

**BARRIE WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

**MONDAY MAY 17, 2021 – 7:00 PM**

**VIRTUAL MEETING (conveyed by Zoom)**

**MEETING AGENDA – 47 Members, 11 Board members**

**Call to order** – Rob W called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

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

**Poll 1: APPROVAL: 2019-2020 AGM Minutes**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 2019-2020 Annual General Meeting held on May 25, 2020 be approved as presented.

- MOVED – Anita White
- SECONDED – Christa MacDougall
- CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF MEMBERS PRESENT

**Financial Statement/Accountant's Report** – Trent Turnbull from Smith Sykes Leeper and Tunstall was present, via Zoom, to go through the financial situation and the audit results from 2018-2020; overall the membership was assured that the previous year was a good one; there is a small surplus driven by the lack of Hockey played due to COVID; it is a good picture to see right now, this is the laying of a foundation for the future of the organization; cash is up and is in good position to see for the beginning of Covid; overall BWHA is in a good financial situation based on the numbers from the report. Trent stated that BWHA had really good record keeping and was very pleased with how the audit went.

Rob Whitehead explained the reason for the audit. BWHA had the opportunity to apply for the Ontario trillium Fund but we required to have an audit completed and as a result the board vote in favor of the audit and we feel very positive in regards to being approved for the Trillium Fund.

**Poll 2: APPROVAL: 2019-2020 Financial Statements**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2019-2020 Financial Statements prepared by Smyth, Sykes, Leeper and Tunstall be approved as presented.

- MOVED – Lisa Lee
- SECONDED – Mario Liguori
- CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF MEMBERS PRESENT

**Poll 3: APPROVAL: Expansion of Services for 2020-2021 Auditors**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the scope of engagement for Smyth, Sykes, Leeper & Tunstall for the 2020-21 season, as approved at the Annual General Meeting on May 25, 2020, be expanded to include a full set of Audited Financial Statements for the corporation.

- MOVED – Lisa Lee
- SECONDED – Mario Liguori
- CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF MEMBERS PRESENT

**Reports from Board Members**– no questions arising from members with regards to reports

**President Report-** Rob Whitehead wanted to thank the board members for their hard work and dedication during a very challenging year. Rob also thanked the membership for trusting the board in putting the best program together for the players and coaches.

Rob also sent out a special thanks to Ted Dean and Ed Mauro for stepping up and leading the U18 division 1 group.

Director of Game Officials just wanted to mention to the membership there was an increase in game officials and that despite the shortened season, we actually played more games requiring officials in the 2020-2021 season, vs the 2019-2020 season.

**Board of Director results for 2021-2022 executive-** the following positions have been acclaimed due to 1 nominee for each position.

Director of Youth House League – Laura Carabis

Secretary – Nancy Hooper

Director of Sponsorship and Fundraiser – Anita White

Director of Women's House League (1 Year)- Greg Coleman

Chief Trainer- Tammy McKnight

The following positions did not receive an eligible nomination so the position will remain vacant until a suitable candidate is found.

Registrar – Vacant

Director of Coach and Player Development – Vacant

### **Poll 5: ELECTION: Director of Equipment - House League**

I, being a member in good standing with the Barrie Women's Hockey Association, hereby cast my vote for the following individual for the position of Director of Equipment - House League

Answer 1: Foster, Julianna- 65%

Answer 2: Leigh, Nick- 35 %

Answer 3: ABSTAIN (NO VOTE)- 4%

Director of House League Equipment- Julianna Foster

New Business – none Correspondence – No new motions brought forth.

General Questions from members:

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- Kyle Chapman – What happens to the 2 open positions on the board?

Answer from Rob W- following the Bylaw and Policies the board will start to engage in filling the roles following the AGM. If multiple candidates come forward then the same process will be conducted within the board in terms of a voting system.

- Mike VanBerkel – given the challenges we had in terms of tracking COVID as requested by the PHU, is there any thought to adding to a “Covid Crew”, strictly in charge of tracking covid? Seems like a very big job...too much for 1 person or 2 people.

Answer from Tammy- we had a COVID response team that consist of 5 people; Nancy Hooper, Mike Robinson, Rob Whitehead, Rob Emmerson, Tammy McKnight. There were many zoom meetings and conversing when a COVID case or incident took place within teams. Tammy stated that she did want to have a few volunteers to be around the arena that could report back to her however she never had time to get it in place as she assumed the role mid-season and just didn't have the time to put it together. Tammy is working on a plan for the next season that will ease the pressure for everyone.

- Brenda Scott – First off Brenda wanted to thank the board for their hard work this past year. Brenda asked about the representation of women within BWA and are we actively recruiting women in a coaching or assistant coach capacity.

Answer from Rob Redden- BWA does not actively recruit women for coaches, however everyone has the option to apply as a coach when the time presents itself and we encourage more women to do so. In terms of assistant coaches, BWA does not hire assistant coaches for the teams as that is the coach's responsibility to do so. Rob stated that OWHA has open up clinics on skating, shooting and hopefully it will give women the confidence to apply for our open positions in the future.

Answer from Rob Whitehead-we are starting to see the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation of players coming back to the game and they are starting to show interest in involvement not just with BWA but all-around female hockey and with that we will start to see more women involved.

Answer from Christa MacDougall- Fundamentals had all women running the program this season and we are proud to say that it was the 1<sup>st</sup> time that we had all 5 positions filled by women in a leadership role for our young players. Christa all stated that trainers must be a woman so that helps with getting more women involved.

Answer from Rob Emmerson- when our original coaches application deadline passed we had some vacant spots and we did actively try to recruit women to become coaches. We did reach out to Hailey Irwin but unfortunately it did not work out.

Rob Whitehead then stated that Hailey has agreed to work with us for this up coming season in some capacity. We will work with her through the summer to see where she will fit in for us. Rob also stated that the JR Sharks also had an assistant coach.

- Eric McFadden – also thanked the board and as his last year as Head Coach it was not the way he wanted to go out due to COVID and the cancellation of the season but he is proud to be a Shark and stated that we were always pushing in the right direction. Eric's question was is BWA looking into any Mental Health support for our players in particular peer to peer support starting now into the summer months and moving forward when the season starts.

Answer from Rob Whitehead-Mental Health is on Tammy's agenda going forward.

Answer from Tammy McKnight- Mental Health is extremely important and she will be looking for guidance moving forward and will be looking for volunteers to assist her for the upcoming season. Eric McFadden stated that he would like to help Tammy in any way he can.

- Brenda Scott – asked if it is possible to apply to be a board member if you did not have a child playing with BWA.

Answer from Rob Whitehead- Our Policies are currently written that board members should have a child enrolled as a player. Rob also stated that our new RAMP website is up and running and has the BWA Policy and Procedures on the website and he encourages members to read up on our Policy and Procedures.

- Ted Dean –on behalf of the OWA board he expressed they're thanks to the BWA board and members who volunteered this year. He stated that volunteers in a normal year is a tough one and they were very happy with how BWA conducted themselves during this very challenging year and stated that BWA had one of the best return to play plans out there, in fact it was so good that other organizations adapted to BWA return to play plan which deserve a standing ovation for that.

Rob Whitehead response- we will always put the players 1<sup>st</sup> and we will try our best to make the right decision and will continue on with that model.

There were no further questions.

Rob Whitehead wanted to extend his thanks to Rob Redden and Christa MacDougall for their time and dedication to the BWhA board over the years and we all very much appreciate them.

**Poll 6: ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the 2020-2021 AGM 8:23pm.**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Annual General Meeting of the Barrie Women's Hockey Association for the 2020-2021 season be adjourned.

MOVED – Rob Redden

SECONDED – Mario Liguori

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