



**2016/2017**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Reports from the Board of Directors**



*Home of the Windsor Wildcats, LaSalle Sabrecats, Tecumseh Tigercats & Southwest Wildcats*

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## Report of the President of SPFHA 2017 Annual General Meeting:

Sun Parlour Female Hockey Association has had a very successful season. We were well represented at the Championships by both our competitive and house league teams. On behalf of the Board of Directors congratulations to these teams for their success!!

SPFHA continues to develop and evolve with our main goal to encourage young females to be physically active and participate in a sport they love!! We continue to work to create successful programs that provide fun, skills development and encourage a love of hockey for members of the Association.

Without the tireless work of the volunteers within our Association, be they coaches, board members or parents, we would not be enjoying our current successes nor would we be able to develop go forward plans for our future.

This year's Board of Directors has dedicated countless hours to insuring that our Association is successful both on and off the ice.

This year, we participated in several local events to get the word out about Sun Parlour. Our participation in these local events which include the Memorial Cup, Hometown Hockey and Windsor Soccer Club Tom Hillis Tournament, allowed us to secure additional funding and support for our Association. Board Members and several Association Coaches dedicated hundreds of hours of their time to insure that Sun Parlour was well represented at these events.

This year, SPFHA was able to secure the First Shift hockey program. The program ran for six weeks in February and March. This program was a huge success and through it our Association obtained 16 additional players in our younger divisions. We have applied to host another First Shift Program in the fall of 2017 and anticipate similar results as the demand for the program was very high.

A special thanks goes out to the coaches (Jen, Jess, Kayla, Carson, Mike B, Jamie, Jeff and others), our goalies (Sarah H and Caroline M), on ice co-ordinator Mike Fockens and program co-ordinator Dana Hitchcock for the time and effort they put into this program.

SPFHA has also been approved to host an Esso Women's Hockey Day event in late August which will allow us to promote our Association and female hockey throughout Essex County.

Each and every board member has contributed tremendously to the Association. Without them SPFHA would not exist. I would like to thank each and every one of them for their assistance this season.

To the dedicated coaches that gave their time this season to improve the lives of each and every player they encountered words cannot express the gratitude that we as an Association have for you. Please know that in giving your time you are having a positive impact on these young women. Your leadership, role modelling and passion for the game are something that these girls will learn from and aspire to become. These young people are our future and your contributions will go far in creating a better future for all of us.

To each and every parent we have encountered throughout the season please know that we take time to consider each comment, suggestion and complaint. Your input is valuable and provides both the SPFHA Board of Directors and Executive with the opportunity to implement the changes that you the members of our Association would like.

As a Board of Directors we strive for transparency and openness. We are available to answer your questions and concerns. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with your questions, comments and concerns we are here to represent you.

I look forward to continued success in the 2017-2018 hockey season.

Lori Clarke

## **Report of the Vice President of House League of SPFHA 2017 Annual General Meeting:**

People believe that travel hockey is the most important aspect of any hockey association, however, the house league component represents over 75% of all revenue to associations.

That being said it is crucial we continue to assess and develop opportunities to maintain and increase our house league registration numbers. Based upon talking to people in the community, there still is a lack of knowledge that female hockey is alive and well in our region. It has been ten years since the opening and expanding of female hockey into Lasalle and shortly after the expansion into Tecumseh. Although we have had good success, we believe there is a need to increase the awareness of female hockey through various means to solidify SPFHA hockey into the future.

Since our association encompasses three regions it is crucial we have solid Standard Operation Procedures in place and available to members. Next fall we have available to all members the SPFHA House League Manual. This manual is a quick but thorough document that outlines all aspects of house league hockey with SPFHA for coaches and parents.

Although novice registration numbers are down this year, we believe we still have a solid base in place with various programs to increase our numbers to more historical averages. SPFHA has taken the lead in requesting the expansion of the Essex Kent Girls Interlock Hockey League (EKGHL) to include a novice division starting next fall. All associations have approved in principal the plan to expand to include novice teams and all have agreed there needs to be a proper plan in place for the players to develop their skills through the models of Hockey Canada. Playing games alone will not improve your child's hockey skills, but a proper development plan along with games will increase their hockey knowledge and skills.

This year our house league component had one novice, three atom, two peewee, five bantam and nine midget/intermediate teams which is down one peewee and one midget from two years ago. Lasalle is the only region where we have had an increase in our enrolment. The goal next year through various means will be to increase each division by one team. Registration rebates along with First Skate should help increase our house league numbers.

Next year we plan on increasing our media presence in the community by adding SPFHA banners to all three centres. There has also been discussions to centralize our Windsor team games including travel teams to one arena.

The DS program was reintroduced this year for the atom and bantam division. Both teams had a successful season in tournament play. Notably, the bantam team remains undefeated and hope to sweep tournament play this weekend in Brampton. The goal for next year is to expand the DS program to include teams in all divisions. Coaching Applications will be available on the website sometime this summer.

Although player suspensions and discipline in house league declined this year, head coach and coaching staff discipline and suspensions increased for our association. SPFHA will continue to investigate all matters to the fullest and make necessary recommendations that are brought forward by the committee. Coaching is not a right but a privilege. As indicated in our House League manual, the head

coach will be selected based primarily on their coaching and playing experiences, and other credentials. Past history and the ability to follow operational instructions from the SPFHA Board of Directors will also be considered. More specifically, being able to work with other coaches and alongside the house league director and the VP of house league is critical! Examples where coaches can be overlooked include any suspension a coach receives. Failure to follow basic rules including fair play, knowingly use illegal players, sending out mass emails when dealing in sensitive matters, and failing to follow the proper chain of command.

### Tournament Play

This year has been very successful for our teams in tournament play. Here is the following list of winners and runners up.

Tecumseh Atom Lanteigne Silver Windsor  
Tecumseh Bantam Meloche Gold Windsor, Silver Oakville, and Silver Hospice  
Tecumseh Bantam McConnell Gold Oakville, Gold Lakeshore  
Lasalle Bantam Powney Silver Windsor, Silver Stoney Creek  
Lasalle Bantam Hoskins, Silver Wilmot, Gold Southpoint  
Bantam DS Gold Orangeville, Gold Leaside  
Windsor Midget Naccarato Gold Oakville  
Lasalle Midget Curtis Silver Norfolk  
Lasalle Midget Modestino Gold Windsor Wildcat

### House League Day of Champs

Atom Windsor McArdle  
Pewee Lasalle Clarke-Bartolo  
Bantam Lasalle Powney  
Midget A Tecumseh Hilton  
Midget B Lasalle Curtis

### Interlock Day of Champs

Bantam Tier 1 Tecumseh Meloche  
Bantam Tier 2 Tecumseh McConnell  
Bantam Tier 3 Lasalle Powney  
Midget Tier 2 Anderson  
Midget Tier 3 Curtis

House league calendar will likely start Sept 9<sup>th</sup> and stop for Christmas break on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. We could start playoffs on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

There are plans in development to have a Summer Hockey School the last week of August.

Finally, a special thanks goes out to all the volunteers who helped out for our successful Day of Champs

Mike Martin  
Vice President of House League

## Report of the Registrar of SPFHA 2017 Annual General Meeting

The 2016--2017 season was once again a successful year for SPFHA.

Registration topped out at 421 players registered in SPFHA.

There were 27 less girls this season than last season, with our biggest drop being in the Atom division - with no travel teams in this division. This situation will hopefully be remedied with the addition this year of travel teams at the Atom level.

The other divisions stayed around the same numbers as last season.

This coming season's registration started (in person) on Day of Champs which was at South Windsor Arena on Sat. March 25, 2017

Online registration opened on April 1, 2017 through our website at [www.spfhahockey.com](http://www.spfhahockey.com).

Below are registration fees for 2017--2018 season.

Novice-- \$550

Atom--Intermediate----- \$600 (Before August 1, 2017) (after August 1, 2017 there will be a nonrefundable \$50 late fee added to the registration fee)

This season we instituted a first OWHA registrant fee of \$300 - this along with the successful First Start Program has seen an increase in Novice registrants as well as new players in other divisions.

We will continue to give \$100 rebate to any house league goalie that plays in net for the entire season.

They will be reimbursed at the end of that season.

We will also continue to give the \$50 multiplayer discount.

Rick Spratt  
Registrar

## Report of the Ice Scheduler of SPFHA 2017 Annual General Meeting

This season we booked 1201 hours (down 108 hours from last season) of ice at 6 different arenas, 4 arenas in Windsor and 1 in each of the towns of Tecumseh and LaSalle. 563 hours of ice was used for travel (including DS teams), 38 hours for skills development and the remainder for house league. Even with all the attempts made to maximize our ice usage we still burned 45 hours of ice this season representing 3.7% (down 1%) of our booked ice. The ideal goal would be to get this below 3%.

Although our ice cost was down this season, ideally we would like to see all house league teams with at least 14 players which would maximize our return.

The 100+ hours of savings was mostly accomplished by returning 2 hours of ice on Sunday afternoon and 1 hour of Friday night ice at Tecumseh. I did manage to eliminate one of our 5pm practice times and improve the late Tuesday night time for the midgets.

I would like to thank Roy Henry as we worked together all season and especially through the playoffs to insure that there were referees for all scheduled games. I also want to thank all the travel coaches and managers who were very cooperative and understanding when we were trying to book their regular season games, play off and play down games. At times it was a bit difficult but I think we managed to get all the games scheduled at times that worked for all involved.

Moving forward whether it's me or someone else in this position, the goal is to try to bring our burned ice below 3% and to try to continue to improve some of our ice times. This would mean decreasing the burnt ice by as little as 8 hours.

Rob Modestino  
Ice Scheduler

## Report of the Referee in Chief of SPFHA 2017 Annual General Meeting

This season saw strong emphasis on development in our referee association. Along with on-ice training, many of our first-year officials were given the chance to skate a fair amount of games by reserving Atom and Novice house games for them until December. We will continue to look to improving our younger year development to ensure new referees get as much training as possible to better prepare them to excel on the ice. Some possibilities for next season include working toward a mentorship model and having more on-ice training sessions.

A number of our officials were introduced to lining this season during exhibition and beginning-of-season play. This happened through the induction of special “3-person” system games in our Midget house league system, as well as at the Bantam and Midget travel. Each linesperson was put with an experienced line partner and a senior head referee. It was great to see so many officials experience this “next level” and we hope to continue developing future linespeople next season. The referee association is thankful to the Midget house league system that allows us to train our referees during inter-squad games.

The referee association is happy to see a solid crew of officials heading up to the 2016-2017 Provincials the weekend of April 6-9. I am confident they will make our local association proud as they officiate the top teams in Ontario this past season.

This season will see the first inaugural end of season Referee Association event to celebrate all of the hard work our officials put in throughout the season. Along with this event, there will be four separate awards given out. The awards are as follows: Timekeeper of the Year, Most Improved, Best Partner on the Ice, and Referee of the Year. The refereeing association showed great pride in their fellow referee partners by sending in the names of many hard-working candidates.

In sum, as a referee association we will continue to work towards developing our officials to our best ability in a positive learning environment. We appreciate the support and positive attitudes from many coaches, players, and affiliates of Sun Parlour Female Hockey Association. We look forward to the 2017-2018 season.

Jack McLaren  
Sun Parlour Ref-in-Chief

## Report of the Webmaster of SPFHA 2017 Annual General Meeting

My first year as webmaster has been a successful and enjoyable one. I've learned a great deal and have become extremely comfortable with the back end of our website. I'd like to thank Cailean Lenover for the assistance he provided during my transition into the role. SPFHA continues to use GoalLine as its web host as it has a lot to offer in terms of online registration, setting up team administrators to post to their webpages, integration of team calendar, arena maps, etc. GoalLine is increasing its presence as a sports management provider by integrating a lot of their features (roster, calendar, news) into their mobile app, which has had considerable improvements this past year. SPFHA members have taken advantage of the app with its ease of use and capability. Coaches are set up as website administrators which gives them the ability to manage their team web pages posting games, practices and news articles, and this info is pushed to the subscribed team on the mobile app. I will continue to offer support to those who need it. It's nice to see that many coaches have been in contact with me this season to post their tournament successes on the main webpage.

Online registrations have been underway now for a couple of weeks. The process has been successful again this year, with only occasional issues from members, which are typically resolved within 24 hours (usually much less).

This past year, although not visible from the outside, I have cleaned up the database from the numerous player and coach entries from previous seasons and registrations. The email database continues to be a challenge and requires constant updates due to the nature of members changing email addresses. Past teams and seasons have also been culled from the email database to streamline it.

It has been my pleasure to serve as a board member and webmaster for the past year and look forward to next season. I would like to thank the association and its membership for their support.

Jim Stamatiadis  
Webmaster

## **Report of the Tournament Convenor of SPFHA 2017 Annual General Meeting:**

The Windsor Wild Winter Tournament attracted included the participation of 27 teams. The number of teams participating was down from the previous year. The primary change was less participation from out of town teams. We did however have excellent participation from our association teams and local teams throughout Essex County. Fortunately, we were able to host teams in all divisions (Atom, Peewee, Bantam, and Intermediate). The feedback from the participating teams was very positive and we are hopeful that we will see many teams return next year for the tournament.

The net revenue generated from the tournament was \$5,138.44 for Sun Parlour Female Hockey Association.

Congratulations to the 2017 Champions:

ATOM - CHAMPIONS – SOUTH COUNT HARROW BLUE

PEEWEE - CHAMPIONS – SOUTH COUNTRY AMHERSTBURG

BANTAM - CHAMPIONS – TECUMSEH TIGERCATS 5

INTERMEDIATE - CHAMPIONS – LASALLE SABRECATS 1

Special thanks to Rob Modestino, Jack McLaren and Roy Henry for their assistance with scheduling, referee and timekeeping assignments, the WFCU, and Forest Glade Arena staff, and the many volunteers throughout the weekend that contributed to another successful tournament. I enjoyed having the opportunity to serve as Tournament Convenor the past two years and hope the tournament continues to flourish and provide an opportunity for to showcase our house league teams.

Dave Cmar  
Tournament Convener

## Report of the Equipment Coordinator of SPFHA 2017 Annual General Meeting:

Before the start of our 2016/2017 season we moved our equipment room from South Windsor arena to Forest Glade arena. This allowed u to have a more equipment friendly environment; better lighting, more room, and dryer storage.

This year we lent out 10 sets of goalie equipment to our house league goalies. Each set consisted of mainly new equipment received through the Trillium program. This season we received our last sets of goalie equipment from the Trillium program.

This year's photo day was a big success. We went with a different photographer than the previous season, Brooks Photography. The photo day ran quite smoothly and we were able to stay on schedule. The quality of the photos was excellent, and the delivery of them was quick.

As this is my first season with equipment, I wanted to see as many of the house league teams as possible to see how their jerseys and socks looked on the ice. I looked for clarity of all the logos, how the colour looked, how visible the numbers were, how well the jerseys fit, and if the socks matched. The first thing I noticed, the socks. For the upcoming season the socks will not be plain there will be a stripe on them. Second thing I noticed was a couple of the colours selected did not look as good as we had hoped or they were too close in colour to another jersey colour. I asked for some yearend feedback from the coaches, a few replied. Some suggestions were: all goalie cut jerseys for goalie, l0ok at some different jersey colours, better quality jerseys.

This season we were able to have one of our suppliers open an online store for apparel. We had online shopping or each section of SPFHA with the exception of the Southwest Wildcats. The girls from Tecumseh Tigercats, LaSalle Sabrecats, and Windsor Wildcats, were able to order directly from the supplier.

For our travel program, we went with a different supplier this season. They coordinated a fitting day for jerseys, uniforms, and apparel. With the travel girls, I was able to see how their home jersey fit, how the colours looked, clarity of the logos, numbers, names, and sponsor bars. I was able to speak with a few of the coaches about their girls on-ice and off-ice uniforms, all had positive responses.

For our Atom DS and Bantam DS teams we were able to supply them with sets of jerseys for their tournaments. Both teams were supplied with matching socks at a cost to each DS team.

From the equipment stand point the year ran very well. All of our girls looked good both on and oof the ice and represented SPFHA very well.

Dawn Hoster  
Equipment Coordinator

## **Report of the Public Relations Representative of SPFHA 2017 Annual General Meeting:**

My position as SPFHA's PR Rep for the 2016/2017 season was filled with many exciting tasks for the association...I organized and represented SPFHA in the ultimate hockey festival, as the Rogers Hometown Hockey Tour headed to Windsor. SPFHA's players and teams participated in the two-day celebration, wearing their jerseys proudly and cheering loudly helping me to make Windsor a stop they would remember. I attended the press conference at the WFCU as the first seeds were planted for the new garden which is ground to serve as a lasting reminder of the 2017 MasterCard Memorial Cup. I also assisted with days such as photo day, day of champs, all of which were a pleasure to be a part of, as well as organizing sponsors for our House League program. With the help of Jim Stamatiadis, awesome posters & flyers have been posted & distributed around the community in efforts of promoting SPFHA, increasing registration numbers, and showing what we have to offer. I worked with the First Shift program as SPFHA embarked on the exciting opportunity of bringing this amazing program to the association. 21 little young ladies were fitted and geared up, received their first pair of skates and were ready to hit the ice. It truly has been a great experience for these girls, their families, and all the staff that have helped to make this program such a great success. SPFHA looks forward to having the First Shift program return next season, and contributing to the growth of the association. We are also excited to be in the process of planning and hosting an Esso fun day sometime in August. In my position I welcomed all opportunities and represented SPFHA wholeheartedly working to promote events and show what our association is built on and all that we are striving to achieve.

Dana Hitchcock  
Public Relations Representative

## **Report of the Director of Hockey Operations - LaSalle of SPFHA 2017 Annual General Meeting:**

We had 7 teams all together within LaSalle. (1 in Atom, 1 in Pee wee, 2 in Bantam and 3 in Midget-Intermediate divisions). Bantam Yellow (Glen Powney) won both Tier 3 EKGHL and they won SPFHA Day of Champs beating out top teams in Tier 2 and Tier 3 from Tecumseh. It was an exceptional year for them. They are the first double champions in many years. (Please refer to the SPFHA website for full story and pictures) Both LaSalle Bantam teams also had success in tournament play, LaSalle Yellow won 2<sup>nd</sup> in Stoney Creek and LaSalle Black (Hoskins) won 2<sup>nd</sup> at Wilmont and 1<sup>st</sup> at Southpoint. In the Midget-Intermediate division LaSalle (Curtis) won Silver at Norfolk tournament and LaSalle (Modestino) won Gold at the Windsor Wildcat Tournament. We have some very good tournament teams in LaSalle!

We have steady numbers moving into the upper divisions, but need to increase the numbers at the lower Novice and Atom levels. The First Shift program sponsored by Bauer should see some additions in LaSalle, it was a great success. With the current registration promotion, we should attract new players at all levels. We also saw some great participation for Hometown Hockey from many LaSalle teams as well.

Jeff Hoskins  
Director of Hockey Operations – LaSalle

## Report of the Junior Team Liaison of SPFHA 2017 Annual General Meeting:

This season the Southwest Wildcats volunteered in a number of different ways throughout our organization. They helped kick off the First Shift program by offering our Association's youngest hockey players a tour of their dressing room and the opportunity to watch team warmups from the bench. Throughout the season the Southwest team helped run the house league skills sessions each week. Where young players got to meet the Wildcats and the Wildcats were able to serve as mentors to younger players in our Association.

The Southwest Wildcats participated once again in the PWHL. Which is a league made up of 20 Intermediate AA teams (aged 20 and under). The team also participated in 3 tournaments and the Provincial Championship.

Southwest had a number of players who received individual recognition throughout the year. Maggi DeWolf-Russ and Sofia Smithson were members of the U16 High Performance program where they were selected for teams to play in the Ontario Summer Games as a part of the High Performance Provincial Team program. Savannah Bouzide and myself (Jennifer Hitchcock) were members of Team Ontario Blue who took part in the U18 National Championships in Saskatchewan. The team also appeared on a Hometown Hockey segment as support to our captain Savannah Bouzide who was being interviewed by Ron MacLean. Sofia Smithson, Kirsten Horney and Lindsay Sorrell also took part in a NCAA prospect camp hosted by the University of Connecticut.

The team had a large number of grade 12 student-athletes who will be moving on to University. Savannah Bouzide will be attending University of Connecticut and playing NCAA Division 1 Hockey for the Huskies. Ellen Donaldson will be attending York University and playing CIS hockey for the Lions. Shannon Fehr will be attending Liberty University and will be playing ACHA Hockey for the Flames. Katherine Carter and Mikayla Fockens have both received academic scholarships to attend the University of Windsor. Carli Dumeah and Taylor Lockwood will also be heading off to University to focus on their academic passions. All of these players will be missed and the team wishes them the best of luck.

**I am looking forward to aiding in the development of our association along with helping our players get to the next level. I am already looking forward to the 2017-2018 season and the excitement and successes it will bring.**

**Jennifer Hitchcock  
Junior Team Liaison  
Southwest Wildcats - Head Coach**



**2016/2017**

**Proposed Amendments to the  
SPFHA Constitution**



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# Proposed Constitutional Amendment #1

\*\*As proposed by Craig Hilton via email February 18, 2017

To amend the following:

## 1.0 NAME OF ASSOCIATION

1.1 The name of this organization shall be THE "SUN PARLOUR FEMALE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION", hereinafter referred to as "the Association" or "SPFHA". The official logo of the association shall be



1.2 Competitive Teams: the official team name for all competitive teams is "Windsor Wildcats". (with the exception of the PWHL team)

1.3 House League Teams: the official team names for the community-based house league teams are:

- i. Windsor Wildcats
- ii. LaSalle Sabrecats
- iii. Tecumseh Tiger Cats

## Proposed Constitutional Amendment #2

As proposed by Mike Martin and Jeff Hoskins via email on February 20, 2017

To amend the following:

4. The Conveners of the Association shall consist of the following:

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|---------------------------------|---|
| Tournament                      | Public Relations                          |
| Referee                         | Director of Junior Hockey Operations      |
| Webmaster                       | Director of Operations LaSalle (resident) |
| Equipment                       |   |
| Coaching and Skills Development |   |

To the following:

Director of House League Operations.

Rationale: The Director of House League Operations would act in tandem with the VP of House League to insure the smooth operation of all house league programming within the SPFHA.

## Proposed Constitutional Amendment #3

As proposed by Sherri Menard via email on February 27, 2017

- Amendment to Section 5.1 (4)
- With the exception of the Immediate Past President and Development Committee Chair, the Executive Officers shall be elected for a two-year term at the Annual General Meeting.
  - i. **Remove and Development Committee Chair**
- Amendment to Section 5.1 (6)
- The Development Committee Chair shall be confirmed by the Board following consultation with the Development Committee. This appointment shall be for a minimum of one year and shall renew annually until such time as the Development Committee Chair resigns or is removed by a vote of the Board.
  - i. **Delete Section 5.1(6)**