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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: 05/26/2025

ATTENDEES:

Present	Regrets	Member Name, Position	Present	Regrets	Member Name, Position
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brad Saunders, President *	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scott Forsyth, House League Director
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eric Landman, Interim Vice President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jessica Fiore, Interim Development Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jessica Fiore, Interim Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pat Ceci, Sponsorship Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Graeme Lake, Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brad Saunders, Interim Tournament Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Erin Cassan, Registrar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neil Coreschi, Equipment Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Darcy Breakey, EPP Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Christina Forsyth, Communications Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Charles Eddie, Rep Director	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eric Landman, Past President *
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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 OPENING 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
5.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT	<p>President Brad Saunders reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<p>Equipment Director Neil Coreschi reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<p>Registrar Erin Cassan reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The 2024-2025 season boasted the following team stats:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ 25 Rep Teams◦ 21 House League Teams◦ 4 DS Teams (U11, U13, U15 and U18)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 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	<p>President Brad Saunders reported on behalf of Interim VP Eric Landman.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 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 OWHHA not heard <p>Moving forward, in the 2024-25 season</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 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 OWHHA 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	<p>Treasurer Graeme Lake reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 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 <p>Provided some season highlights including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 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	<p>Rep Director Charles Eddie reported.</p> <p>Presented highlights from the 2023-2024 Season</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● 25 Rep teams (including JR. and Sr. BB)● 9 teams made Playoff Qualifications (Tier 1)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">6 team made Playoff Qualifications (Tier 2)13 Provincials Qualifications u13AA Bronze (up from 5) 2024-2025 Season updates as follows <ul style="list-style-type: none">26 Rep teams8 new coachesMinimum of 2 teams per age groupMGHL has strong grassroots recruiting for U9/U11MGHL successfully held the second annual Rep Payers Banquet and Awards nightMGHL 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">U18AA won Gold at USA-CAN Cup (KW Tournament)U18AA + JR Hurricanes qualified for OWHA Provincial Championship7 JR Hurricanes invited to OWHA U18 Selection Camp3 players selected to Team Ontario Red/Blue2 Players won gold at the National Championship with Team Ontario RedJR Hurricanes coach selected as Head Coach of Team Ontario Blue2 JR Hurricanes invited to U18 Team Canada selection Camp1 selected to Team Canada U18 and won bronze at the IIHF World Championship in Switzerland4 JR Hurricanes invited to U16 Selection Camp6 JR Hurricanes committed to play DI hockey and 1 JR Hurricane committed to play USPORT Other Events <ul style="list-style-type: none">EPP hosted the 3rd Annual Pink in the Rink - very successful turnoutFacilitated JR Hurricanes Home Game Experience: Hosted 9 teamsFacilitated MGHL Clubhouse booking: 100+ bookings throughout the season Looking Ahead <ul style="list-style-type: none">Looking to bolster JR Hurricanes home game experienceIncrease 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Roughly 330 players registered - Up by ~30%U7 HL numbers up by ~150%

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Weekly development skates for HL - focused on U9/U11. U13, U15 did their own paid developmentGoalie clinics returnedSteelheads association night - Great success!4 x U7 NHL quality mini nets acquiredSent our top U11-U18 teams to the Queen of the House tournament Some Issues that were identified from the past HL season <ul style="list-style-type: none">Difficulty scheduling goalie clinics even with ice times availableIce time for DS - Consistent ice still an issuePoor or delayed communications for Caledon loop schedules - worse this season Identified the team specific details <ul style="list-style-type: none">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 groupsU13 Played in Etobicoke loop again this seasonU11, U15 played in the Caledon loop Next Season - 2024-2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none">U7 program returns with a small fee - \$50Kelli Aquino back as our U7 developer!More goalie clinics!Continued Power Skating sessions - Looking into a player paid season long offeringU9 - Possibility to add a mini loop with another orgLooking into to having PWHL association night
5.8 TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT	Interim Tournament Director Brad Saunders reported. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Highlighted the MGHL Winter Classic held on Nov 23-26, 2023<ul style="list-style-type: none">63 Teams, 10 divisions, 142 GamesHighlighted the MGHL AA Winter Showcase held on Jan 11-14, 2024<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hosted 38 Teams, 3 divisions, 98 gamesProceeds from both tournaments yielded over \$40,000 to MGHLContract renewed with GGTS for the 2025 seasonAwaiting sanctioning for this season's events and moving the Winter Classic to a different weekendHoping 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Thanked all the team, League, and event sponsors from the past yearContinued partnership with Kidspired Media ~ Tims, Desjardins, and a few other HL sponsorship

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Held at Small Arms Inspection Building• ~400 players and 95% attendance• Featured: 96 Awards given; DJ; Photo booths
5.10 COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR REPORT	<p>Communications Director Christina Forsyth reported.</p> <p>2023 - 2024 Season Focus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ 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 <p>2024 - 2025 Season Looking Ahead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Further Brand awareness initiatives• Refreshing website content will continue• Accounts maintenance will be performed <p>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</p>

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6.0 ASSEMBLY QUESTIONS FOR THE PANEL

Item	Description / Decisions	Actions / Follow Up
6.1 Q&A	<p>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.</p> <p>Charles Eddie explained</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">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. <p>Q2: A Parent asked how the MGHL is working towards increasing the female coaching numbers.</p> <p>Darcy Breakey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">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. <p>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?</p> <p>Scott Forsyth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">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. <p>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?</p> <p>Brad Saunders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">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	N/A

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	<p>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.</p> <p>Charles Eddie:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	

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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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

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

8.1. Motion: It was moved that the Annual General Meeting of May 27th stand adjourned at 07:56 PM.

Mover: Brad Saunders

Seconded: Kevin Roche

Resolution: Motion Carried

9.0 SECRETARY SIGNATURE

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

June 8, 2024

Signature

Date

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