this past year.

4. Introductions

4.1. Life Members

D. Shaw introduced the Life Members in attendance (J. Kobal, D. Ganley, D. MacDougall, W. Krausnick)

4.2. Branch Representatives

D. Shaw introduced M. Klass and A. Marriott from Hockey Alberta.

4.3. Recognition of those leaving and joining Executives

D. Shaw acknowledged M. Woytkiw leaving the Northeast Zone Executive and R. Larson who will be taking over as Chairman.

5. Agenda

5.1. Additions or Deletions

None stated.

5.2. Acceptance of Agenda

Motion: To approve the 2017 Officials Committee Annual General Meeting agenda as circulated.

Moved by: J. Kobal

Seconded by: M. Rebus

Carried



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6. Minutes of June 5, 2016

6.1. Errors or Omissions

6.0. Motion to now read: "To approve the minutes of the June 7, 2015 Referee Committee Annual General Meeting as circulated"

6.2. Acceptance of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the June 5, 2016 Officials Committee Annual General Meeting with the following change: *6.0. Motion to now read: "To approve the minutes of the June 7, 2015 Referee Committee Annual General Meeting as circulated"*

Moved by: J. Kobal

Seconded by: D. Ziegler

Carried

6.3. Business Arising from Minutes

None stated.

7. Reports

7.1. Provincial Chairman

Report circulated. D. Shaw updated that there were a lot of challenges throughout the year and added that it is important to keep the lines of communication open across the province to ensure each Zone is updated appropriately. He thanked the Minor Hockey Associations (MHAs) across the province for their support and backing of officials and added that there are a few challenging MHAs that need to improve for the coming season. D. Shaw shared that the job of the official is a difficult and important one and that it is crucial to ensure the supervision and mentorship programs are effective to guarantee the success of officials. He provided that he attended the Western Branch Meeting and is working to gather the best practices from other Branches to build-on and improve the officiating program and clinic process in Alberta.

D. Shaw thanked the Zone Chairmen, Zone Executives and volunteers for their hard work. He thanked his wife for her continued support.

7.2. Past Chairman

No update presented.

7.3. Treasurer/Registrar

Report circulated. D. Butler outlined the audited financials and noted that there was a \$148 surplus this year which was more than budgeted and was due to an increase in registrations. He added that the payments to Hockey Alberta for the HU Online Officiating Course should be recouped this year or next. D. Butler shared that the



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2017/18 budget was completed in January and shows a deficit due to the funding of the Level 6 and Level 4/5 camps. He provided the following updates:

- Registrations up 1.9% to 5634 officials (a record for registration)
- Turnover rate was 28.4% which is down from last year

D. Butler thanked the Zone Registrars for their hard work and timeliness, Clinic Coordinators, D. Shaw, D. Ganley, C. Nichols, C. DeCoursey, K. Moledina, R. Weyland, Hockey Alberta, and the Zone Chairmen for their support throughout the season.

7.4. Hockey Alberta Report

Report circulated. Highlights include: M. Klass shared that a portal is being created on the Hockey Alberta website that will ensure all Zone contacts are up to date and readily available to the membership. He added that the portal will also allow for officials to sign up for Hockey Alberta's membership communications and has the capability to support Zone websites. M. Klass shared that Hockey Alberta also sends out the Ice Times as a bi-weekly communication. Zones are encouraged to share information there. June 15 is the deadline for Awards nominations to Michelle Skilnick. As of this season, Hockey Canada has mandated that there is a modified ice surface for all IP hockey. Changes coming to Novice in the following seasons. Hockey Alberta is working on the CRC to be a pre-requisite for registration this upcoming season. In the 2018-19 season, Respect In Sport will become a mandatory renewal for both Parent and Activity Leader programs every 4 years and there is an emphasis on goaltender development.

7.5. Zone Reports & Awards

7.5.1. Northeast Zone

Report circulated. R. Larson shared that the Zone had their first increase in registrations in 4 years with female officials being the highest proportion in the province. He provided that the Zone went paperless for clinics and moved supervisions to be online submissions only this season with nothing but positive feedback coming out of the changes. R. Larson thanked exiting Zone Executives D. Pollard and M. Woytkiw for their dedication and work in the Zone.

Northeast Zone Award Winner (presented by M. Woytkiw):

- Rob Larson

7.5.2. Peace Zone

Report circulated. C. Senkow provided that registration numbers were up with the Zone's 7 instructors hosting 20 clinics. He thanked the instructors for all of their hard work throughout the season. C. Senkow



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thanked the Central and North Zones for the travel opportunities. He shared that the Zone will be hosting the Junior B Provincials in the 2017/18 Season and hopes that the communication between Hockey Alberta and the Officials Committee improves as the lack of communication caused resources to be stretched this season. C. Senkow thanked D. Shaw and the Zone Executive for their support and added that he looks forward to another 2 years as chairman.

Peace Zone Award Winner:

- Bryan Turner

7.5.3. Central Zone

Report circulated. C. DeCoursey, on behalf of L. McKinnon, credited the volunteers and membership in the Zone for the success this season. He shared that Goalline was rolled out to rural communities, mini clinics were expanded, supervision policies were updated, and administration costs were lowered do to a shift to online processes. C. DeCoursey added that there were a few issues with the AJHL but the relationship with Hockey Calgary remains strong. He thanked the Zone Chairmen for the travel opportunities and H. Martin at Hockey Alberta for her support.

Central Zone Award Winners:

- Mykle Davidson
- Ian Calverley
- Brandon Renner

7.5.4. South Zone

Report circulated. J. Ginther shared that the Zone did not host any Provincials tournaments which made for a short season. He shared that the coming season will be challenging from a development of officials standpoint due to the Midget AAA League disbanding in Medicine Hat and amalgamating into the Lethbridge League, a 100 mile change in travel. J. Ginther added that there was an increase in match penalties as well as a noticeable increase in poor attitude in coaching staff which he would like to see improve.

South Zone Award Winner:

- Joyce Graham

7.5.5. North Zone

Report circulated. S. Brown provided that there were 73 clinics for 1901 officials with an 8.1% turnover rate this season. He shared that the new



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online registration system will be ready by late August and added that the Zone is continuing to look into possible supervision apps. S. Brown updated that Provincials went well in the Zone and noted that there were issues where officials did not receive medals but that Hockey Alberta is working to rectify the issue. S. Brown thanked the Zones for the travel opportunities as well as for their support through the loss of Colin Hackett. He also thanked M. Woytkiw for his hard work and dedication to the program.

North Zone Award Winners:

- George Hart
- Darcy Carter
- Scott Hennig

7.5.6. North Central Zone

Report circulated. D. Kuz thanked the Zone Executive, RICs and assignors for their hard work this season as well as B. Ramsay for this work with female development and K. Baltimore for his dedication as he will be stepping down. He shared that the Executive worked hard to improve the supervision, mentorship and female development programs this season with registration numbers increasing from last year. D. Kuz noted that he is working with Hockey Alberta on a process to increase the compliance with the Criminal Record Check Policy and has been involved in the creation and updating of the provincial supervision guidelines and Committee bylaws and terms of reference. He thanked the Red Deer Rebels for the Level 1 spotlight as well as Shell for the scholarship that was given to L. Hill. D. Kuz thanked the Provincial Committee as well as his family for their continued support.

North Central Zone Award Winner:

- Darren Pickering

7.6. Development Reports

7.6.1. Female

Report circulated. R. Weyland thanked the Zone Chairmen, Provincial Executive and Female Development Representatives for their support this season with a special thank you to M. Woytkiw for his long-term support and hard work. He shared that he has started a CIS travel plan that came with some issues on the administration side but will work to improve the plan for next season. R. Weyland added that the Female



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Development Camp setup has been changed to mirror the Male Development Camp and is looking forward to this year's event.

7.6.2. Alberta Cup/Development Camp

Report circulated. C. DeCoursey thanked the Provincial Committee and D. Moore from Hockey Alberta for their support this season and congratulated J. Kikuchi on being named the Alberta Cup's All-Star Official. He added that he is looking forward to the upcoming Development Camp (July 4-9 in Camrose) and Level 4/5 Clinic (September 9-10 in Red Deer) and will get the application out to the Chairmen at the end of June.

7.6.3. Supervision

Report circulated. D. Ganley updated that the 2017 Supervision Seminar will be held in Red Deer on October 14th and 15th. He thanked the Provincial Chairmen for the supervisions they submitted throughout the season. D. Shaw shared that he hopes to have a supervision app in place by the Fall that has the ability to tie into HCR.

7.6.4. OPOE Candidates

D. Shaw shared that the deadline for OPOE candidates to be submitted is now May 19th so they have recently been submitted and thanked the Chairmen for their submissions. He added that OPOE camp will now be held every 2 years with this year's camp being held centrally in Calgary but will revert to the 3-camp format in the following years.

Level Upgrades are as follows:

- Level 4 Female: Michelle Barry and Jessica Tromblay
- Level 4 L: Marcu Gerow
- Level 5: Chris Rebus, Brayden Arcand and Justin Slimm
- Level 6: Alberta has requested 3 spots from Hockey Canada will announce the names in the future.

7.6.5. Match Penalty

Report circulated. K. Moledina outlined the 18 match penalties given out this season. He thanked the Zone Match Coordinators for their support.

7.7. Provincial Leagues

7.7.1. CIS



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D. Shaw shared that he attended the Canada West meeting in May. He added that there have been a lot of travel opportunities for the Province with officials being well-received at national events. D. Shaw updated that W. Smith is the Officiating Coordinator for the male side. D. Shaw congratulated the female officials in the CIS.

7.7.2. AJHL

C. Nichols shared that the League is happy with the communication and officiating program across the province. Some concerns expressed include the number of available officials as well as how often they are being travelled. C. Nichols thanked those who have put work into the program this season.

7.7.3. ACAC

D. Shaw provided that the relationship continues to be positive with negotiations beginning following the conclusion of the 3-year agreement. He added that the League will transition to a 4-official system on the male side and will keep the 3-official system on the female side.

7.7.4. Midget AAA

D. Shaw provided that he plans to approach the group about the 4-official system to hopefully have it incorporated into playoffs and work it into league play eventually.

7.7.5. Canadian Women's Hockey League

D. Shaw shared that the province was asked to send an official to the Clarkson Cup to officiate one game and shared that his goal is to work with partners in Ottawa to open up an opportunity for a female official to work other games while there.

8. New Business

8.1. Bylaw Changes

D. Kuz provided an overview of the proposed bylaw changes for the 2017-2018 season (attached). The following clarification was provided on succession planning: Zone Chairman – 2 years; (to a maximum of (3) three consecutive (2) year terms. A minimum of 2 years must expire before a member may return to this position.)

Rationale for Change: Term limits for the chairman position greatly assist with the recruitment and development of new leaders.



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Motion: To approve the term limit amendments to the Official's Committee bylaws for the 2017-18 season.

Moved by: D. Kuz

Seconded by: C. Senkow

Carried

Motion: To amend and approve the proposed Bylaw amendment for Grievance Hearing Fees so the addition to the Bylaw reads *"Also prior to every level of grievance, the Griever is responsible to pay the applicable which will not exceed that which is charged by Hockey Alberta"*.

Moved by: D. Kuz

Seconded by: C. Senkow

Carried

Motion: To approve the terminology amendments to the Official's Committee bylaws for the 2017-18 season.

Moved by: D. Kuz

Seconded by: C. Senkow

Carried

8.2. Clinics

8.2.1. Registration

D. Shaw shared that the clinic process was reconfigured this season. C. Senkow updated that the Leadership Seminar was hosted in November and thanked C. Bruce and D. Ziegler for their help in the event. He added that the goal for the seminar was to create consistent material to be used across the province that also falls in line with the material presented in the other Western Branches.

9. Awards and Scholarships

9.1. Golf

A total of \$805.00 was raised for the Tremblay Family.

9.2. Future Leaders Scholarships

No longer a scholarship given out by the Hockey Alberta Foundation.

9.3. Officials Committee Scholarship



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Winners:

- Carrie Keller
- Nathan Tromblay
- David Gilfoy
- Ceanna Maldaner

9.4. Ken Stiles Award Winner

Not announced yet.

9.5. HDC Award

No nominations for the 2016-17 season.

9.6. Dave Ganley Awards

- Doug Brown

9.7. Ernie Boruk Award

- Dave Butler

9.8. Life Membership

- Mike Rebus

10. Next Meeting

June 1-3, 2018

11. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the 2017 Officials Committee Annual General meeting at 12:03pm.

Moved by: D. MacDougall

Seconded by: J. Kobal

Carried