



**Cochrane Minor Hockey Association  
Annual General Meeting  
Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 SLFSC**

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Due to the high member turn out, and members registering to vote, the informal portion of the Annual General Meeting began at 7:35 pm.

**Opening Comments:**

Thank you to everyone for coming. This is a record attendance for our AGMs. We will do our voting at the end of the agenda. Each prospective candidate will receive 5 minutes to share their qualifications and their vision for CMHA. At the end of the candidate's presentation, the floor will be opened to the membership to ask any questions. 2 of our board members will collect ballots along with one person from the membership to participate in the counting.

Laura Valliant asked if we could do voting earlier than at the end of the meeting. Laura made motion to do the voting at the beginning of the meeting. The majority of the membership present was in favour of conducting the vote at the beginning of the meeting.

**Review of CMHA Mission Statement:**

***“Development of a lifelong passion for hockey by developing quality recreational and competitive programs in a nurturing environment with the goal of building character, physical and mental skills while having fun”.***

**Recognition of outgoing Directors:**

Howie Kroon – Past President  
Dave Agyeman – VP, Operations  
Brad Kile – CAHL Director  
Steve Gallant – Initiation Director  
Cheryl Ovans – Communications Director  
Travis Fode – Player Development Director

The association and the Board greatly appreciates your contribution and time over the years to CMH.

**Highlights and Achievements:**

- CMH Had 3 CAHL winners last year: Novice Teir 1, PeeWee Tier 4, and Bantam Tier 6.
- Cochrane is now officially home to the Female Junior A Chaos Team.
- This year we offered for the first time the Mike Bigland Scholarship. We had 14 applicants come through, and Thane Kondrat was the first recipient of this scholarship.

- Canadian Tire has donated \$5100.00 from all their skate sharpening to Cochrane Minor Hockey. We began this association with Canadian tire approximately 6 years ago.
- Scotia Bank contributed \$15K to CMH through Scotia Bank Home Town Hockey.
- The NHL Alumni game hosted by CMH and Cochrane Firefighters donated in excess of \$2K towards CMH for disadvantaged kids.

The following achievements were attained for the membership of CMH:

- The Board implemented the Code of Conduct policy for players, coaches and parents.
- Updated the Associations Operating Policy. This policy is now posted on our website for the membership to refer to, at anytime.
- Concussion Prevention and Treatment Protocol. This is a no-cost program to membership.

The following achievements were attained by the Board:

- Over the past 4 years we have accommodated an additional 200 players with no additional increase in ice costs.
- Made Player and Coach Development a priority by collaborating with P3 Sports.
- Made Goaltender development a priority. Funds available for independent evaluations and Goalie development.
- Implemented the Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policies for all board members.
- Maintained a Board of Directors close to full capacity since 2015.
- As a Board continue to be fiscally responsible, and have provided greater access by the membership to all Board members.

### **Challenges we face:**

Registration continues to grow as population continues to grow. We have to become more creative as far as maintaining our program standards. I.e. number of practices, looking at morning practices, practices in other locations, looking at shared ice practice, or we turn people away.

Another challenge that we face is regarding player and coach suspensions. Last year CAHL issued a total of 579 suspensions for 865 games. This is very disturbing. We need to work harder to correct that trend, so that kids don't quit hockey by the time they reach bantam/midget. Over 50% quit as they reach that age.

### **New Developments:**

This year as an association we will see our first fee increase in 5 years. Increase will be \$75.00. Since 2013 our ice has increased by 24 dollars an hour. We use on average 2500 hours of ice a year. That is

not including what our outside user groups use. I.e. Chaos etc. The fee increase doesn't even cover the ice increase cost.

RHL this year is establishing its own league. The revenue we receive from RHL doesn't change what the program looks like for our players.

Last year we introduced RFID evaluations. This year we are taking evaluations to the next phase, which is complete and total independent evaluations. CMH will still remain involved in the structure of the evaluations, but no longer will be evaluating the kids trying out. We have decided to go with independent evaluators based on numerous comments over the years from the membership, and to take away any kind of impression that we as board members influence where children are placed on teams. There will be more communication coming out from the Board in the future on what this evaluation process will look like for the upcoming year

Question was raised from the membership how come we do not approach other memberships and volunteer to evaluate their children, in return for them evaluating ours. The Board responded that we have a hard enough time getting volunteers to come out to spray lakes to evaluate never mind travelling to Airdrie etc. to evaluate other children. So many people cancel, and do not show up for their evaluation duties leaving CMH scrambling at the last minute to try and find evaluators. Further, that process does not alleviate the fact that the parents evaluating may not be qualified.

Another question was raised as to why we do not post evaluation results for the membership to see. The Board responded that we determined that we cannot post results because of privacy laws and the Board questions what benefit is derived from this process by allowing parents and players to compare themselves against each other. The Board felt that it is better to accomplish this interest by being willing to sit down with any member of the association to show and discuss their child's evaluation results confidentially.

The formal portion of the Board Meeting was called to order at 8:14 with quorum present.

The following Directors were acclaimed to their position:

Cory Oaten – VP Administration  
Russ Duffee – VP Operations  
Angela Sellwood – VP RHL  
Amanda Wright – Finance Director  
Lea Wiens – Player Development  
Kevin Dancek – AA Director  
Darcy Barry – Communications Director  
Dev Novello – Female Director  
Darwin Lewko – Special Projects  
Pierre Landry – Initiation Director

Dave Koop – RHL Peewee/Bantam/Midget  
Sheldon McKee – Rep League Director

***All members are reminded that the same code of conducts rules that apply in the rink apply at the AGM. Everyone will conduct themselves in a professional and respectful manner or they will be asked to leave.***

Election for President

Jason Hager, Nominee for President made a presentation and answered questions from membership.

Stephen Sims, Nominee for President made a presentation and answered questions from membership.

Ballots completed and collected and Jason Hager elected to the position of President.

Rob Tagert, Goalie Development Nominee made a presentation and answered questions from membership.

Stephen Abrahams, Goalie Development Nominee made a presentation and answered questions from membership.

Ballots completed and collected and Stephen Abrahams elected to the position of Goalie Development Director.

### **Financial Statements:**

Copies of the unaudited April 30, 2016 financial statements were emailed to the membership prior to the AGM. Hard copies were also available at the AGM.

These are the unaudited financial statements for April 30, 2016, which is essentially 2 hockey seasons ago. Our April 30, 2017 statements are in the process of being completed right now.

As an association it was decided to not complete audited financials every year because of the cost. Every 5 years we complete a full audit of our financials. An audit will be done on the April 30, 2017 financial statements.

Our sole asset is cash. We currently have \$413,376.00. Of that \$130,000.00 is restricted capital which means the board has to agree unanimously on how the \$130K is used. Having these funds as restricted was a recommendation by our Auditors for control over our cash surplus. This gives us an additional level of protection given the amount of cash we have.

The Revenue listed is from registrations and user group income. User Group income is groups that we sell ice too. I.e. Bantam Raiders, AC Avalanche. Etc.

In 2016 \$642K was paid in ice costs. On top of that we had evaluation expenses of \$174K. Please keep in mind that evaluation expenses include the ice, the outside evaluators, clinic costs etc.

Referee costs for 2016 were \$90K. This includes the games, the clinics that our officials have to take, the ice required to complete those clinics, instructors, meetings rooms etc. Everything and anything to do with referees.

Our League fees – CAHL and Hockey Alberta fees total \$70K. These are costs that we cannot control as an association.

The Board went through line by line to see where we can reduce costs, without effecting program standards. There was nothing identified that justified reduction. At the end of the day in 2016 we lost \$21K. If we continue on this path without the fee increase, we can continue to see larger and larger loses and that will deplete our surplus.

For 2017 we are anticipating a break even scenario.

**Motion to accept 2016 financials presented by David Koop. Seconded by Howie Kroon. The membership approved the financials unanimously.**

As a result of the newest Board members elected to their positions, we would like to defer on voting on the operating budget until such time the new board members have had an opportunity to review the budget and comment on it.

**Motion to defer approval on the operating budget until such time New Board members have had time to review the proposed budget presented by Rex Fiala. Seconded by Brad Coi. The motion was accepted unanimously.**

With no other official business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.