

OGHA 2025 Annual General Meeting

Virtual Meeting – June 26, 2025 @ 7 pm

Attendance: Mary Ruth Endicott, Angie, Atefeh Mansouri, Brad, Olivier Cullen, Rob Smith, Jennifer Flannagan,

1. Call to Order – at 7:30 am with 25 people online
2. Welcome and Introductions
Introduction of board members and words of thanks.
3. Approval of Agenda
Moved by Jennifer Flanagan Second by Jennifer Williams
Approved
4. Approval of Minutes of Past AGM
Moved Tim Wilshaw Second by Jennifer Flanagan
Approved
5. 2024-2025 Season Rundown and Highlights
Board Priorities this year:
 - Program Stability – increased competitive teams; able to run DS at two age levels
 - Financial Sustainability – ice scheduler was very successful; registration increases
 - Fairness in competitive tryouts – independent coordinators at each levels;
 - Advancing girls and women in hockey – female dominated board, recruited additional female coaches, especially younger female coaches, female only change roomsFinancials:
 - \$100K surplus – increased registration, stronger ice allocation and management
 - Statements are posted online
 - Thanks to Mark Haris for coordinating this and getting this established
 - Think about new programming initiatives now that we have this cash surplus – growth potential going forwardRegistration Numbers:
 - Fundamentals some growth but would like to see more
 - Almost 60 players in U22 house league this yearHouse League – Metro Ottawa Girls Hockey League (MOGHL)
 - Growing group working on structuring and building this association can do
 - Talking with other associations in the Ottawa region who are looking to play more together
 - 7 folks working on this growthCompetitive Teams
 - Talked about development of competitive plays – especially grit and aggressive play
 - U18A team – OWHA champion
 - Lots of great people engaging with the leagueShannon – Junior 67s – Double AA
 - U22 officially in the OWHL

- Excited for U15 and U18 teams

Additional Programming

- DS program at U13 and U18
- Power Skating Sessions
- First Shift Program with 30 participants – 23 registered for Second Shift – big feeder opportunity

Tournament Overview

- Strong committee Nicole Larose, Yannick Carriere, Dyanna and Oksana Strelbitsky
- Profit was \$7000
- Lots of time commitment

Successes

- Thanks Sophie – social media coordinator
- OC a lot of coaching along with Coach Seb for fundamentals with their dedicated sponsor as well

Tryouts 2025-2026

- Happen at the end of fiscal year (Fiscal year is May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025)
- Financially benefit the ending year even though trying out for the new year
- High registration with 300

Looking Ahead 2025-2026

- Looking to build at the younger levels – need the numbers of girls interested – stable schedule
- Part of the strategy for house league registration
- For development of player skills – we have instituted a new Development Coordinator Role which will be taken on by Angie – who put forward this recommendation
- Rebranding the association – will need a bit more time – uniform name and logo across the association similar to what Ottawa East just under went

Nicole Larose?

- Any discussion about zoning for girls leagues – coed leagues are looking at removing boundaries – only remain in eastern ontario for

Steph Duval – thanks for the presentation and for all the volunteers – branding and new jersey purchases – competitive will be asked to buy their jerseys in the 26-27 season – a small number of previous logos will be purchased this year

Scott Uzelman and Anne-Marie – thanks to Katie; concern about the declining numbers in house league; Is this unique to us? - Katie clarified not as steep as the numbers suggest – are seeing this across the board; mostly being seen in our area because of the more Innercity nature of our arenas unlike the suburbs which are growing because growth in those communities. We expect/hope the development stream and coordinator will be a draw for people looking at house league

OC – added that it is a bit of a trend

Jennifer Flanagan – this balance is something that has been a priority for the board; efforts are being made on this front

Katie – also mentioned some marketing activities to try to draw more in; hard to trace the impact – cost doesn't seem like a big draw; hoping that the
Brad - What is the younger team levels health – we have at least one team at all levels
– U15 probably – one; U18 probably field two

6. Review of the Financials

- No questions raised

7. Board of Directors Elections

Tracy Ormos – always volunteered at team level – daughter in U18

Matt Young – three daughters in the league came from Nepean – managing a team each year; continue to grow the association should be our goal

Atefeh Mansouri – daughter in U13 been with association since Fundamentals – want to help a bit

Max Brennan – three daughters through OGHA program – one in the U22 program this year and really enjoys it – been around and helping out at some level – great association – happy to see girls association holding here in Ottawa – daughter two seasons left

Moved by Tim

Second by Jennifer Williams

Carried – welcome to the board

First board meeting the board will elect members to the various offices

8. Additional Questions and Comments

Steph Duval – commented that smaller teams were a great development opportunity

Scott Uzelman and Anne-Marie – very large team was a negative experience; worried about Competitive level C team – what is being done to prevent having such a large team – painful to have not enough for two teams concerned that we are pulling away that chance for two teams instead of a really large team – want to know what the plan is to avoid that – encourage folks to register and register early so that we show we have the numbers – registrations beget registrations
Katie – if we had it to do again would have fielded two teams because could have called up and affiliated from the other team

Tanya – transparency for level C; hard to register if not assurance that this will not happen again; communicating that to parents will be helpful to getting people to stay and commit

Amanda – U11 some accountability that the whole competitive thing happened – seems like a money grab and guts the house league – really cares about the association but creates feeling about mistrust; some assurance to make up for the challenging year – would also like to be included in the decision-making process

Jennifer Williams – bring a rep to the board

OC – share concerns and has brought them to the board; not tiered house league is an impact; team last year was too big; it what it is; U11 is a feeder and if we start losing them early; goal is two U11 team; understand the frustration and it is tough – would like answer from director of comp why decision was made

Anne-Marie – our geographic constraints aren't helping; not an indictment of the board and would have helped the parents would have been to have greater

understanding of what the Tryout process involved (number of ice times; level of play) mostly aware of costs; seems comp process favored those that knew the competitive process

Katie – agreed gap of information on what to expect on the comp side and what to expect; might be good to have this information on our website

Tim – policy says we will field a team if there is an interest and we have ice we offer the level.

Amanda – this is not about

9. Meeting Adjournment at 8:23 pm

Directors Discussion

Action Items on this U11 topic:

- director of Comp to talk to the coach
- parents on the comp team have an option to go back to house
- Comp director to suggest affiliation
- House director to communicate this to the U11 parents