

# **BARRIE WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

**MONDAY MAY 25, 2020 – 7:00PM**

**VIRTUAL MEETING (conveyed by Zoom)**

**MEETING AGENDA – 46 Members, 14 Board members**

**Call to order** – Rob W called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

**Introduction of directors** - Rob Whitehead, Rob Emerson, Mike Robinson, Rob Redden, Lisa Hooper, Christa MacDougall, Ted Dean, Mario Liguori, Kristine Niskanen, Nancy Hooper, Lisa Lee, Anita White, Carey Wake, Tammy McKnight, Jason McKenna, Debbie Robinson

**Minutes of previous AGM (2019)** – Motion made to accept the minutes from the 2019 AGM

- MOVED – Lisa Hooper
- SECONDED – Kristine Niskanen
- CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF MEMBERS PRESENT

**Financial Statement/Accountant's Report** – Trent Turnball from Smith Sykes Leeper and Tunstall was present, via Zoom, to go through the financial situation; overall the membership was assured that the previous year was a good one; there is a small surplus driven by growth and revenue; it is a good picture to see right now, this is the laying of a foundation for the future of the organization; cash is down but consistent with regards to the fees collected; overall BWAH is in a good financial situation based on the numbers from the report

Motion made to accept the financial statement from April 30, 2019

- MOVED – Mario Liguori
- SECONDED – Mike Robinson
- CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF MEMBERS PRESENT

Motion made to accept Smith Sykes Leeper and Tunstall as auditors for the upcoming year

- MOVED – Rob Redden
- SECONDED – Nancy Hooper
- CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF MEMBERS PRESENT

**Reports from Board Members** (missing reports from Director of Competitive Ron Hunt and Chief Trainer Carey Wake) – no questions arising from members with regards to reports

**Adoption of Motions** – Motion made to add Cheryl and Randy Stock as lifetime members of the BWAH

- MOVED – Rob Whitehead
- SECONDED – Kristine Niskanen
- CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF MEMBERS PRESENT

**Board of Director results for 2020-2021 executive** (no elections held; all positions acclaimed as there was only 1 nominee for each position)

Director of Women's HL – no nomination received

Director of Equipment – Mario Liguori

Director of Competitive – Rob Emerson

Director of Game Officials – Mike Robinson

Director of Tournaments – Jason McKenna

Treasurer – Lisa Lee

President – Rob Whitehead

**New Business** – none

**Correspondence** – Kelli Madronich emailed a question prior to AGM with regards to possibility of holding a town hall meeting to know what will be happening with the upcoming hockey season because of the current situation; Board said that there will be some type of meeting held, some type of forum to discuss questions; a survey will be coming out soon with some general questions for our members

**General Questions from members:**

- Duane Eldridge - question regarding whether have received any guidance from city on how they will decide to start opening up rinks, put ice in – Debbie answered that there has been no direction yet, city still waiting to hear on Hockey Canada ruling with regards to return to play
- Javior Sanszole – because of all the uncertainty going on and if the BWAH is expecting lower numbers, will the association be getting/acquiring about support from the government – Rob W

answered that OMHA and Hockey Canada believe that boys numbers could decline by 40%, OWHA think that girls numbers may decline by 20%; Kevin Anderson has been exploring and worked to receive all government programs, subsidies that are available to our association

- Mike White – question will Sharkfest run this year; answer that just a guess right now, can't definitively say for sure, tournament is set up, register but can't accept money right now
- Kurt Robertson – how much of our association income is based on Sharkfest; without Sharkfest we would be impacted substantially, it could affect some of the things that we do currently, possibly some development would be affected, so bottom line is yes, there would be impact to our association if Sharkfest was cancelled this year
- Laura Wilcott – HL seems to be at the bottom of list when comes to goalies, if teams don't have one, players are expected to fill the void, anything planned to do something about this – Christa answered that reducing fees not always a viable option and she agreed that it can be a frustrating issue; Rob R jumped in to answer that there is a lot of development that is offered to goalies, if a player is interested it is there for HL players to try and entice goalies, he also stated that as part of the development plan from Hockey Canada young players are expected to play a variety of positions and not be always locked in to one role (falls under their development model)
- Blaine Dusome – any timeline for reimbursements from championship weekend; refunds have started, will continue to come out, there have been some delays in getting back to all teams/associations
- Don Philipps – with regards to development, how much do we advertise ahead of time, is it getting out in timely manner to members; Rob R answered this question said that information regarding development gets sent out to members in an email, also sent to coaches so that they can pass information along to their team; Don suggested maybe a mentor/volunteer program using our older Midget members for example goalies to go out and help younger players (could be used for their volunteer hours)
- Mark Thomas – would it be beneficial to the association if members that could pay right now offer to pay/register their daughter; Rob W answered that according to accountant we are fluid with cash to pay expenses etc; OWHA has asked associations to not open up registration yet but BWHA might look into setting up an intent to play registration but not accept payment yet

- Mike White – is there any concern for our PW team if the season starts later than September; Ted Dean answered that he doesn't believe it will be an issue, other PW teams are in the same boat and it should be a seamless start to the season once they get the green light
- Justin Cluett - has any thought been given to position on the executive or someone else that could work with the association who specializes in goaltending; Rob R answered that he has asked people who teach goaltending to coach/offer courses to our members and then coaches would probably use them for goalie lessons with teams etc but no one has really stepped up that wants to do something like that; also with regards to goalie development there are lots of differences in what parent want as well, that is why we offer bursaries for coaches to get help in at their practices or parents use the money to seek out their own development for their daughter; Rob R asked that if anyone in the membership has other ideas for him to explore then to please bring them forward
- Eric McFadden – question to Rob R asking if any discussion in the meantime to use zoom platform to have special guests for girls to tune into and listen to; Rob R has been talking to a couple of coaches, including Duane and some of our other coaches to offer this for the players; learn some hockey drills/tactics etc; going to float the question around at upcoming coaches meeting in the next few weeks

## Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn the 2020 AGM at 8:15pm. Rob W thanked Rob E for his technical support in setting up the AGM, Rob W also thanked the members who took the time to come out this evening, if anyone has any suggestions to please reach out as next season could possibly be a different one than what we are used to

MOVED – Kristine Niskanen

SECONDED – Lisa Lee

CARRIED

amendments/changes that need to be made to the minutes include - **call to order** Rob W; **introduction of directors** not members; **financial statement** fix names so same; **for all motions say** carried by majority vote of members

present; beside **virtual meeting at top** put conveyed by zoom in brackets;  
under **results for executive** it is Rob Emerson, not Ron Hunt; **Duane  
Eldridge question check** because seemed to look like sentence just ended