

SSMHA Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes



Date: 03/25/2024	Time: 7:30 PM	Location: PLEX
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Attendance:		
President:	Rob Lamont	Present ▾
Vice President:	Alicia Botting	Present ▾
Director, OMHA Rep:	Matt Willis	Present ▾
Director, OWHA:	Mike McNabb	Present ▾
Director, OMHA Local League	Amy Alpaugh	Present ▾
Director, OMHA U9	Steve Currie	Present ▾
Registrar, OMHA:	Angela Ebenstreit	Present ▾
Registrar, OWHA: (Girls Hockey)	Katie Myatt	Present ▾
Director of Public Relations:	Jami Smith	Present ▾
Tournament Director:	Michelle McGregor	Present ▾
Sponsorships/Fundraising:	Courtney Mandawoub	Present ▾
Ice Scheduler:	Sarah Wolfe	Present ▾
Treasurer:	Meghan Kronister	Present ▾
Secretary:	Ashley Clark	Present ▾
Members of the Association: Amy Shute, Ashley Tuttle, John Chubb, Dorothy Chubb, Michelle O'Brien, Kerri Bruns, LeeAnn Hodgins, Carly Rosner, Craig Bell, Cassie Kaufman, Shawn Desormeaux, Alicia Kaake, Gary Ring, Brian Hodgins, Laura Kranenburg, Chelsea McNeil, Joe McNeil, Alex Donald, Eric Dunn, Charles Ebenstreit, T. Masse.		

1.	Call to Order/Attendance
	- Meeting was called to order by President, Rob Lamont at 7:35 PM.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In addition to the 14 Executive Committee members, there were 21 Members of the Association present (total 35). - According to section 7.4 of our bylaws <i>“a quorum for an AGM shall be a minimum of (15) members eligible to vote and present in person.”</i> Quorum was met and the meeting proceeded.
2.	Motion to approve the Agenda
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gary Ring made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Craig Bell. No discussion. <i>Motion carried.</i>
3.	Motion to approve the Minutes from the 2022/23 AGM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alicia Kaake made a motion to approve the minutes from last year’s AGM. Motion was seconded by Gary Ring. Discussion: correction of typo in agenda: it should read 2022/23 AGM not 2023/24 AGM. Correction noted. <i>Motion carried.</i>
4.	Receiving reports of the activities of the Association during this (2023/24) season
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - President, Rob Lamont presented some highlights from this past season: - <u>Registration</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Registration opened June 1 st for the 2023/24 season. - With improvements to the Hockey Canada Registry website, there were some learning curves for our Executive and membership, but ultimately the system is getting easier and gaining more functionality. - Our in-person registration nights on Saugeen First Nation were well attended, and SSMHA hopes to continue to ensure that registration is accessible for members of the SFN community and that they are supported throughout the process. - <u>Development</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rob thanked Steve Hare for his tireless efforts as our new Development Director this past season. Steve brought a lot of energy and an enthusiastic attitude to the potentials we have here in Saugeen Shores. - Some highlights include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New to Goalie Program (2 Ice Times - 18 Goalies attended - 7 new full time Goalies in U9-U13) - New To Hockey Program (2 Ice Times - 26 Skaters Attended) - U9/U11/U13 Fall Power Skating Weekend - (60 Skaters Attended) - U15/U18 Body Checking Clinics - (50 Skaters Attended) - Bust The Rust Skates - 43 Ice Times Aug 28th - Sept 20th - SSHMA Hosted - Oct 1st Development 1 Coaching Clinic - Full Clinic 30 Coaches. 15 SSMHA Coaches Development 1 Trained. 6 Coaches qualified as Development 1 Certified - Targeting to qualify an additional 12-16 Coaches the week of Apr 1st - Purchase of 12 Edge Boss Stick Handling Skill Sticks (stored @ Plex and South)

- Purchase of SSMHA equipment sponsorship signs - 1 sponsor this season
- Assisted several Coaches, Trainers and Managers with completing qualifications required for roster approvals
- **3 on3 PD Day Tournaments**
 - Rob expressed a special thanks to Matt Willis & Michelle McGregor for their efforts in pulling off these fun hockey days for our membership. We attempted to run a few PD Day tournaments throughout the year as fundraising opportunities for the association.
 - Although a lot of fun, these tournaments were not as fruitful as we hoped for the effort put in. Specifically, communication & advertising were deemed challenging, and in the end these tournaments were difficult to fill. In the off season, the Executive will evaluate PD Day ice opportunities for next season.
- **Sponsorship**
 - Rob thanked Courtney Madawoub, Director of Sponsorship. Courtney more than doubled our sponsorship income from previous years.
 - Courtney created wonderful sponsorship momentum for us to take into next season, which only improves the cost and the experience our membership receives.
- **Caitlyn Cobean Silver Stick Tournament**
 - Rob thanked Michelle McGregor, Tournaments Director, for doing a magnificent job growing our Silver Stick tournament this season.
 - The event was once again a huge success for our association and the community.
 - 31 teams participated from all over Ontario and there were even teams from Michigan & Pennsylvania.
 - Michelle is seeking community-minded people to join our Silver Stick sub-committee next season to help make next year's event bigger and better than ever.
- **Referees**
 - Mike Johnstone was our Referee Scheduler for SSMHA and did a wonderful job finding refs for over 400 home games played this season.
 - With only 20 registered Refs in our association, it's becoming more and more difficult to maintain quality officials and keep our kids playing.
 - Rob expressed a special thanks to all of the Refs.
- **STORM Teams**
 - With over 500 hockey players and over 40 teams, SSMHA is the largest hockey center in the WOAA.
 - We finished with a winning record for the 2nd straight year with 359 wins
 - Rob highlighted that even more important than wins, we created a safe, fun environment for hundreds of young athletes to learn the game and thrive in fair competition.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rob acknowledged that none of this would have been possible without the more than 100 registered and qualified coaches that assisted our players in developing and growing on and off the ice.
5.	<p>Receiving information regarding the <i>planned</i> activities of the Association for the 2024/25 season</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vice-President, Alicia Botting shared the following planned activities for next season: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The association will continue to adhere to the OHF Dressing Room Policy changes and support coaches and parents throughout the season. - The association will adapt to a new change: implementing the OHF Volunteer Sector Check rollout (OHF will now take full responsibility for ensuring all on ice volunteers (OMHA/OWHA and any helper or 3rd parties) will have their VSC completed as well as the OHF declaration forms.) These are both required to be uploaded to the individual's Spordle account. - The association will continue to focus on player development as well as training for coaches and ensure proper resources are available for all on ice volunteers and bench staff. - The association will continue to navigate the challenges re: the growing numbers in the association versus ice availability and ice allocation. - A huge focus for the association next year will be assisting and supporting the OMHA/WOAA with the transition to 'A' Centre hockey. We plan on working with our current approved "shared boundary" partners to ensure that the transition is smooth for the 2025/26 season.
6.	<p>Receiving and approving the report of the Treasurer from the 2023/24 year and a projected financial position for the 2024/25 year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Treasurer, Meghan Kronister presented a detailed financial report. Highlights included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Executive projected a revenue of \$539,440.00. In actuality, the total revenue for SSMHA was \$548,436.03. - The Executive projected that the total expenses for SSMHA would be \$553,788.41, and that we would be left with \$14,348.41 at the end of the season. Total expenses (as of today) \$461,795.95 but we still have a projected \$45,000.00 owing for ice costs (March/April), and a projected \$3000 owing for referees. - After all of our outstanding bills are paid and cheques are cashed, Meghan anticipates ending the season with approximately \$38,000 left in our bank account. - Special shout out to Michelle McGregor (Director of Tournaments) and Courtney Mandawoub (Director of Sponsorship) for the unexpected revenue they brought in over and above what was projected this year. - Gary asked about ice costs and whether it's the same cost to rent Southampton, Plex and Tara. In Southampton and the Plex, we pay the same. When we go to Arran Elderslie we pay Tara's minor hockey rate which is approx \$6 cheaper/hour.

- Kerri Burns asked for clarification re: Executive members getting paid. Rob confirmed that no one gets paid, but every member of the executive gets their oldest child's registration fee refunded. Kerri suggested that the Executive consider offering our coaches some sort of remuneration.

Motion to accept and pass the budget by Craig Bell. Seconded by Alicia Botting. ***Motion carried.***

7. [Proposed By-law Amendments](#)

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- President Rob Lamont proposed the following four (4) by-law amendments:

BYLAW: CHANGE #1

Section 8.1 Composition part a) Eligibility currently reads as:

An Executive Member:

- (i) Shall be eighteen (18) or more years of age;*
- (ii) Shall not be an undischarged bankrupt or of unsound mind;*
- (iii) Shall be a Member of the Association at the time of his or her election or appointment;*
- (iv) Shall remain a Member of the Association throughout his or her term of office.*

Suggested revision:

REMOVAL of part (iii) & part (iv) from Section 8.1.

- 1) This change shall remove restrictions on non-parental members of the community who may be interested in joining the SSMHA Executive in some capacity.
- 2) This change eliminates the confusion with whether Executive members were allowed to finish their two year term, if they no longer met the old definition of an Active member (No children in SSMHA that season).

Discussion:

- Alicia K. asked whether or not we should include “shall not have a criminal record” under part ii. The members concluded that a vulnerable sector check would cover anyone with a criminal record and it would be redundant.

BYLAW: CHANGE #2

Section 8.1 Composition part c) Term of Office currently reads as:

The following positions will be up for election at the Annual General Meeting taking place in a year ending with an odd number:

- *Vice President - WOAA/OMHA Association Liaison*

Suggested Revision:

Updating the title of Vice President - WOAA/OMHA Association Liaison in this section and throughout the document (Table of Contents - 7.8, 9.2, 11.1, 11.7.3, 12.1.1, 12.1.3) to **Vice President/OMHA Center Contact**

Discussion:

- This revision is consistent with how the WOAA refers to the Center Contact Role and will eliminate any confusion between the two titles.

BYLAW: CHANGE #3

Currently, the term “Executive” and “Executive member” is used throughout the By-Laws.

Suggested Revision:

The following new terms were approved to be used, but will use the same definition as stated in the By-Laws;

- “Executive” will hereinafter be referred to as “Board of Directors”
- “Executive member” will hereinafter be referred to as a “Board Member”

It was determined over the last year that the larger Executive was not required to be involved at all monthly meetings nor the day to day operations of the Association in order to perform their roles effectively. Therefore, it is recommended that the Executive will be referred to as a “Board” and the concept of “Executive Committee” that was pre-existing in the By-Laws will be utilized moving forward to handle day to day operations as per Section 12 of the by-laws.

BYLAW: CHANGE #4

Section 1: Definitions

- 1) A new definition of “Executive Committee” will be introduced and will read:

“A subsection of the Board of Directors who shall be responsible for the day to day management of the affairs of the Association; to ensure all Policies of the Association are being complied with.”

The concept of “Executive Committee” that was pre-existing in the By-Laws will be utilized moving forward to handle day to day operations as per Section 12 of the by-laws. Therefore the appropriate sections in the By-Laws will be updated throughout to reflect these changes.

NOTE: This suggested change includes the addition of the Director of U9 and Below and Treasurer to the current list of “Executive Committee” members in the By-Laws: President, Vice President, OMHA Rep Director, OMHA LL Director, OWHA Director & Secretary.

- 2) *Executive* will change to *Board of Directors* - definition will remain unchanged
- 3) *Executive Member* will change to *Board Member* - definition will remain unchanged.

Gary Ring made a motion to approve the aforementioned four (4) bylaw amendments. Seconded by Alicia Kaake. ***Motion Carried.***

8. Election of the new Executive Members

1. President

- a. No nominations were received. No one accepted nominations from the floor. Anyone who is interested should speak to President Rob Lamont.

2. Vice President

- a. Brian Hodgins nominated Lee-Ann Hodgins, from the floor. Leanne accepted the two year term. There were no other interested candidates. Lee-Ann was acclaimed.

3. OWA Director

- a. Michael McNabb is our existing OWA Director who was appointed to his position mid-term, to fill a vacancy. Michael McNabb was nominated by Alicia Botting and seconded by Michelle McGregor, prior to the AGM. Michael accepted his nomination for the one year term. There were no other interested candidates. Michael was acclaimed.

4. OMHA LL Director

- a. Gary Ring nominated Kerri Burns, from the floor. Seconded by Charlie Ebenstreit. Kerri accepted her two year term. There were no other interested candidates. Kerri was acclaimed.

5. OMHA U9 Director

- a. Ashley Tuttle was nominated by Amy Shute and seconded by Ashley Clark, prior to the AGM. Ashley accepted her nomination for the two year term. There were no other interested candidates. Ashley was acclaimed.

6. Director of Ice Scheduling

- a. No nominations were received. No one expressed an interest. No one accepted nominations from the floor. Anyone who is interested should speak to President Rob Lamont.

7. OMHA Registrar

- a. No nominations were received. No one expressed an interest. No one accepted nominations from the floor. Anyone who is interested should speak to President Rob Lamont.

8. OWA Registrar

- a. Michelle O'Brien was nominated by Alicia Botting and seconded by Matt Willis, prior to the AGM. Michelle accepted her nomination.
- b. Dorothy Chubb was nominated by Amy Alpaugh and seconded by Angie Ebenstreit. Dorothy accepted her nomination.
- c. There was a vote by ballot. Dorothy Chubb was the successful candidate.

9. Director of Public Relations

- a. Michelle O'Brien was nominated by Jami Smith and seconded by Steve Currie, Michelle accepted her nomination for the two year term. There were no other interested candidates. Michelle was acclaimed.

10. Treasurer

- a. Meghan Kronister is our existing Treasurer, who was appointed to her position mid-term, to fill a vacancy. She was nominated by Alicia Botting and seconded by Michelle McGregor, prior to the AGM. Meghan accepted her

	nomination. There were no other interested candidates. Meghan was acclaimed.
9.	Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Gary Ring. Seconded by Alicia Botting. <i>Motion carried.</i> Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.
10.	<p>Q & A's after the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>When does coach selection happen?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ OMHA: When AAA tryouts are complete, rep coaching applications will open. Selection of rep coaches announced in approximately May. ○ OWHA coach selection will happen on April 22. ○ Local league coaches are typically selected after rep tryouts (late summer/early spring). • <i>Do we publish names of coaching applicants?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No. • <i>Have registration fees for next season been established?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No. Registration fees will be determined at our budget meeting in May. • <i>Has there been feedback re: Ontario Dressing Room Policy</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There have been no formal complaints received to date. ○ It is a learning process and will take time in order to ensure all of our members understand the policy. • <i>Rep Hockey Next Year</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Everyone will be classified as a 'B' center next year but there will still be three (3) tiers. ○ WOAA ultimately decides on tiers. • <i>Will we have second entry teams next year?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We will have second entry teams but they will play in different tiers (likely the top team would be placed initially in tier 1 and the second team would be put in tier 3. Like last season, tiers will be readjusted in December and again for playoffs. • <i>Who decides if we have a second entry team?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Typically the Executive decides based on the number of registrations in each division. Usually, this happens when there are enough players for 5+ teams in a division. • <i>What age does the "A" center start in 2025/25?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ U10 • <i>Could we have a U8 house league program?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Running a U8 house league program is tricky but those with strong opinions and suggestions should talk to Ashley Tuttle, Director U9 and Below. • <i>Will there be changes to the process by which the WOAA tiers teams?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The WOAA is constantly seeking to improve and works closely with its center contacts. ○ The Vice-President/OMHA Center Contact for SSMHA Executive will continue to advocate for further transparency re: selection process for tiering in WOAA. • <i>When we move to the zones, will the zones be part of the WOAA?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes, the zones will be governed under the WOAA. ○ Currently, Owen Sound is not part of the WOAA. They want to be, and if they are accepted, then the boundaries of the zones may need to be readjusted.

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