

**BARRIE WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

**MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023 – 7:00 PM**

**DORIAN PARKER CENTRE, BARRIE**

**MEETING AGENDA – 12 Members, 12 Board members**

**Call to order** – Rob Emerson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

**Introduction of Directors** – Rob Emerson (President) Rob Whitehead (Past President, Director of Equipment), Jason McKenna (Director of Competitive), Mike Robinson (Director of Game Officials), Anita White (Director of Sponsorship), Jay Zealand (Director of Coach & Player Development), Tammy McKnight (Chief Trainer), Nick Leigh (Director of Tournaments), Lee-Anne Whittaker (Registrar), Laura Carbis (Director of Youth House League), Jason Rodd (Director of Marketing & Communications), Nancy Hooper (Secretary, Treasurer)

Absent: Sue Rymsha (Director of Women's House League)

**APPROVAL: 2021-2022 AGM Minutes**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 2021-2022 Annual General Meeting held on May 30, 2022 be approved as presented.

**MOVED** – Rob Whitehead

**SECONDED** – Greg Coleman

**CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF MEMBERS PRESENT**

**APPROVAL: 2021-2022 Financial Statements**

Paul Abercrombie from Smith Sykes Leeper and Tunstall was present to go through the financial statements and the audit results from 2021-2022. Clean audit report. Noted statements are in compliance with GAP. Reviewed the process to complete an audit of financials and results.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2021-2022 Financial Statements prepared by Smyth, Sykes, Leeper and Tunstall be accepted as presented:

**MOVED** – Mike Quirk

**SECONDED** – Anita White

**CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Preliminary Review of 2022-2023 Financial Statements**

Rob Emerson provided a review of the 2022-2023 preliminary financial statements as prepared by Kevin Anderson, BWHA's accountant. These financial statements are not yet finalized and have not been through the audit process.

## **Reports from Board Members**

QR code provided to access all reports. Reports were reviewed on the projector. No questions were received from members on reports.

## **New Business**

### **APPROVAL: SSLT Services for 2023-24**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT BWAH retain the services of Smyth, Sykes, Leeper & Tunstall for the 2023-2024 season, including preparation of financial statements and yearly audit of financials.

**MOVED** – Duane Eldridge

**SECONDED** – Nancy Hooper

**CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF MEMBERS PRESENT**

### **Board of Director Results for 2023-2024 Executive**

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

Chief Trainer – Anita White

Director of Coach & Player Development – Jay Zealand

Director of Equipment – Mike Quirk

Director of Youth House League – Laura Carbis

Registrar – Lee-Anne Whittaker

The following positions normal elected to in ODD numbered years will be elected to 1 year terms at the 2022-2023 AGM:

Treasurer – Nancy Hooper

### **ELECTION: Director of Women's 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 Women's House League:

Answer 1: Megan MacKinnon – 17 votes

Answer 2: Sue Rymsha – 32 votes

Answer 3: ABSTAIN/SPOILED - 0

Director of Women's House League: Sue Rymsha

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

Secretary

Director of Sponsorship & Fundraising

### **General Questions from members:**

- Member Cliff Eastman on roster process: Once team formed in fall, only 1 week to get it done, people are missing credentials, causes delays. Proposed if you have a coaching staff moving into next season, why not get the process going earlier in the season.

Rob Emerson reiterated that it is the responsibility of coaches to know what they require to be a coaching volunteer. The required credential information is readily available on the BWA website.

Lee-Anne Whittaker encouraged any members who will be volunteering this season can register now via RAMP to get the process started.

Gary Bolton – Shared that coach and manager are tasked with getting this process completed received clarification that a new police check is required every 3 years

- Member Cliff Eastman regarding BWA tournaments. Understood that this was the first year of the Winter Classic and there would be the need for improvements and there was. Looking for the tournament director. Seeking clarification on whether gamesheet codes – no one could confirm after a few contacts but timekeepers and people identified as volunteers. Asking if any participation or MVP awards. He was dressed in his BWA apparel and many people approached him seeking answers to questions, schedule updates, etc. Feels there is an improvement needed; however, acknowledged that this the first year.

Rob Emerson – clarified that there was volunteers in each of the arena. There was a debrief meeting held following the tournaments with Nick Leigh, Ted Dean and Rob Emerson to review the outcomes of the tournament and opportunities to improve for next season.

Nick Leigh – Discussed a plan to explore white jerseys to identify tournament directors. Rooms at each of the arenas were used as tournament headquarters. No communication was sent to coaches to notify the location of tournament headquarters but all games codes communication was provided.

- Member Cliff Eastman on the issue of no goalie in U18 and mandatory attendance at the Winter Classic tournament; does a team need to participate if no goalie? Have called up goalies in the past in regular season from U15 and tried to get other associations without luck.

Jason McKenna reinforced the importance to start the goalie call-up from other associations early in the season to avoid any issues. Winter Classic is later in the season so it allows for time to make these arrangements with other centres as needed.

- Member Erin Thompson – Will there be any goalie development at NTR again this summer?

Jay Zealand – NTR program will not be available until November 2023. Due to low numbers, this will not be offered again this summer.

Rob Whitehead – shared that there may be sessions offered at NTR in August.

Jason McKenna – last season it was an initiative to support a number of teams that had first time goalies. Not off the table but not currently planned.

Jay Zealand – building a repository of vendors to access for different services. Plan to focus on goalie development this season.

- Member Greg Coleman – shared his thanks to board members for their efforts.
- President Rob Emerson – shared that there will be a number of initiatives and projects next season including the need for a new office space. Our lease has not been renewed beyond May 2024.
- President Rob Emerson sharing thanks to Tammy McKnight for her 12 years of service on the BWhA board.

**ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the 2022-2023 AGM 8:00pm.**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Annual General Meeting of the Barrie Women's Hockey Association for the 2022-2023 season be adjourned.

**MOVED** – Megan MacKinnon

**SECONDED** – Tammy McKnight

**CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF MEMBERS PRESENT**