

2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2023 at 6:30pm

In Attendance: 36 people

Sarah Waters	Chantelle Rivest	Katie Moen
Jenelle Favron	Emilie Bouchard	Meagan Christie
Randi Cave	Taylor Bradley	Cheryl Rivest
Moira Lassen	Jaylene Goorts	Stacey McDiarmid
Jeane Lassen	Ziggy Reimer	Dana van Vliet
Alex Bouchard	Ashley Denisoff	Jules Anderson
Kathy Burden	Erin Suggitt	Helen Christiansen
Lorianne LeBlanc	Kaitlyn Kwok	Natasha Dunmall
Aubyn Russell	Cynthia Corriveau	Hailey Cappellano
Katie Fehnt	Guin Lalena	Bethany Paul
Bridgeen Barber	Taylor Phillips	Dana Hodgson
Lia Johnson (zoom)	Brianne Warner (zoom)	Taryn Parker (zoom)

Call to Order TIME – 18:53 Moira Lassen to chair the meeting

1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to Adopt: Lorianne LeBlanc

Seconded by: Natasha Dunmall

Carried by show of hands

2. Approval of the Minutes from 2022

Motion to Adopt: Cynthia Corriveau

Seconded by: Katie Fehnt

Carried by show of hands

3. Annual Reports x2

President's Report (Chantelle Rivest):

- Great season with a brand-new board - all new members and we tried a lot of new things.

- Thank you to the outgoing board for all their work during covid and kudos to the new board.
- Amazing sponsors and volunteers: coaches, ref instructors, and more.
- Highlights of the season included adding a 9th team, introducing the "What the Puck" newsletter, Instagram page, built upon the Saturday skills clinics for dedicated skill development, Dark League pilot project, year-end playoff tournament, all female refs (with assistance from a few of our helpful male counterparts).

Treasurer's Report (Jenelle Favron):

- Financials being finalized, no issues of note.

Motion to Adopt both reports: Cheryl Rivest

Seconded by: Helen Christensen

Carried by show of hands

4. Adopt new bylaws

Motion to Adopt: Guin Lalena

Seconded by: Lorianne LeBlanc

Discussion: Confirmed they would be effective upon filing at YG societies offices

Carried by show of hands

5. Discussion on League Structure

Proposal presented by the board:

Next season's registration would be open for a set time, all mid to high-level players registered within that time would be up for selection at the draft. Those not chosen would move to waitlist.

Lower-level players would participate in a pre-season session(s) with coaches and slotted onto a number of reserved positions on teams (# TBD) based on skill and game knowledge.

Remaining lower-level players would have option to play expanded Development Dark League and/or skill sessions. Regular league would go back to 8 teams to allow for more ice time for Development Dark League. Overall intent is to increase safety on the ice by evaluating players that are new to hockey while still providing a path into the regular league.

Discussion:

- What percentage would be reserved for lower-level players? Maybe 1 to 2 players per team but depends on who registers; proposal provides for learning skills, rules and positioning for players new to hockey, not new to league.
- Concern that you'd only get drafted if you know people; waitlisted players would still have option to play Dark League and attend skills clinics, and as people get to know you have better chance in following season; league is expanding but we don't have more ice time; would be a pilot to try, not set in stone.
- Is there a possibility to share a spot with another player? Something Board is looking into, but there is an issue with the levelling, would have to find someone of the same level that wants to share; finances would have to be managed between the two players.

- Ranking will be important, so will be asking captains from this year to rank their players, and players that are new to the league could join the preseason sessions so coaches could provide an accurate ranking.
- General agreement that this is an idea worth trying.
- What about completely splitting the league so the other league can start building their own ice time; that is what happened with Dark League this year by grabbing available ice time; this ties into the new board position Director of Development for further exploring where the league goes.
- Idea to do skills clinics at rec centres in communities; noted that driving distance is a barrier and since we are the league for Whitehorse we'd need to be invited by those communities.
- Concern that lower-level players would miss the opportunity to grow from playing with higher-level players; the idea is to progress into the league; noted that not everyone who is good at hockey is also a good coach.
- Noted that we need to improve knowledge of game rules for everyone, not just players new to hockey; encourage more players to become refs.
- Request for Board to keep everyone updated as things go along/are being developed so members are kept in the loop.

6. Motion to waive the financial review

Motion to Adopt: Janelle Favron

Seconded by: Cynthia Corriveau

Carried by show of hands

7. New Board - Nominations

Presentation on Board reorganization and summary of Board Member Duties

Positions remaining as is:

Vice President: Jeane Lassen

Treasurer: Jenelle Favron

Secretary: Kathy Burden

Registrar: Randi Cave

Chief Referee: Sue Hamilton

New Board nominations:

President:

Outgoing: Chantelle Rivest

Nomination: Alex Bouchard

Nominated by: Cheryl Rivest

Seconded: by Chantelle Rivest

No one else interested

By acclamation, Alex Bouchard is President

Communications Director:



Outgoing: Alex Bouchard
Nomination: Beth Paul
Nominated by: Alex Bouchard
Seconded: Dana van Vliet
No one else interested
By acclimation, Beth Paul is Communications Director

Events Director:

Outgoing: Kate Bradshaw
1st Nomination: Lorianne LeBlanc
Nominated by: Erin Suggitt
Seconded: Ashely Denisoff
2nd Nomination: Stacey McDiarmid
Nominated by: Kaitlyn Kwok
Seconded by: Guin Lalena

Both Lorianne and Stacey accept the nominations and are given have 5 minutes at the mic, then members vote by ballot.

Results: Lorianne LeBlanc is Events Director by count of ballots

Motion to destroy ballots: Jeane Lassen
Seconded by: Chantelle Rivest
Carried by show of hands

Development Director:

Outgoing: n/a; new position
Nomination: Dana Hodgson
Nominated by: Dana Hodgson
Seconded: Natasha Dunmall
No one else interested
By acclimation, Dana Hodgson is Development Director

Sign up for subcommittees under the Events, Communication, and Development directors available at AGM or anytime by emailing wwhayukon@gmail.com.

8. Additional Agenda Items

Comment about ice surface and cleanliness:

- Can Board lobby for better ice resurfacing to reduce injuries; could alternatively clear between periods; poor cleanliness of the rooms and benches is issue, no toilet paper, paper towel or soap; propose Board writes a letter to venues.
- Helen Christiansen can help with tracking injuries related to ice; near miss/injuries form suggested.



- Noted that it costs more money to flood between periods and we lose ice time; maybe don't need more floods, just better floods.

Comment about refunds for on-ice injuries:

- If there is a season-ending injury, player should have fees returned in their entirety, no prorating, Board could refund and pull from the waitlist to fill spot; suggest writing this into the policy – Board would have to determine what would be needed to do this; agree in principle to be implemented next season with wording determined and presented for voting at next AGM.

9. Draw for 2023-24 Discount Winners (½ price off season)

Winners: Alex Bouchard & Jenelle Favron

10. Adjournment TIME – 20:10

Moved by Cynthia Corriveau

Carried by show of hands