

FYHA Annual General Meeting

Thursday, May 16, 2019

Willie O'Ree Community Room

Attendees: Alan Underhill, Heidi Boulter, Mark Somerville, Nancy Didiodato, Peter MacWilliam, Darren Goodine, Kristy Cairns, Melissa Lockhart, Dave Nicolle, Sylvia Plume, Kelsey Pye, Darrell Sharpe, Nancy Wilson, John Burns, John O'Toole

Regrets: Paige Betts, Matt Forster

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to approve the minutes from last AGM (May 17, 2018) – moved by Mark Somerville, seconded by Kristy Cairns

Business arising from the minutes – none

Correspondence – none

Question from the floor: Any discussions about the ranking of players as was discussed at last year's AGM? A1: Tweaks were made and this year's process was improved

Reports of Directors/Coordinators

Timbits:

- Report available in packet for review
- For the most part, season went well
- Special events bumped ice time and there were issues with teams having too many players
- Mini-nets were a huge hit

Novice:

- Report available in packet for review
- New changes this year as per Hockey Canada division guidelines
- Overall the season went smoothly
- The timing of the Jamboree was an issue – teams didn't want to play during March break
- *Question from the floor: Teams were unbalanced and some teams didn't play each other. Melissa: Scheduling might have been an oversight on her part. Teams were formed based on evaluations, so it's possible they weren't accurate.*

- *Question from the floor: Can teams trade to balance themselves out? Al: Trades are allowed during the draft, but once a child has a jersey we can't take it away.*

Atom:

- Report available in packet for review
- Looking forward to next year as this season went well and was enjoyable
- Early ice time was a challenge – it was difficult to get people to commit and we don't want people losing out on ice

Peewee:

- Report available in packet for review
- Ice was a major challenge, both losing and picking up. Peewee had most of its ice times (both comp and rec) on the weekend, and when extra ice was handed out to make up for previously lost time, most teams were already on the ice
- Curling at the Willie O'Ree also contributed to losing lots of ice, particularly at the comp level – ice should be more spread out next season
- The Ice Dogs won peewee B provincials

Bantam:

- Report available in packet for review
- Division had 18 more players than last year
- External to the association, the teams did very well
- Ratio of 3:1 games: practices

Midget:

- Report available in packet for review
- Teams were unbalanced this year, which was the biggest challenge, due to a change in the draft process
- Would like to see future drafts follow the ops manual

Director of Special Events:

- Report available in packet for review
- The Capital Invitation was a great success this year because it was held on two weekends.
- A fundraiser breakfast with the Y's Club was also a success

At the request of the floor, break called at 6:41 p.m. to allow attendees to read the packet

Meeting called back to order at 7:11 p.m.

Director of Female Development:

- Report available in packet for review
- Decrease in participation of females due to Central Female Hockey League

Director of Property and Equipment

- Report available in packet for review
- Thank you to our sponsors, who've helped purchase new jerseys
- Cleaned up the equipment room this year and as a result found goalie gear and old jerseys, which were donated to the Brendan Oreto Foundation. Much of the gear was then sent to a start-up hockey program in the Northwest Territories.

Comment from the floor: Darren went above and beyond this year. He lent equipment to someone to learn the goalie position, and now the player has his own gear.

Director of Coaching:

- Report available in packet for review
- We had a good bunch of coaches this year
- Spent most of his time dealing with coach conduct and would like to encourage everyone to follow the proper channels when it comes to issues
- Wanted to be more proactive with coaches and help them develop
- Issues with maximizing HNB's Development Weekend
- By the time we had ice, guest instructors were booked
- Won't be returning but would like to see regular camps set up during the season for skills development

Comment from the floor: Peter did a great job this year.

Director of Operations:

- Report available in packet for review
- City was easy to work with this year because of support from John Burns, who went above and beyond
- We struggled to get ice
- Wishes more ice was used when open ice was offered
- Coordinators were really good at giving back unused ice this year, so we didn't have to pay for it

Treasurer:

- Statements presented
- This year was a surplus, last year we had a deficit due to unused ice not being returned

- Contracts with the city would be adjusted sometimes because we'd prepay but ice might be changed, meaning we'd be overpaying
- Capital Invitational was great – we had sponsor support and John O'Toole's organization was invaluable

General Manager:

- Report available in packet for review
- Thanks to AI, coaches, volunteer base for their help
- We had a juvenile team this year for the first time in a long time. There were even a few people on a waitlist so we'll probably expand to two teams next year
- We will continue to pursue sponsors
- Survey sent out to membership returned 243 responses, down from last year by about 100

President:

- Report available in packet for review
- Thanks to John for all his support
- Team Genius was used by all divisions this year. Last season we had questions but we were able to work them out over the summer, so this year went well
- AI monitored rankings to ensure everything was accurate and above board
- In 2020 there will be a change in atom evaluation structure, coming from Hockey Canada
- Team Genius will allow players to be evaluated better than before
- This season there was a 2-line tournament, outside of HNB/FYHA, on Development Weekend. This took away ice and coaches
- Novice goalie clinic was good – it gave them a chance to try the position out before playing a game and we're seeing an increase of goalies moving up to atom now
- Thanks to the volunteers – we're all here for the same reason

Notices of motion:

AI: Needs a motion to accept the existing constitution

Motioned by Joel Dickinson, seconded by Frank Collins

Constitution dated Sept. 19, 1977, accepted for 2019-20 season, although a note that the language needs to be reviewed and updated.

Unfinished business: None

New business:

Question from the floor: Lots of ice lost beginning in January, is there any way to look at the schedule to determine better usage? It's detrimental to skills development.

Mark: We were able to pick up additional ice, but not all of it could be used.

Heidi: If coaches don't pick up extra ice, what's the solution?

Al: Some of that lost ice is league games. It's been an issue with the district for the past few years. We're also light on weeknight ice time – it's prime time everyone wants.

Question from the floor: That lost ice doesn't always get recouped but this year was much worse than last. There must be a way to program it better and adjust expectations of what to expect from a competitive program.

Comment from the floor: Parents and coaches need to look at the bigger picture. I'm a coach and I didn't lose any ice time this year because I hunted it down and made my schedule work in order to get on the ice.

Sylvia: This is not just an FYHA issue. We get told about special events taking our ice, or extra ice being available, two days before. It's a logistical issue and all on the board agree with users.

Comment from the floor: Are atom, peewee and bantam following the ratios provided in the Hockey Canada Pathway?

Al: Yes, we follow those guidelines.

Question from the floor: Can there be an action item relating to ice?

Al: It's city-issued ice.

Dave: Does anyone have any solutions to help us make this work?

Question from the floor: Is there a city rep here? How can the FYHA make it easier to work together?

John Burns: Not just an FYHA issue. There are six ice surfaces, only three hours of prime each for all groups and special events. We're trying to plug holes.

Mark: For the past two years there's been new people in these positions.

Question from the floor: Have you/can you reach out to other organizations in the region to find out their ice allocation systems?

Mark: John Burns has done a lot of research and we've looked at NB ice

Heidi: We also don't have a home ice. If STU needs to make up a game, we get bumped.

Darrell: This is my and Mark's second year and it's gone better for both of us. Not sure if one system would solve it due to the different groups and special events.

Question from the floor: Does FYHA pay a lower premium for events?

Al: We have a deal negotiated with the city. It's a bit lower.

Comment from the floor: Need to improve communications with teams to make sure they know when ice is changed, or when they've been bumped.

Question from the floor: How do evaluations work? Sometimes players don't show up. Al: In those cases we use last year's numbers.

Volunteer awards distributed

HNB Volunteer of the Year: Leslie Paul

Timbit: Terry Francis

Novice: Rob Mullaly, Justin Beesley

Atom: Craig Soke, Thane MacKay, Ivan Roach

Peewee: Joel Dickinson, Richard Smith

Bantam: Tracy Stewart, Anneke de Jong

Midget: Tim Blom, Terry Johnson, Alden Whynott

Report of Nominating Committee:

There are 17 positions available, two of which are vacant

In the room: 44 eligible to vote, 6 not eligible to vote

Scrutineers: Todd Pye (President, Hockey New Brunswick), Hazel Wells (District 3 Director)

President:

- Nominated: Heidi Boutler and Frank Collins (nominated from the floor by Richard Smith)
- Heidi Boutler declared elected
- Motion to destroy ballots: moved by Kristy Cairns, seconded by Darrell Sharpe

Vice-President: Darrell Sharpe (no other nominations)

Secretary: Paige Betts (no other nominations)

Treasurer: Nancy Didiodato (no other nominations)

Director of Operations: Leslie Paul (no other nominations)

Director of Special Events: Melissa Lockhart (no other nominations)

Directory of Property and Equipment: (no other nominations)

Directory of Coaching and Development:

- Nominated: Mark Somerville and Dave Kilburn
- Mark Somerville declared elected
- Motion to destroy ballots: moved by Darrell Sharpe, seconded by Heidi Boutler

Director of Female Development: Kelsey Pye (no other nominations)

Director of Officials: Matt Forester (second year of term)

Director of Discipline:

- Nominated: Jessica Jones and Marion Kilburn
- Jessica Jones declared elected
- Motion to destroy ballots: moved by Melissa Lockhart, seconded by Dave Nicolle

Timbit coordinator: Vacant

Novice coordinator: Vacant

Atom coordinator: Sylvia Plume (no other nominations)

Peewee coordinator: Krista Colford (no other nominations)

Bantam coordinator: Kristy Cairns (no other nominations)

Midget coordinator: Nancy Wilson (no other nominations)

Al thanks membership for attending and for their support this year and every year. This is Al's last AGM but he will be staying on as past president.

Motion to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

Moved by Kristy Cairns, seconded by Nancy Wilson

Next FYHA AGM: Thursday, May 15, 2020