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MGHL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 2024

MEETING DATE: MAY 27, 2024

Drafted, Version 1.0: 06/04/2024; Approved, Version 1.1: MM/DD/YYYY

ATTENDEES:

| Present | Regrets | Member Name, Position | Present | Regrets | Member Name, Position |
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| × | | Brad Saunders, President * | \boxtimes | | Scott Forsyth, House League Director |
| | × | Eric Landman, Interim Vice President | × | | Jessica Fiore, Interim Development Director |
| × | | Jessica Fiore, Interim Secretary | | × | Pat Ceci, Sponsorship Director |
| × | | Graeme Lake, Treasurer | × | | Brad Saunders, Interim Tournament Director |
| × | | Erin Cassan, Registrar | × | | Neil Coreschi, Equipment Director |
| × | | Darcy Breakey, EPP Director | × | | Christina Forsyth, Communications Director |
| × | | Charles Eddie, Rep Director | | × | Eric Landman, Past President * |
| | | | | × | Lorraine Klemmens, Director at Large |

Voting Members in Attendance: Louise Sullivan, Kevin Roche, Nazia Khan, Lukasz Tracz, Sam Hilwi, Tina Pietramala, Tobin Lifchis, Pamela Sleightholm, Parth Bhavsar, Valerie Rusniv, Maryann Sousa, Jay Summers, Nick Serediak, Trevor Fuchs, Frank Candeloro, Brennan Mercer, Jennifer Vassallo-Roche, Lj Elkin, Christi Scarrow, Tania Hynes, Stacey Marnoch, John Kennedy, Steve Swannell, Ken Willett, Marisa Balassone, Lynda Dalzell, Hiro Okumura Neal Ferguson, Chris Murphy, Julie Kalantzakos, Diana Saunders, Tracy Montgomery, Jason Hern, Patty Valenti, Chris Fiore, Ed Valkovic, Sandra Coreschi, Kerrie Trottier, Aaron Swatogor, Joe Wong, Fabiano Gondim, Sean Hoare, Rob Sanderson, Brett Sommerville, Jo-Ann Ruberto, Larry De Melo, Tanya Jarvis

Guests in Attendance *: Ed Chong, Bob Rae, Jason Boyer

^{*} Non-voting attendee.



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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

An Annual General Meeting of the MGHL was held on May 27,2024 at a virtual (zoom) meeting room. It began at 7:00 and was presided over by Brad Saunders with Jessica Fiore as Interim Secretary.

2.0 OPFNING REMARKS

It was confirmed that a quorum was established and the Annual General Meeting could proceed. Brad Saunders welcomed and introduced the assembly.

3.0 ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA

After those present had an opportunity to review the proposed agenda, and a call for additions and changes was made, the following motion was proposed:

3.1. Motion: It was moved that the proposed Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of May 27th 2024, including additions and changes, be formally adopted as the Meeting Agenda.

Mover: Brad Saunders Seconded: Darcy Breakey

Resolution: Motion Carried

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of May 16, 2023 were distributed. After those present had an opportunity to review the Minutes, the following motion was proposed:

4.1. Motion: It was moved that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of May 16, 2023 with all corrections and changes, be formally approved and confirmed as the official record of proceedings.

Mover: Brad Saunders Seconded: Darcy Breakey

Resolution: Motion Carried



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5.0 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

| Item | Description / Decisions | | | | | | |
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| 5.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT | President Brad Saunders reported. Land Acknowledgement Opening Statement Discussed the question-and-answer box, and identified that the goal is to have a Q&A period near the end of the meeting to allow for all presenters to present Provided a Quick thank-you to the current 2023-2024 Board Members for the dedication throughout the year Special thanks to Ref-in-Chief / Scheduler Ed Chong + Ref / Coach Ombudsman Bob Rae Identified that this past season had the most Rep teams ever fielded by the organization. Discussed that the MGHL had a successful and robust House League (HL) Welcomed a few new coaches and maintain a strong field of female head + assistant coaches and developers Briefly discussed an updated Code of Conduct, requirements for the VSC Checks and the Arena Challenges due to the city upgrading a number of rinks | | | | | | |
| 5.2 EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT | Equipment Director Neil Coreschi reported. The MGHL has officially transitioned its Apparel Supplier to Dukes Sports. He (Neil) has been working with Dukes, on the branding and was happy to announce they have rectified the past seasons issues with branding MGHL has created a new alternate 3rd Jersey (with 7 Rep teams opting to use) Presented that the 2023-2024 season saw an unprecedented demand for HL Goalie equipment at all levels, especially older age groups Dukes will open a Fall online store in alignment with House League Photo Day Dukes will have all Jerseys and game worn equipment in hand mid to late August for all Rep teams; all Rep orders were in on time Goal for 2024-2025 is to refresh and replenish HL Goalie Equipment | | | | | | |
| 5.3 REGISTRAR'S REPORT | Registrar Erin Cassan reported. • The 2024-2025 season boasted the following team stats: • 25 Rep Teams • 21 House League Teams • 4 DS Teams (U11, U13, U15 and U18) | | | | | | |
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| | Approximately, 700 players and over 200 bench staff were registered Registration for Rep is open and almost complete Registration for 2024-2025 House League will open on June 1st | | | | |
| 5.4 VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT | President Brad Saunders reported on behalf of Interim VP Eric Landman. The 2023-24 season was relatively calm year over-all but still need elevated CODE OF CONDUCT focus Several instances of parents acting up in stands, were told to review the Respect in Sport and/or facilities suspensions will be next step Numerous examples of Rep teams failing to report their suspensions on time and/or not copying Executive One coach received 9 game suspension with appeal to OWHA not heard Moving forward, in the 2024-25 season Teams with excessive penalties, suspensions, and bad conduct will be held to a higher standard than past year One parental complaint about verbiage used in a game was moved to OWHA and OHF above the MGHL's control MGHL will be quick to act on any bad behavior if observed by refs, board, or are otherwise reported. | | | | |
| 5.5 TREASURER'S REPORT | Treasurer Graeme Lake reported. Graeme identified that the all 2023-24 Rep teams bills have been settled, ice has been paid for and the League is in the black Provided some season highlights including: MGHL spent over \$500k on ice this past season E-transfer usage has been a success. It has vastly improved the time needed to reimburse Volunteers for training and expenses & for paying bills Our bylaws need to be updated to reflect our e-transfer usage The Exec are working with one bank to set up team hassle free bank accounts (led by Brad). We will also evaluate moving the League account to the new bank if it makes sense Currently in negotiations with the city to renew the leases for the clubhouse, equipment room, JRs dressing room and Rink 1 branding at Iceland The financial audits will be posted in the summer after the financial year end on June 30th | | | | |
| 5.6 REP DIRECTOR'S REPORT | Rep Director Charles Eddie reported. Presented highlights from the 2023-2024 Season 25 Rep teams (including JR. and Sr. BB) 9 teams made Playoff Qualifications (Tier 1) | | | | |
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| | 6 team made Playoff Qualifications (Tier 2) 13 Provincials Qualifications u13AA Bronze (up from 5) 2024-2025 Season updates as follows 26 Rep teams 8 new coaches Minimum of 2 teams per age group MGHL has strong grassroots recruiting for U9/U11 MGHL successfully held the second annual Rep Payers Banquet and Awards night MGHL moving to Online Budgets, a new Coaches Handbook, and various forms and templates to help coaches and maintain league standards | | | | |
| 5.7 EPP DIRECTOR'S REPORT | EPP Director Darcy Breakey reported. Season Highlights were presented including: U18AA won Gold at USA-CAN Cup (KW Tournament) U18AA + JR Hurricanes qualified for OWHA Provincial Championship 7 JR Hurricanes invited to OWHA U18 Selection Camp 3 players selected to Team Ontario Red/Blue 2 Players won gold at the National Championship with Team Ontario Red JR Hurricanes coach selected as Head Coach of Team Ontario Blue 2 JR Hurricanes invited to U18 Team Canada selection Camp 1 selected to Team Canada U18 and won bronze at the IIHF World Championship in Switzerland 4 JR Hurricanes invited to U16 Selection Camp 6 JR Hurricanes committed to play DI hockey and 1 JR Hurricane committed to play USPORT Other Events EPP hosted the 3rd Annual Pink in the Rink - very successful turnout Facilitated JR Hurricanes Home Game Experience: Hosted 9 teams Facilitated MGHL Clubhouse booking: 100+ bookings throughout the season Looking Ahead Looking to bolster JR Hurricanes home game experience Increase other events such as Mississauga Hurricanes Day, guest speakers, association-wide, etc. | | | | |
| 5.8 HOUSE LEAGUE DIRECTOR'S REPORT | House League Director Scott Forsyth reported. Began presentation on focusing on the past season highlights: This season - 2023/2024 Roughly 330 players registered - Up by ~30% U7 HL numbers up by ~150% | | | | |



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| | Weekly development skates for HL - focused on U9/U11. U13, U15 did their own paid development Goalie clinics returned Steelheads association night - Great success! 4 x U7 NHL quality mini nets acquired Sent our top U11-U18 teams to the Queen of the House tournament Some Issues that were identified from the past HL season Difficulty scheduling goalie clinics even with ice times available Ice time for DS - Consistent ice still an issue Poor or delayed communications for Caledon loop schedules - worse this season Identified the team specific details 21 HL Teams with 4 DS Teams (U11, U13, U15, U18) U11 down to 3 teams this season - Starting to see the COVID low cohort bubbling up into the older age groups U13 Played in Etobicoke loop again this season U11, U15 played in the Caledon loop Next Season - 2024-2025 U7 program returns with a small fee - \$50 Kelli Aquino back as our U7 developer! More goalie clinics! Continued Power Skating sessions - Looking into a player paid season long offering U9 - Possibility to add a mini loop with another org Looking into to having PWHL association night |
| 5.8 TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT | Interim Tournament Director Brad Saunders reported. Highlighted the MGHL Winter Classic held on Nov 23-26, 2023 63 Teams, 10 divisions, 142 Games Highlighted the MGHL AA Winter Showcase held on Jan 11-14, 2024 Hosted 38 Teams, 3 divisions, 98 games Proceeds from both tournaments yielded over \$40,000 to MGHL Contract renewed with GGTS for the 2025 season Awaiting sanctioning for this season's events and moving the Winter Classic to a different weekend Hoping to grow the November event by 2 - 4 divisions or 40 ice hours |
| 5.9 SPONSORSHIP DIRECTOR'S REPORT | President Brad Saunders reported on behalf of Sponsorship Director Pat Ceci. Thanked all the team, League, and event sponsors from the past year Continued partnership with Kidspired Media ~ Tims, Desjardins, and a few other HL sponsorship |



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| | Scotiabank remains committed to supporting girls hockey and the MGHL New relationship with Pizzaville to support return to HL Day, HL Development and Gift Cards for families February Gala Held at Mississauga Grand; Hollywood themed Over 200 people in attendance Featured: Family Feud; DJ; Slideshow; Charity Casino; Silent Auction April Rep Awards Night, 2nd annual event Held at Small Arms Inspection Building ~400 players and 95% attendance Featured: 96 Awards given; DJ; Photo booths |
| 5.10 COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR REPORT | Communications Director Christina Forsyth reported. 2023 - 2024 Season Focus Working on maintaining a proper brand consistency / activity Developed a number of important guidance docs / website refresh Communications support Ensured all teams were actively reporting scores and events on the MGHL Website Highlighted a number of great stats including: Total Pageviews 285,115 up 15% from last season Article publications were down 12%, but comparable to last season Highlighted the web traffic and sources Identified that the newsletters were reaching a larger audience Social media influence is consistent to last season across all accounts, although X (formally Twitter) undergoing analytics updates which may be impacting stats 2024 - 2025 Season Looking Ahead Further Brand awareness initiatives Refreshing website content will continue Accounts maintenance will be performed Please visit the MGHL.ca website / read our Hurricane Blast Newsletter for important League information and follow our socials @MGHLHurricanes on Instagram, Facebook and X |



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6.0 ASSEMBLY QUESTIONS FOR THE PANEL

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| 6.1 Q&A | Q1: A parent brought up the U15DS to U18B Transition concerns as a number of U15DS majors did not make a spot on the newly formed U18B Team. | N/A | | | | |
| | Charles Eddie explained The transition from U15DS to 18B is a difficult transition, the coach was more than likely concerned about the players handling the fast-paced game and challenges associated with U18B level hockey. | | | | | |
| | Q2: A Parent asked how the MGHL is working towards increasing the female coaching numbers. | | | | | |
| | Darcy Breakey: MGHL works hard to have more female coaches get involved. This past season MGHL had 9 female coaches. The League actively works to get more volunteers and offers to pay for certifications to coach. We've sought out some female coaches and brought them into our organization, so it's something that we would like to see continue to grow. There will be more efforts in the coming seasons to get more coaches. | | | | | |
| | Q3: Why are there no full ice practices for House League when our registration fees are equal to, or greater than, other associations that all have full ice practices, especially at the U13 and U15 levels? | | | | | |
| | Scott Forsyth: We're pretty low on the registration fees, especially at the U13 level. It all comes down to the amount of ice we have available. If we gave every team a full hour of ice for an individual practice, we would have mostly teams going from 7 AM Till 8 PM Saturday and Sunday, and there isn't enough ice for us for that. | | | | | |
| | Q4: A parent inquired how new association players can navigate a fair look for skills and assessments when some rep coaches do not respond to email inquiries or follow-ups? | | | | | |
| | Brad Saunders: I know that several of our AA and A coaches spent time scouting players from other organizations that reached out to them again. I know the coaches did the work on that side of things. We've seen parents be proactive with online videos and whatnot that have come to coaches. We encourage all of our coaches to be as communicative as possible. Some coaches are better than others; some | | | | | |
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| | are better at calls while some are better at sending emails back and forth. We hope that any coach within the MGHL uses lines of communication to let parents of prospective players know whether they're on the radar or not. That's often the complaint for many parents, that they don't know exactly where their kid might stand. But again, at any point during the year depending on where it is, the coaches have a lot to consider. | |
| | Charles Eddie: | |
| | • I'll just add to that, there was a total of 3 people that reached out to me with coaches being non-responsive, and all 3 of them were dealt with. As a reminder, if anybody has any questions or concerns or wants to talk about things as they're developing, or what the opportunities are for their players, I am always here to help. | |
| | here to help. | |

7.0 ELECTION OF THE 2024-2025 EXECUTIVE

| Executive Role | Incumbent | Standing for Re-Election | Candidates | Elected Executive |
|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| PRESIDENT | Brad Saunders | Yes | Brad Saunders | Brad Saunders |
| VICE PRESIDENT | Eric Landman, Interim | No | Christi Scarrow | Christi Scarrow |
| TREASURER | Graeme Lake | Yes | Graeme Lake | Graeme Lake |
| SECRETARY | Jessica Fiore, Interim | No | Kevin Roche | Kevin Roche |
| REGISTRAR | Erin Cassan | Yes | Erin Cassan | Erin Cassan |
| EPP DIRECTOR | Darcy Breakey | Yes | Darcy Breakey | Darcy Breakey |
| REP DIRECTOR | Charles Eddie | Yes | Charles Eddie | Charles Eddie |
| HOUSE LEAGUE DIRECTOR | Scott Forsyth | Yes | Scott Forsyth | Scott Forsyth |
| DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR | Jessica Fiore, Interim | No | Stacey Marnoch | Stacey Marnoch |



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| | | Standing for Re-Election | Candidates | Elected Executive | |
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| SPONSORSHIP DIRECTOR | Pat Ceci | Yes | Pat Ceci | Pat Ceci | |
| EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR | Neil Coreschi | Yes | Neil Coreschi | Neil Coreschi | |
| TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR | Brad Saunders, Interim | No | Brennan Mercer | Brennan Mercer | |
| COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR | Christina Forsyth | Yes | Christina Forsyth | Christina Forsyth | |

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| 8.1. Motion: It was moved that the Annual General Meeting of | of May | / 27th stand ad | iourned at (|)7:56 PM. |
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| Mover: Brad Saunders | Seconded: Kevin Roche |
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Resolution: Motion Carried

9.0 SECRETARY SIGNATURE

Minutes respectfully submitted to the MGHL Executive Members by Secretary Elect Kevin Roche

| Nevin C | June 8, 2024 | |
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| Signature | Date | |