

**Quinte West Minor Hockey
Annual General Meeting
Monday May 29, 2023**

Meeting Called to order at 6:02 pm with quorum.

Motioned to accept the minutes from June 13, 2022 AGM and the Deferral of AGM for the budget;. Moved by Chris Harron – seconded by Jake Ridder - Carried

Regrets from board members: Cheryl Carrier, Carrie Deline & Stephanie Fitzgerald

Financial Report: John Goodfellow from Reads Accounting presented the financial report. Approx \$30,000 loss in income before taxes. A loss in income is due to a reduction in tournament fees(QWMHA teams), a reduction in rep fees for our association teams, rebranding and changing suppliers.

Term deposits are not making much and should be looked at for investment. The CEBA government loan needs to be paid by Dec 31 2023. John recommends we start paying in October because as of Dec 31 it becomes an interest bearing loan.

Motion to accept the unaudited financial report moved by Brandon Gould, seconded by Dan Nichol - Carried

Committee Reports

Presidents Report and 1st - Vice President/OMHA report- and Welcome: Mike Boates -

Welcome all members to the meeting and thank our volunteers including board members, team staff, league convenors. Without our volunteers it would be impossible to continue running the first class programs that we do in Quinte West.

This was our first “Full Season” since 2018-2019. The 19-20 season was cut short at the end, 20-21 was our local Covid season, 21-22 saw a one month shutdown in January due to Covid and we were finally back this year.

Registration numbers held steady from the previous year at 560 participants. 32 house league teams (3 select teams), 9 rep teams and successful Jr. Mac and First Shift programs. Lower numbers at younger ages due to many factors including the modified programming which is leading some to find outside “outlaw” programming. U8 & U9 MD programs have been approved for us to have.

Not to steal Jake’s thunder but we were able to once again host 2 tournaments this past season. Numbers were still not where we have seen in the past but good to run both tournaments as we were only able to run one the previous season.

We had another successful rep season even though we did not see any Quinte West teams capture OMHA Championships this year. The competition is definitely tough and with a few bounces in our favour we definitely could have had 1 or 2. Of the teams that played full ice and could qualify for the OMHA Championships we saw some good results.

U10A – 2nd in the regular season and lost in the Lakeshore Finals

U11AA – 6th in the regular season and lost in the first round

U12AA – 9th in regular season. Lost in first round

U13AA – 6th in regular season. Lost in a tie-breaker game in Lakeshore final or would have qualified for OMHA.

U14A – 1st in regular season. Lost in Quarter Final at OMHA

U15A – 2nd in regular season. Lost in triple OT in OMHA Quarter Final

U16A – 1st in regular season. Lost in OT in OMHA Quarter Final

U18A – 1st in regular season. Lost in triple OT of OMHA Play-in game.

U12-U14 have decided to continue at the AA level for this coming season. We will continue to evaluate this decision annually, especially with the impending loss of Non-Resident Players for the younger age groups. We are an A centre and with the loss of NRPs it will be tough to compete in the AA division.

We have also decided to enter a second team at the U14 age group as a pilot program into second entry teams. This age group has always had good numbers for tryouts and the select team this past season was very successful leading us to make this decision. We will see if these factors allow us to continue with this as a good option for development or if players would be better off in the current set up. We will also continue to offer select programming.

OMHA playoffs as we know now will continue in the current format of league playdowns followed by an OMHA tournament. Many people would rather see this revert back to playoff series all the way to the end to continue to allow teams to play at home, and communities to benefit from extra games but at this point nothing has changed. I have heard rumours of petitions against this which were successful in moving tryouts back to the spring but nothing official.

As I said above we did complete Spring tryouts for most age groups in early May and it was a success which will once again give the teams and the association more time to prepare for the upcoming season.

2nd Vice President/House League Convenor – Cheryl Carrier report by Mike Cheryl's absence.

I want to start off by thanking all our volunteers, it takes a lot of commitment from our coaches, trainers, and managers to provide the hockey programming our players deserve. For every hour of ice the kids are on the ice, it can take upwards of 3 hours of a coaches time, preparing, arriving early and being the last to leave. Without you, there would be no program. I would also like to take this time to thank the wonder arena staff we have, we are so fortunate to have them!

2022-23

We had a total of 32 house league teams, 3 select teams, a full JR Mac group plus 46 first shift participants and a successful First shift transition program. Of the 46 First Shift participants all but 6 participants continued on in a hockey program. (The 6 players that didn't return were from 3 families in total - 3 came from 1 family, 2 from another and 1 from a 3rd) Our First Shift coaching team did an amazing job making the program fun while learning. QWMHA has been awarded the First Shift Program for this coming fall; Registration opens June 1st so watch our website for details

For the first time since Covid, we were able to provide complete year end banquets for all our participants U13 and below.

Our U13 and below all had extra development programming during their regular ice times, with either Terry Brown from REAL EDGE HOCKEY or The RIVER RATS and thanks to the U11 convenor, Rob Olivier the U11's had regular goalie instruction. All U15 teams and below had access to skill development training aids for their practices.

Working closely with our RIC, we were able to have weekend games for Our U11 and below all through the season, and some weekend games for our U13 and U15 during playoffs, with very few HL and Select games being cancelled due to the lack of referees.

As all centers experienced there were delays and struggles with the Rostering process, often there was what seemed like an endless trail of requests for documentation, and I would like to thank the convenors and coaches for your help with getting everything in. We do not anticipate this upcoming season to have the same challenges, and I know that Kim for one will be happy about that.

On a final note, when our players in Jr. Mac start off, some are ready to move on the following season to the next division, and some not, in fact some are comfortable enough to stay for quite some time, but all good things must come to an end, and with that Jake is hanging up his JR Mac skates! We will miss you in the program, but also know we most likely will see you watching those little units!

Equipment – Chris Harron. We have moved to a local supplier for rep jerseys. The jerseys are not identical but will be same colors which has allowed for players to not be required to purchase new jerseys

Tenders for house league jerseys in the next week going out

Training aids purchased and used for house league and rep

Will require a budget for goalie equipment for next season to allow all teams under 8 in house league ability to have equipment for season. Also other training aids possibly.

Grant requests should be explored for equipment.

A new process should be set up for coaches in house league the ability to access the training aids.

Tournaments – Jake Ridder Two tournaments were hosted this year. We decided to reduce the price to enter for QWMHA to \$350. Outside teams were charged \$750. We struggled to get outside teams. Our goal is to increase registration. Next year we are hoping for a similar offering and to keep building up to 8 teams in each division. The tournaments may have lost money because of the reduction in fees collected from QWMHA teams, but it was well worth it.

Modified Program Director - Matt Archer First year for the position and a first for U7 & U8 development. It was slow to put it together and we are hopefully able to start earlier in the season this year.

Plans are to have a goalie clinic: Will ask Tyson to see if he can offer something.

Pathways from Hockey Canada dictates what can be offered. Kim will investigate.

Motion to Approve reports by: Pete Webb seconded by Tonya Grubb – Carried

Notice of Motions: All Motions are below. No motions were received by members

MOTION # 2023-01

AMENDMENT TO: Language throughout document

Page: ALL

Submitted by: QWMHA Board - Carried

Current Wording

Pronouns used throughout document as his/her

Proposed Wording:

Update all pronouns to they/them/their

Rationale: Use inclusive language

MOTION # 2023-02

AMENDMENT TO: 6.4b

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Submitted by: QWMHA Board - Carried

Current Wording:

Members may resign from the Association by submitting a resignation in writing addressed to the Secretary who in turn notifies the appropriate board members.

Proposed Wording:

Members may resign from the Association by submitting a resignation in writing addressed to the **President** who in turn notifies the appropriate board members.

Rationale: Housekeeping, currently follow the proposed wording.

MOTION # 2023-03

AMENDMENT TO: 11.7 b) v)

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Submitted by: QWMHA Board - Carried

Current Wording:

Be responsible for all representative teams at the A, AE and AA if applicable.

Proposed Wording:

Be responsible for all representative teams.

Rationale: AE hockey eliminated by OHF and stays inclusive to all rep teams at all levels

MOTION # 2023-04

AMENDMENT TO: 11.7 b) vi) and 11.7 c) v)

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Submitted by: QWMHA Board - Carried

Current Wording:

Ensure that each convenor receives a copy of the referees rule book and OMHA Manual of Operations.

Ensure that each additional entry convenor receives a copy of the referees rule book and OMHA Manual of Operations

Proposed Wording: delete

Rationale: these documents are now available online only

MOTION # 2023-05

AMENDMENT TO: 11.7 i)

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Submitted by: QWMHA Board - Carried

Current Wording:

None

Proposed Wording:

i) Be a non - voting member, appointed annually by the board.

Rationale: housekeeping to clearly define role

MOTION # 2023-06

AMENDMENT TO: Regulation 4.3 b)

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Submitted by: QWMHA Board - Carried

Current Wording:

One select team for each house league division shall be permitted at the discretion of the executive in the event that rep b teams exist.

Proposed Wording:

One select team for each house league division shall be permitted at the discretion of the executive.

Rationale: housekeeping/grammar

Thank the outgoing members and thanks to new members.

Nomination Report:

In accordance with the Quinte West Minor Hockey Constitution 9.3, Election Procedures, nominations were filed with the office two weeks prior to our published AGM date of May 29, 2023.

The following nominations have been submitted and accepted.

1st Vice President/OMHA Contact – Scott

Scaletta Treasurer – James Williamson

Secretary - Heidi Tawse

Tournament Director- Matt Archer

Sponsorship Director - Jake Ridder

Modified Program Director – no nominations at this time

Heidi Tawse nominates Ryan Blakely seconded by Jake Ridder

Ryan is not in attendance but has sent his acceptance in his absence. He is acclaimed to this position

Motion to adjourn meeting moved by Paul O'Connor seconded by Scott Scaletta

Meeting ended at 7:03pm