

**2021 Ayr Rockets Annual General Meeting
by Zoom
June 22, 2021, 7:00 PM**

Board Attendees: Tricia McEwan (Chair), Nanette McIlravey, Becca Perriman, Cindy Ritchie, Oliver Ammendolia, Angie Hack, Jenn Montroy, Leah Mattingley, Karen Tiffin, Amy Hodgson, Tyler Pragnall

Member Attendees: Charlene Wood, Heather Simpson, Crystal Simpson, Regis Dugal, Dave MacMillan

Organization Attendees: Jeff Sayles, Darcy Mintz, Colleen Graham

1. **Call to order** and welcome attendees, review of Virtual AGM Etiquette by Nanette
 1. Please have your video ON. This also helps us simulate a live meeting.
 2. To reduce background interference, microphones have been turned off and only the person speaking will turn theirs on.
 3. Any questions based on the material being presented can be asked with the Chat feature of the Zoom platform. This is so the appropriate Director can respond in turn. There will also be a general question time at the meeting, if you wish you can raise your hand for questions to be asked in turn.
 4. Our Director of Communications is preparing a Survey Monkey to send to you to allow you to anonymously vote the new Directors into term, as per our MOO.

2. Acceptance of Minutes from AGM 2020

Nanette made a motion to accept, Tricia seconded the motion, all in favor

3. Past-President's Message – Tricia McEwan

Good Evening and thank you everyone for joining us via Zoom to the Rockets 2021 AGM. Who knew that at the last AGM and after the abrupt end to last season that we would be in the same position again this year, with another virtual AGM. Although this past season wasn't the season that everyone was hoping for I am extremely proud of what the organization was able to provide for our players, given the restrictions that we had. I want to thank all of the Directors for everything we did this past year. There were many meetings beginning right after the last AGM as a board figuring out protocols that we needed to implement, even more meetings with the OWHA, the Township and the other Regional organizations. Our hard work, with the other local associations who got together with one goal in mind, to get our players able to play meaningful games against each other. We are proud to have accomplished that goal, even for a little while. Many thanks go to Nanette who attended the OW and Regional meetings with me who had great input, questions and ideas to help get this year off and running. She will be greatly missed as a board member

A huge thanks go to Amy Hodgson, who put her many talents to use. She was in charge of the COVID team this year and helped figure out and implement our organization protocols and helped keep our members compliant. She attended many of our meetings and communicated with our partner associations to schedule the games and practices. She was a huge reason why this year was so successful, she took this job on and made it work for our association. Big thanks to her! Her organization skills will be invaluable in the future.

To Karen Tiffin, our new register, thank you for joining our board, and figuring out the new RAMP registration system, no easy task. But her new found knowledge will be useful for years to come. To Leah Mattingly, our new Treasurer, thank you so much for coming aboard and learning all the new accounting procedures. In the past we've been blessed with professional accountants in the Treasurer role, so this was a huge learning curve and we are grateful that you took this job on. Thanks to Angie Hack who returned as Director of Fundraising. She again took on the task of obtaining our lottery licence for our raffle and created a new relationship with the Ayr Centennials for a new Chase the Ace fundraiser. Her hard work helps ensure there is enough funds to create a great season for our members. Thank you to Becca who kept the website up to date and kept the communications to our members flowing. I am grateful she is remaining on the board to help guide the association into a post-COVID season.

To our other retiring Board members, I would like to thank you for your assistance. To Jenn Montroy, who joined the Board this year as a favour to me, thanks for chasing down our sponsors for this season and ensuring they continued support to the Rockets. To Olly Ammendolia who has had a couple positions on the board for the last few years, we really appreciate your support and hard work. You brought aboard several new sponsors, obtained a new supplier for Rockets wear. Your calm demeanor was a real benefit in your current role of Director of Conflict Resolution. I'm glad you had a quiet year in this role and we thank you for the years you volunteered your time with the Rockets. Also a big thanks to our retiring Secretary Cindy Ritchie. You kept us organized, on-task and compliant. Your input and skills will be missed. To our retiring Director of Coaches and Player Development Tyler Pragnell, a big thanks for all the work you did this year. You picked up where Colleen Graham left off and were a natural fit to this position and wish you could continue. Your hockey knowledge, experience in a coaching role and ability to connect with coaches served the Rockets well this year.

A huge thanks goes out to our coaches, who were really the boots on the ground this year. They adapted, pivoted and made the best out of a very challenging year. And to our members, thank you for continuing to support and play with the Rockets, following the protocols and adapting to our ever changing challenges this year. Hopefully next year will be closer to normal.

Proposed budget:

2021-2022 Budget		
(based on 2020-2021, 2019-2020 budgets)		
Income		
Registrations-(120 x \$675, 6 x \$325, 10 x \$400)	83,350.00	
Rep Fees- \$375 x 42	15,750.00	
Tryout Fees- Fall	0.00	
Tryout Fees-Spring (U15 & U18) \$40x40	1,600.00	
Sponsorships	9,000.00	

Raffle Tickets(150 x \$50)	7,500.00	
Other Fundraising (Chase the Ace, etc.)	2,000.00	
Grants	2,500.00	
Rink Boards	4,200.00	
Revenue brought forward from last year	15,000.00	
Tournament	?	
Total:	140,900.00	
Expenses		
Development (20 session x \$200)	4,000.00	(\$4050 in 2019-2020)
Goalie Development (3 sessions x \$200)	600.00	
Ice Costs	85,000.00	(\$72000 in 19-20, 83600 in 18-19)
Referees	6,800.00	(\$6700 in 2018-2019)
Timekeepers	3,300.00	(\$3250 in 2018-2019)
OWHA Fees (includes insurance)	13,000.00	(\$12300 in 2018-2019)
League Fees (LLFHL, KGLL)	3,700.00	(\$3500 in 2018-2019)
Equipment	2,000.00	
Jerseys	0.00	
Awards	1,000.00	
Bank Fees	500.00	
Website/RAMP	1,400.00	
Postal Box	200.00	
Coaches/Trainers	1,500.00	(\$1300 in 2019-2020)
Fundraising	800.00	
Rink Boards	1,700.00	
Ice Logo (Grant accepted for reduced fee)	300.00	
NDCC Hall Rental	100.00	
Misc.	2,000.00	

Financial Audit	0.00	
Tournament	?	
Total:	127,900.00	

4. Treasurer's report – Leah Mattingely

Total Revenue for the year is \$96,920 against a budget of \$118,650

Total Expenses is \$75,310.95 against a budget of \$104,281

With all accounted for - end of the season for we will be at \$24,117 in income - \$15K of that will be brought into next season, so the total profit for the year is \$9,117.38

5. Board Member's Reports:

Vice President – Nanette McIlravey

Planning for this past season started off with many, many meetings with our board, the Township, with the OWHA, and with our local leagues, trying to put together a season that would keep our girls interested and their skills sharp, given the constantly changing restrictions.

This year the Rockets decided to contribute to the Cens investment and installation of an unmanned camera at the NDCC for watching/ recording games and practices. There may also be an opportunity for fundraising as a result of spectators signing up to watch.

Registrar – Karen Tiffin

Very interesting season, I was new to the Rockets, New system for Registration in Ramp, then we added in Covid.

The season was split into 2 sessions. September - December and January - March

Start of season - 135 players

Not returning in January - 15 players

Added Fundamental - 2 players

First shutdown came at the end of our first session

- All players were paid and played to date

2nd shutdown

- All players were issued refunds which included refund from Hockey Canada through OWHA for 12.71 to cover insurance fes

Prediction for this season was 125+ players. We added 10 players to fundamental, so we were right on target. Very good for Covid Season. Teams were smaller, and we were able to add one extra U13 team.

Watch our Website for information on Registering for 2021/2022 season. We are hoping to have a more consistent hockey season come September.

Ayr Rockets Current Enrollment and 2021/22 Predictions

Age Group	2021-2022 Projections		Projected Number of Teams ?	2020-2021 Actual Enrollment	Number of Teams
Fundamentals 2015, 2016, 2017	2015 = 7 2016 = 1 2017 = ??	8 +	1	18	1
U9 – (Novice) 2013, 2014	2013 = 10 2014 = 8	18	2	19	2 LL
U11 – (Atom) 2011, 2012	2011 = 11 2012 = 11	22	2	20	1 Tier 1 LL
U13 – (Peewee) 2008, 2009	2009 = 7 2010 = 7	14	1	20	1 Tier 1 LL
U15 – (Bantam) 2006, 2007	2007 = 16 2008 = 16	32	3	29	2 Tier 1 LL
U18 – (Midget) 2005, 2004, 2003	2004 = 6 2005 = 15 2006 = 10	31	3	29	2 Tier 1 LL
Total Players		125+	12	135	13

** teams of 10 players in 20/21 due to Covid

Director of Communication & Website – Becca Perriman

This year we increased our social media presence with a Facebook Page. We were able to use our Facebook Page to present our fundraiser ticket draw live during lockdown. As well, we are making use of the social media platform to support the Chase the Ace initiative in partnership with the Ayr Centennials.

If you have been to our website recently you will have noticed a new look. In June 2021, we transitioned from MB Sportsweb to RAMP Interactive as our website provider. We chose to transition after using the RAMP registration system offered by the OWHA this past season. The RAMP program is more user friendly, and we feel the transition will simplify activities this season, as the OWHA plans to rollout game sheets and COVID screening in addition to the registration portal currently offered via RAMP. We expect this transition will be a smooth one, as supporting apps for Parents and Coaches are also provided in the RAMP platform.

Our Manual of Operations will not be amended this season.

Scheduling – Amy Hodgson

This year hockey looked different. As an organization we worked hard with the other associations in Waterloo Region to create leagues of 50 players. Unfortunately, Tiered and Local League were not led by the same group therefore had different intentions and larger associations out voted us on start dates between the leagues.

Ayr was the only association within Waterloo Region to not collect Rep Fees this season.

All teams were given equal practices throughout the season. Tiered teams received approximately 3 more home ice times than Local League teams due to the start date of their leagues.

COVID - Amy Hodgson

We are proud to report that we had ZERO positive cases and ZERO teams put into isolation.

Thank you to everyone for adjusting, following the rules and filling out the health questionnaire and contact tracing throughout the season.

According to the most recent update from the Township we will be required to contact trace this upcoming season. With the transition to the RAMP website, this will be done through your team

app and the coach will get notified upon completion making this even more streamlined and easily accessible.

OWHA UPDATE & Next Season Update - Amy Hodgson

Currently the OWHA is optimistic about a return to regular play for the 2021-2022 season. Based on the Provincial Government Reopening Plan we will enter Stage 3 prior to September 1st and indoor sports will be allowed, with potential restrictions. At this time the Government of Ontario has not released the regulations in Stage 3 with regards to the number of players allowed on ice or within a league.

At this time there are no tryouts allowed, although we are allowed to have in-house evaluations to make teams. The OWHA is not allowing Permission to Skate forms to halt girls attending 2-3 different associations evaluations within a week potentially creating an outbreak.

If an out of town player wishes to play for the Ayr Rockets they must register, pay and be released from their home association by September 1st to be evaluated for an Ayr Rockets Team in the 2021-2022 season.

Fee schedules must be flexible, similar to 2020-2021 with the potential of mid season refunds.

All levels of play will occur this season with the OWHA Provincial Tournament scheduled for April 7-10 2022.

The OWHA is waiting for Hockey Canada to make a final decision on the vaccination requirement of coaches or players.

Fundraising– Angie Hack

This year fundraising efforts were good considering the pandemic and our ability to only run lottery tickets. We missed out on bbq, tree sales, Rockets day etc.

We sold 1433 tickets bringing in 6,619.98 after paying for administrative fees and prizes.

Hoping for another solid year next year with lottery tickets, some form of Rockets Day etc. We will continue to receive funds from Cens Chase the Ace. If you haven't had a chance to check out "CHASE THE ACE", please do so on our site. Also, share from FB page to family and friends!!

Total for all fundraising 2019/2020 : \$6,619.98

Sponsorship - Jenn Montroy

- The Ayr Rockets had a good year considering, with sponsorship contributions in 2020-2021. All members of the board had a hand, one way or another in making this possible.
- We were able to retain all but one sponsor and had McNeil and Dodd add to their sponsorship.
- Rockets continue the rebate program through Source for Sports. All Rockets apparel sold through Source for Sports provide our association with a rebate of up to 10% on each sale.
- The total sponsorship earning for 2019/2020 \$8,500.00

Total for Sponsorship 2019/2020: \$8,500.00

Coaches and Player Development – Tyler Pragnell

The players of the Ayr Rockets Girls Hockey Association had a very successful year this past season, considering the challenges we faced with COVID. This season looked much different than past seasons. With the restrictions of COVID players for each age group were split into groups of 10. In some cases coaching staff were required to break apart their staff, or work together in order to fill coaching vacancies to accommodate COVID restrictions. During this time the players and coaches alike were really able to focus on the core skills in the smaller “team” groups.

Unlike many other hockey players across the province this season, our players were fortunate enough to participate in modified game play of a 4 on 4 format. With the 4 on 4 format players had more ice and time with the puck to aid in building upon their skills and confidence on the ice. This provided our players the opportunity to keep their competitive spirit alive and see the results of hard work in practice to get them engaged in the sport.

Working with all the coaches this unconventional season has been great. All the coaches have been understanding of the restrictions COVID has placed upon how we deliver coaching to our players. Many of the situations have challenged our coaches to think differently on how we deliver practices to coaching strategies for modified games. In my opinion our coaches did an outstanding job in this regard, and on behalf of myself and the Rockets board I can not thank them enough.

Just recently coaches surveys were sent out to all parents and not surprisingly, the responses from the parent group were very positive. Currently we are in the process of conducting interviews for coaches next season.

In terms of development this season we explored different avenues of external expertise to join us in providing professional development opportunities for our players and to work with our

coaches. This season we were able to secure the services of Forrest Goaltending, who is our local Jr.B Centennials goaltending instruction group. Unfortunately, as we started out training new COVID restrictions were placed on us by the government and we were unable to continue with the specialized goalie training. In terms of player development from an outside source we had considered a couple different options, however, we were unable to continue to pursue these options due to COVID restrictions. Next season our hope is to continue with and/or obtain new outside player development resources to work with our organization in hopes COVID restrictions will be less stringent.

I would like to thank our coaches, team staff & COVID reps, for all their hard work and cooperation this season in keeping our players safe while still allowing them to have fun!

Good luck next season!

Sincerely,
Tyler Pragnell
Director of Coaching and Player Development

6. Questions from the Membership

-No questions

7.Motion to Dissolve the year's Executive

- Tricia motioned to dissolve the 2020/2021 Executive, seconded by Amy all in favour, motion passed

8.Election of Officers:

The following members were voted in with all in favour:

President – Amy Hodgson

Vice-President – Becca Perriman

Treasurer - Leah Mattingly

Secretary –

Registrar - Karen Tiffin

Director of Coaches and Player Development – Regis Dugal

Director of Communication and Website – Heather Simpson

Director of Conflict Resolution – Dave MacMillan

Director of Fundraising – Angie Hack

Director of Sponsorship – Charlene Wood

Director of Tournaments – Crystal Simpson

Tricia made a motion at 8:00 pm to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Leah Mattingly, all in favour, motion passed.

