

BARRIE WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MONDAY MAY 30, 2022 – 7:00 PM

DORIAN PARKER CENTRE, BARRIE

MEETING AGENDA – 19 Members, 15 Board members

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

Introduction of Directors - Rob Whitehead (President), Rob Emerson (Director of Competitive), Mike Robinson (Director of Game Officials), Ted Dean (General Manager Jr Sharks – non-voting), Mario Liguori (Director of Equipment), Nancy Hooper (Secretary), Anita White (Director of Sponsorship), Tammy McKnight (Chief Trainer), Jason McKenna (Director of Tournaments), Paul Glass (Treasurer), Lee-Anne Whittaker (Registrar), Laura Carbis (Director of Youth House League), Juliana Foster (Director of Equipment), Greg Coleman (Director of Women's House League, Director of Coach and Player Development) , Suzanne Deschenes (Ice Scheduler)

APPROVAL: 2020-2021 AGM Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 2020-2021 Annual General Meeting held on May 18, 2021 be approved as presented.

MOVED – Nancy Hooper

SECONDED – Mario Liguori

CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF MEMBERS PRESENT

Financial Statement/Accountant's Report – Paul from Smith Sykes Leeper and Tunstall was present to go through the financial situation and the audit results from 2020-2022. Noted statements are in compliance with GAP. Reviewed the process to complete an audit of financials and results. To date, \$42,683 has been received by BWHA from the Ontario Trillium Fund grant. Overall, BWHA is in a good financial situation based on the numbers from the report.

Member sought clarification on the increased professional fees noted in 2022. It was explained that added costs were due to two factors; an increase in accounting fees and the financial audit required for Ontario Trillium Fund grant as approved at the 2021 AGM.

Member Brenda Scott inquired about details of the grant to which BWHA is in benefit. Rob Whitehead provided a brief summary of the grant secured by BWHA to all members present. Rob W. committed to sharing the full details with Brenda following the meeting.

APPROVAL: 2020-2021 Financial Statements

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2020-2021 Financial Statements prepared by Smyth, Sykes, Leeper and Tunstall be accepted as presented:

MOVED – Paul Glass

SECONDED – Mario Liguori

CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF MEMBERS PRESENT

APPROVAL: SSLT Services for 2022-2023

BE IT RESOLVED THAT BWAH retain the services of Smyth, Sykes, Leeper & Tunstall for the 2022-2023 season, including preparation of financial statements and yearly audit of financials. Note: In April 2020, the BWAH Executive voted and approved the expansion of SSLT's scope of services to include an audit of our yearly financials.

MOVED – Paul Glass

SECONDED – Mario Liguori

CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF MEMBERS PRESENT

Reports from Board Members - No questions from members with regards to reports.

New Business

MOTION to create a Director of Communications and Marketing Position

WHEREAS the Barrie Women's Hockey Association would benefit from a new Director of Communications and Marketing position to better support the growing activities of the association in this area.

AND WHEREAS the following position for a Director of Marketing and Communications has been approved by the Board of Directors subject the approval of this motion at the Annual General Meeting:

Director of Communications and Marketing

1. The Director of Communications and Marketing shall lead the association's communications and marketing activities on behalf of the Board of Directors / Executive Committee.
2. The Director of Communications and Marketing shall be responsible for maintaining the association's website as a central source of information, including the office schedule and standings for all competitive teams, youth house league, and adult women's league.
3. The Director of Communications and Marketing shall be responsible for maintaining the associations social media presence, including but not limited to

Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram as a source for information, news and achievement by association teams, leagues and members.

4. The Director of Communications and Marketing shall work with the Director of Sponsorship and Fundraising to contribute to the development and maintenance of a sponsorship package that reflect opportunities to share sponsor names, logos and information through the website and social media accounts, and to facilitate the sharing of these items for eligible sponsors.

5. The Director of Communications and Marketing shall assistance other Directors in the sharing of information, materials and releases to communicate association programs and deadlines, through email, website, social media, and other means.

6. The Director of Communications and Marketing shall be a voting member of the Executive.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following update be made to the Bylaws of the Barrie Women's Hockey Association:

1. Update Article 3.2 by:

- a. Replace: "Director of Equipment – House League" with "Director of Equipment and Apparel"
- b. Replace: "Director of Equipment – Competitive Program" with "Director of Communications and Marketing"

So that the Article 3.2 now Reads:

The Executive Committee shall comprise of the following voting members:

President

Past President (non-elected member)

Secretary

Treasurer

Registrar

Director of Competitive Program

Director of Adult House League

Director of Youth House League

Director of Sponsorship and Fundraising

Director of Equipment and Apparel

Director of Communications and Marketing

Director of Game Officials

Director of Tournaments

Director of Coach and Player Development

Chief Trainer

2. Update Article 3.3 by

- a. Replace: “Director of Equipment – House League” with “Director of Equipment and Apparel”
- b. Replace: “Director of Equipment – Competitive Program” with “Director of Communications and Marketing”

So that Article 3.3 now Reads:

Each Director shall be elected to hold office until the second annual general meeting after they have been elected or until their successor shall have been duly elected and qualified. The following offices shall be retired at each even numbered year’s annual general meeting, but shall be eligible for re-election if otherwise qualified: President, Director of Competitive Program, Director of Game Officials, Director of Adult House League, Treasurer, Director of Communications and Marketing, Director of Tournaments. The following offices shall be retired at each odd numbered year’s annual general meeting, but shall be eligible for re-election if otherwise qualified: Director of Youth House League, Registrar, Director of Equipment and Apparel, Chief Trainer, Secretary, Director of Sponsorship and Fund-raising, Director of Coach and Player Development. The election may be by a show of hands unless a ballot be demanded by any member.

MOVED – Rob Emerson

SECONDED – Mario Liguori

CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF MEMBERS PRESENT

Board of Director Results for 2022-2023 Executive

The following positions have been acclaimed due to 1 nominee for each position.

Director of Competitive Program – Jason McKenna

Director of Game Officials – Mike Robinson

Director of Tournaments – Nick Leigh

President – Rob Emerson

Treasurer – Paul Glass

Director of Communications & Marketing – Jason Rodd

The following positions normal elected to in ODD numbered years will be elected to 1 year terms at the 2021-2022 AGM:

Registrar – Lee-Anne Whittaker

Director of Coach and Player Development – election; results below

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

Director of Women's House League – Vacant

ELECTION: Director of Coach and Player Development

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 Coach & Player Development:

Answer 1: Zealand, Jay - 57%

Answer 2: Coleman, Greg - 26%

Answer 3: ABSTAIN/SPOILED - 17%

Director of Coach and Player Development – Jay Zealand

General Questions from members:

- Member Brenda Scott proposed that the BWA move away from mother/father references in communications (ie. registration) and suggested “caregiver 1, caregiver 2” as alternatives to be inclusive of all members.

Lee-Anne Whittaker clarified that this language is prepopulated by the OWHA in the RAMP registration system and not currently open for edit by the BWA. Rob Whitehead noted Brenda's suggestion and the BWA will engage OWHA regarding this recommendation.

- Member Cliff Eastman questioned if electronic gamesheets would be in place for house league this season.

Mike Robinson answered yes.

Lee-Anne Whittaker confirmed that OWHA will ensure that SMGHL is included in the league listings. Lee-Anne shared that there has been an issue with importing team officials' certifications in RAMP but many improvements have been made. Once all rosters set, she can update player's numbers.

- Member Cliff Eastman raised issue of goalie shortage within BWA and Women's House League. Teams are always short. Can youth house league players be AP'd to play with Women's House League?

Response: Rob Emerson shared that there is limited opportunity to AP youth house leagues goalies; however, they cannot be a regular player as there is an issue with youth playing in adult programs.

Cliff Eastman commented that at Sharkfest, a U18HL team could not play in home tournament as rostered goalies could not play for two teams.

Rob Emerson clarified that this is rule set by OWHA; not the BWAH.

Laura Carbis indicated that she unsuccessfully tried to get a goalie from another centre and indicated that there was an option to dress a player as goalie. It was acknowledged that this was an unfortunate situation.

Jason McKenna stressed that there is a goalie shortage within the BWAH membership. The U9/U11 Hockey Canada pathway poses a barrier for goalie development.

Rob Emerson shared that the BWAH is currently working on a goalie development program targeted for competitive and house leagues members who have an interest.

Member Brenda Scott asked about the availability of equipment for members as this is a considerable expense. Brenda also suggested to utilize schools networks to get the word out. Brenda suggested to explore older goalie volunteers within the association to be mentors.

Member Brian Keown commented on issues with goalie equipment (straps, etc.).

Mike Robinson indicated that team officials/members should notify the BWAH if equipment is in need of repair.

Mario Liguori confirmed that all equipment was checked and serviced prior to the start of the season.

Member Brenda Scott suggested that the BWAH reach out to goalie members if looking to purchase equipment to replace the BWAH equipment.

Rob indicated breakdown of culture in development is through shared position.

- Member Erin inquired if goalie daughter can move within competitive.

Response: Rob Emerson confirmed yes through the AP process.

- Member Brian Keown shared a suggestion to have “coach packages” for team officials and volunteers to know what is needed for the season; including certifications, VSS etc. Could be a section on the website with volunteer info.

Lee-Anne Whittaker indicated that updates have been made in RAMP and rostering team officials and volunteer is going better.

Nancy Hooper shared past challenges with RAMP; data uploaded was not accessible to the BWAH.

Ted Dean explained there was an issue with RAMP and acknowledged that this was at the OWA level and not the BWA.

- Member Mark Thomas suggested marketing BWA programs and at Farmer's Markets, Schools, Kempenfest, etc.
- Kate Stack acknowledged the BWA association for calling out media sources via social media to include our girls hockey in reporting

Response: Rob Whitehead shared that the BWA's Fundamentals program was run by women including a second generation player

- Member Bryan Keown inquired why NTR ice is not used for U9. Rob Whitehead and Rob Emerson clarified that NTR ice does not support the Hockey Canada's pathway for skill develop and the intent for simultaneous games. Jason McKenna added that the infrastructure is not in place. Rob W. also shared that BWA makes every effort to minimize use of NTR ice to keep ice costs down.
- Tammy McKnight extended thanks to our two retiring members, Rob Whitehead and Mario Liguori. Further accolades and appreciation were shared regarding outgoing past president, Gary Reid, for his many contributions and years of service to BWA.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the 2021-2022 AGM 8:30pm.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Annual General Meeting of the Barrie Women's Hockey Association for the 2021-2022 season be adjourned.

MOVED – Rob Whitehead

SECONDED – Mario Liguori

CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF MEMBERS PRESENT