



2018/2019

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 Executive Vice President of SPFHA 2019 Annual General Meeting:

I would like to thank all the players for putting forth their best efforts and representing SPFHA in a positive manner. I would also like to thank all the team staff members for their commitment to not only SPFHA but to female hockey as well. Also, to my fellow Board members for all that they do behind the scenes to ensure that the operations run smoothly for the girls to enjoy the game they love, thank you. Without the help of all these volunteers, our Association would not exist for these girls.

The Association has seen a few changes that is leading to the growth of SPFHA. Starting with the youngest of hockey players at the First Shift program, many of these young ladies have gone on to register with SPFHA to continue to grow their knowledge and skill of hockey. With the Bantam and Midget division we have been able to introduce an AA program that will work hand in hand with the Southwest Wildcats (Intermediate AA). The biggest change to SPFHA this season was being approved by OWHA for full membership status, this has allowed SPFHA to expand programming at the Senior level and possibly one day in the future to expand again to a Masters 35+ program. This may one day lead to an association that can offer hockey to anyone from ages 4 and up, making it possible for young girls and women to fall in love with the game of hockey.

This past year the Board had decided to review all SPFHA by-laws and policies. The daunting task was started in October 2018 and was completed by March 2019. All Board members were involved in the revisions and approval of the final documents. Along with the by-laws and policies, the fair ice policy for travel teams was also updated to reflect appropriate use of ice for each division and level of play. As well, there is an approved policy for fair ice for house league. All these documents can be found on the SPFHA website under “documents.”

In regards to suspensions and injuries for the season, the travel program (Intermediate AA - Atom C) is reporting an average amount of suspension and injuries for the 2018/2019 season. The house league program (Senior - Initiation Program) as well is reporting an average amount of suspensions and injuries for the 2018/2019 season.

From the Executive Vice-President stand point, this season has not seen any real concerns that required intervention from either myself or any other Executive. This past season has seen many positive steps in the right direction for the continued growth of female hockey.

Dawn Hoster
Executive Vice-President
Sun Parlour Female Hockey Association

Report of the Vice President of Travel of SPFHA 2019 Annual General Meeting:

The SPFHA was able to ice six travel teams for the 2018-2019 season - playing in both LLFHL and WOGHL leagues.

The teams were composed of the following:

Atom C
Pewee BB
Bantam A and Bantam BB
Midget A and Midget BB

All teams found success throughout the season - several winning tournaments - and several also finding success in the Provincial OWHA Playdowns, WOGHL and LLFHL Playoffs.

The Midget A team were successful in LLFHL playoffs and represented SPFHA in LLFHL Championship Weekend - making it to the Final Four - coming up short in the bronze medal game against Brampton.

The Atom C team competed very well in the WOGHL league this year - finishing second in their division finals.

SPFHA was well represented in the OWHA Provincials - namely Pewee BB, Midget A and Midget BB teams - all who competed in this year-end tournament.

New this year, SPFHA will be competing at the Midget AA and Bantam AA levels for the 2019-2020 season and also look to add an additional team in the Pewee level. Also the association has decided to brand all the travel teams - from Atom to Intermediate AA in the same uniforms for the upcoming season.

I would like to thank all the Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Managers, Trainers, Players and Parents for their dedication to SPFHA and all their hard work that made the 2018-2019 season a successful one.

Yours in Hockey,

Rick Spratt

**Report of the Vice President of House League of SPFHA 2019 Annual
General Meeting:**

Report of the Treasurer of SPFHA 2019 Annual General Meeting

Report of the Registrar of SPFHA 2019 Annual General Meeting

I FEEL THIS YEAR WAS A SUCCESSFUL YEAR AS WE HAD A TOTAL OF 435 GIRLS REGISTERED IN OUR ASSOCIATION.

EACH DIVISION , WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BANTAM, WAS FULL WITH THE FOLLOWING #'S IN EACH DIVISION :

<u>HOUSELEAGUE #'S</u>	<u>TRAVEL #'S</u>
INITIATION -- 11	
NOVICE – 32	
ATOM -- 48	ATOM (1 TEAM) --- 16
PEEWEE -- 64	PEEWEE (1 TEAM)-- 17
BANTAM – 41	BANTAM (2 TEAMS)---
34	
MIDGET – 75	MIDGET (2 TEAMS)---
34	
INTERMEDIATE – 51	
SENIOR – 12	

FOR THIS UPCOMING SEASON I’M PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE AN INCREASE IN OUR REGISTRATION FEE. REGISTRATION FOR THE 2019-2020 SEASON BEGAN WITH AN IN-PERSON REGISTRATION ON DAY OF CHAMPS. ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENED ON APRIL 3, 2019. WE ALREADY HAVE A LOT OF PLAYERS BOTH RETURNING AND NEW SIGN UP TO PLAY WITH OUR ASSOCIATION. THIS IS A POSITIVE SIGN FOR GIRLS HOCKEY AND OUR ASSOCIATION.

IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE TO SERVE AS YOUR REGISTRAR AGAIN THESE PAST 2 SEASONS. I HAVE BEEN THE REGISTRAR FOR ABOUT 7 YEARS NOW AND WITH MY POSITION UP FOR ELECTION I DO HOPE TO BE RE-ELECTED AGAIN AND HAVE THE PLEASURE OF WORKING ON THE BOARD TO HELP BETTER AND GROW GIRLS HOCKEY BOTH IN OUR ASSOCIATION AND OUR COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU
MARIA LLOYD
REGISTRAR

Report of the Ice Scheduler of SPFHA 2019 Annual General Meeting

This season we booked 1189 hours (up 23 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. 613 hours of ice was used for travel, 14 hours for skills development, 12 hours for first shift and 513.5 for house league. Burned ice increased from 29.5 hours last season to 36.5 hours this season. This represents 3.1% of our total ice booked. My goal has always been to keep this around 3%. It increased this season for a couple reasons, 1) 12 hours were burned by travel teams using practice times for games, this will be addressed next season, 2) when the association did not go through with the travel tournament this required us to take ice that weekend.

Our total ice bill this season was 243942 (which includes all ice and auditorium rentals including the tournament) up from 218054 last year. 14944 was for the Wild Winter tournament and 3266 was the deposit for the travel tournament. Travel teams purchased 81352 worth of ice.

It will be important to continue to watch our spending on ice. Ice costs will be increasing again next season so it will be prudent to continue to monitor ice usage. Continuing to keep our burnt ice to a minimum will be important.

I would like to thank Roy Henry as we worked together all season and especially through the playoffs to ensure 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. I would also like to thank all the House League coaches for their cooperation. 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.

Rob Modestino

Ice Scheduler

Report of the Referee in Chief of SPFHA 2019 Annual General Meeting:

Report of the Coaching and Skills Development Coordinator of SPFHA 2019 Annual General Meeting:

First and foremost, I would like to thank all the coaches whom gave up countless hours on and off the ice for the young ladies within Sun Parlour Female Hockey.

Without dedicated volunteer's we could not have this hockey community.

First Shift is a driving force behind the growth of our organization. Not only is First Shift a wonderful way for little girls to see if they like hockey. The experience they receive and value is not comparable at any of our comparable rival organizations. To date since the program has started. SPFHA has 100 new members.

We do however need more and more volunteer's every year as coaching seems to take the best out of our volunteer's each and every year. I encourage all graduating players to assist in the house league and skills for little ones first. We have a great number of young ladies helping and they need mentors to go through the growth phase of coaching and understanding how to deal with adolescent issues.

We work hard every year to help coaches grow and develop along with their staff. I recommend that next year the travel coaches take advantage of the help (on ice) and monitoring of practice plan/seasonal plan for a fee.

Players are given the opportunity once every second or third week to have non-coach's high-level skills development on ice. Next Season will look similar with the first 30 Novice, Atom, Pee wee players to sign up for skills in House.

We are currently working on a plan to enhance this program for both House league and Travel skills.

Next year we are wishing to have a program that exceeds those of all of the strongest associations in the OWHA.

I have had this mandate now for the past 6 seasons and look forward to taking this program back to the heights it once had.

Yours respectfully

Mike Fockens

Report of the Tournament Convenor of SPFHA 2019 Annual General Meeting:

Report of the Equipment Coordinator of SPFHA 2019 Annual General Meeting:

Goalie equipment was lent out to 8 House League goalies from Novice through Peewee.

As this was my first season as the Equipment Convenor, my main focus was revamping the House League program with new colours and jerseys for each of our three centers, Windsor, Tecumseh and Lasalle. A new supplier was chosen for our jerseys and they did a great job.

A new three colour design was selected and really gave the girls a professional look.

Having dedicated colours for the Wildcats, the Tigercats and the Sabrecats enabled us to partner with Dynamic Designs and their website, www.wearitproud.ca and have

Spirit Wear available to all of our members and their families. This program was very successful in it's first year and we plan on opening it up even further to provide our members with more choices in the future.

The travel uniforms were done by the same supplier as the year before with no changes to the jerseys or socks.

Photo day ran smoothly. 22 teams in one day and we were able to stay on schedule. Photos came out clear, delivery was quick and there were no errors made.

Derek Lanteigne

Equipment Convenor

Report of the Public Relations Representative of SPFHA 2019 Annual General Meeting:

My 2018-2019 term as Public Relations Representative was equally as enjoyable as my previous year. I remained focused on creating unique and interesting ways to elevate the league publically, as well as provide our players with new and exciting opportunities to enhance their season.

I continued to increase the league's social media presence; elevating our Facebook page from 130 followers in 2017-2018, to 201 followers. SPFHA also expanded onto Twitter with 13 followers and Instagram with 81 followers.

In July, the league participated in Windsor's Canada Day Parade, allowing for numerous players to walk the parade route distributing flyers, candy and showcasing their trophies and medals to an unprecedented crowd. The player support was small and therefore we may need to reconsider if this is a good use of resources.

In September the league kicked off the season in a new format, hosting a tournament style event for all teams to generate excitement for the pending season. The event was very well received, and the feedback was positive. It wasn't without minor glitches that can be easily recertified next year with better communication and preparation.

In October, the league participated in SPFHA's second annual World Girl International Hockey Weekend. Again, we were the only league in Southwestern Ontario to host a World Girl Hockey event. Our event wasn't your average hockey game; it included a live version of O'Canada performed by one of our Windsor Wildcat Peewee coaches, a puck drop by two First Shift graduates and a Novice player, as well as dedicated female referees who helped with this event. Thank you!

As the season continued, our Novice division participated in Windsor Spitfires Mini Timbit Hockey Games. Feedback suggests that this was a great event and many of the girls made it onto the Jumbotron!

In November I coordinated a league wide Winter Clothing Drive. The house league division was able to collect approximately 220 items of winter gear that was donated to the Windsor Essex Community Health Centre, Street Health location. Windsor Wildcats Bantam A Travel Division collected 16 bags of winter clothing that were donated to the Unity Gold Church in Leamington for the Guest Workers. Well done Sun Parlour!

In February, SPFHA supported the third Annual Outdoor Winter Classic by purchasing hot chocolate and two trophies for both the games occurring that day. It was a great way to spend “Hockey Day in Canada!”

Throughout the season, media releases were sent to all media outlets. We were able to attract various print and radio media exposure (AM800, Snapd, LaSalle Post & Tecumseh Tribune) for events such as our Season Opener, World Girl Hockey Weekend, Third Annual Heritage Outdoor Classic, First Shift Opening Ceremonies and independently written articles. We will continue to utilize media to help elevate the profile of the league and success of our players.

I would like to thank all the board members for their support. It has been a sincere pleasure to serve on the Board of Directors.

Jennipher Gee

Public Relations

Report of the Junior Team Liaison of SPFHA 2019 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 21 and under). The team also participated in 3 tournaments and the Provincial Championship.

The Southwest Wildcats had a former player nominated for two WESPY (Windsor Essex Sports Person of the Year) awards for her performance during the 2017-2018 season. Kristen Swiatoschik was nominated for the Female Hockey Player of the year and Female Athlete of the Year.

Over the summer Aleksa Renaud, Bri Eid and Kira Juodikis took part in the Ontario Summer Games in London, Ontario. All three of these young women were selected through a number of development camps last spring.

Kira Juodikis was selected to Team Ontario U16 this season. I (Jennifer Hitchcock) was also named to the staff as an assistant coach. We took part in a friendly series against Team Japan in Yokohama, Japan.

The team had a 6 graduating student-athletes who will be moving on to play University Hockey while they attain their degrees.

- o Alana Palameta – Morrisville State – NCAA Division III – Criminal Justice
- o Lindsey Sorrell – Adrian College – NCAA Division III - Psychology
- o Michelle Winand-Bacon – Neumann University – NCAA Division III - Nursing
- o Kirsten Horney – Adrian College - ACHA Division I – Sports Management
- o Avery Mertz – Wilfred Laurier University - USPORTS – OUA - Psychology
- o Maggi DeWolf-Russ – University of Windsor – USPORTS – OUA – Criminal Justice

We are very proud of these young women; we wish them all the best as they move on to the next steps as Student-Athletes.

In addition the Wildcats have two players who have committed to play NCAA Division I hockey for the 2021-22 season. Bri Eid has committed to LIU – Brooklyn to study Sports Management and Kira Juodikis has committed to the University of New Hampshire to study Criminal Justice with a focus in Forensics.

I am looking forward to watching the development of our association along with helping our players get to the next level. I am already looking forward to the 2019-2020 season along with the excitement and successes it will bring as we transition our Midget and Bantam programs to the AA level.

Jennifer Hitchcock
Junior Team Liaison
Southwest Wildcats - Head Coach

Report of the Webmaster of SPFHA 2019 Annual General Meeting:

SPFHA continues to use GoalLine as its web host, scheduling manager and registration system. GoalLine has a large presence as a sports management provider, integrating their website features (roster, calendar, arena maps, news, etc.) into their GoalLine mobile app available for Android and iOS. SPFHA team administrators are set up and have access to their team webpages and can enter their game and practice schedules, scores and stats and post news articles to their team's webpage. This info is pushed to subscribed team members to the GoalLine mobile app. This season, the set up of leagues, schedules, administrator access and support to coaches has gone smoothly.

An improved change from GoalLine this spring has been the launch of their own merchant system for payment processing. For the 2018-2019 season, payments for online registrations were done through PayPal as a third party processor. It presented a challenge for some members that did not have a PayPal account or did not want to set one up. Registrations moving forward, will be processed using the GoalLine merchant, allowing payment by credit card through GoalLine and not having to be redirected to a third party merchant.

Online registrations for travel tryouts this year and player registration for next season, are now live and available through the SPFHA website. Payments are made online by credit card, either in full or scheduled installments.

Looking ahead to the 2020-2021 season, one of my goals for in-person registration on "Day of Champs" is to have the process be paperless. Approximately 200 players were manually entered into our system this season from registrations on the "Day of Champs." This is both time consuming and presents itself with potential transcription errors during the input process. SPFHA will continue to offer in-person registrations on "Day of Champs" for our members, however, our aim is to eliminate or minimize the paper form method. We will look at having members register through our website, on site at stations via laptops and/or tablets.

Looking back at this past season, it has been another successful year with very few issues from a website, webhost or webmaster administration perspective. Anything that has come up has been typically resolved within 24 hours, either by GoalLine or myself as webmaster.

I would like to thank the association and its membership for their continued support.

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