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2025 SCFHA Annual General Meeting Minutes

Order of Business

Topic/Description

1 Opening of the meeting and explanation of procedural rules governing meetings.

Meeting called to order by Sue G at 10.06 am. 15 members in attendance; 10 members required for quorum. AGM can proceed.

2 Reading of the minutes of the previous Annual General/Special meeting.

Minutes of previous AGM are posted on SCFHA website and can be referred to if required. Motion to approve was made by Leah and Allison. Motion all in favour.

3 Business arising from the minutes.

None.

4 Treasurer's report.

Cory presented the following document and indicated that the 2024/2025 is officially closed. Cory also presented proposals for 2025/2026. Document will be posted on website or available for those who wish to request it.

INCOME	Current Year Actual	Current Year Budget	Current Year Variance	Last Year Budget	Variance between current and last year budgets	Next Year Budget
Registration Dues	\$967,117.69	\$943,540.52	\$23,577.17	\$858,504.69	\$85,035.83	\$980,000.00
Tournament	\$240,389.47	\$204,600.00	\$35,789.47	\$127,296.90	\$77,303.10	\$250,000.00
Other	\$6,718.45	\$150,000.00	-\$143,281.55	\$174,528.53	-\$24,528.53	\$20,000.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$1,214,225.61	\$1,298,140.52	-\$83,914.91	\$1,160,330.12	\$137,810.40	\$1,250,000.00
EXPENSES						
Ice Time	\$565,129.97	\$579,200.00	-\$14,070.03	\$543,083.59	\$36,116.41	\$590,000.00
Referees/Time Keepers	\$71,081.43	\$70,000.00	\$1,081.43	\$59,026.00	\$10,974.00	\$75,000.00
Insurance	\$2,655.96	\$50,000.00	-\$47,344.04	\$48,045.24	\$1,954.76	\$2,800.00
OWHA Fee/ Provincial	\$68,763.71	\$32,000.00	\$36,763.71	\$31,490.65	\$509.35	\$78,000.00
Away Tournament	\$45,250.53	\$34,200.00	\$11,050.53	\$38,823.26	-\$4,623.26	\$40,000.00
Home Tournament	\$147,143.31	\$150,000.00	-\$2,856.69	\$101,352.19	\$48,647.81	\$150,000.00
Equipment	\$10,762.55	\$15,000.00	-\$4,237.45	\$4,886.32	\$10,113.68	\$15,000.00
Team Fees	\$101,533.67	\$90,000.00	\$11,533.67	\$106,040.40	-\$16,040.40	\$75,000.00
Development	\$77,243.99	\$124,000.00	-\$46,756.01	\$69,563.43	\$54,436.57	\$90,750.00
Operating	\$20,467.57	\$30,000.00	-\$9,532.43	\$38,243.73	-\$8,243.73	\$25,000.00
Uniforms	\$31,348.61	\$30,000.00	\$1,348.61	\$74,236.59	-\$44,236.59	\$55,000.00
Banquets	\$34,645.64	\$48,000.00	-\$13,354.36	\$46,931.38	\$1,068.62	\$45,000.00
Other	\$3,300.07	\$15,000.00	-\$11,699.93	\$36,931.55	-\$21,931.55	\$5,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,179,327.01	\$1,267,400.00	-\$88,072.99	\$1,198,654.33	\$68,745.67	\$1,246,550.00
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$34,898.60	\$30,740.52	\$4,158.08	-\$38,324.21	\$69,064.73	\$3,450.00

Questions –

Sponsorship amount increased – why? They were increased because we needed to; they are a wildcard every year, need to hit it, but in the end not a big effect.

We still have GIC, \$3500 return that will rollover and we still have Sean Wales account with low-interest rate account.

Motion to approve financials – Trish and Matt; all in favour.

5 President's address.

2024/25 was a year of continues growth and development for SCFHA running the most rep and house league teams in our short history. With team achieving massive individual success on and off the ice including tournament winners, league champions and gold medalist at the provincials.

Rep Development was ran in conjunction with team's schedule with each team having development, 8 session incrementally on top of regular ice allotment. With HL teams getting development session based around their challenging schedule.

Goalie development continues to be a key focus point with Luc Lobsinger and other goalie developers throughout the season.

This season having successfully ran the third influencer festival, HL and Rep tournaments with learnings about refs needs and various other obstacles we will be prepared for in upcoming seasons. Great work by the tournament committee and everyone who helped this year specifically Trish O'Neil.

Administration team saw some change and adapted to the ever growing association with a greater demand on getting so many teams up and running in a timely fashion and managing the every changing processes with the OWHA from team set ups, to financial balancing thanks to Cory and Grace with all the work behind the scenes to make tryouts run smoothly in 24/25

Tryouts ran smooth with great preparation and execution from front of the house team and back of the house team. For the first time in SCFHA history we unfortunately had over 100 players not make teams creating a great base for the HL season with stronger team bases 2024/25 should be a strong season across all ages.

HPDP year 2 was a success getting for the 4 AA teams and an A team at U9 on the ice with a streamlined registration fee and clear direction for high performance growth in Niagara, without year 1 there would never be a year 10- having a AA program gives the SCFHA families a local option to play against the highest competition in Ontario all while staying local and playing the great Niagara facilities. The future looks bright for high performance female hockey in Niagara.

Brock Women's Hockey partnership continues to be strong with another successful U9 and U11 August Development Camp, great connection at the Influencer festival with great tournament attendance at the pre season game vs OUIT. And a very successful Jr Badger Night cheering on the Brock Womens Hockey team against Windsor.

Grassroots and First Shift- another year of SCFHA IP Development creating a cleaner path to the grassroots of the game developing the youngest jr badgers in conjunction with Brock U Kaitlyn Collonna building a stronger foundation for the first formative years of hockey. First and Second shift also continue to be a mainstay for the Jr Badgers supporting 40+ players with Bauer equipment and ice sessions with Kaitlyn Colonna and Jr Badger coaches. Another successfully executed and planned Banquet for HL and Rep teams at Club Roma filling the room from wall to wall in a more organized fashion with primarily players at the banquet extremely well organized family style dinner and attention to detail by Sue. The banquet is a pillar of the SCFHA keeping traditions celebrating team, individuals and all those who help make the season a success. With a celebration to the graduating players who deserve the attention and celebration as they embark on their next journeys.

Ice schedules have never been better Steve has hours upon hours managing the ice, all feedback is taken and teams are on the ice more consistently and families are able to plan months in advance for vacations or family time. The continued growth and of the ice scheduling is making every experiment at SCFHA a good one.

Referee relationships have never been stronger, Leah Fenwick did an amazing job and SCFHA values the relationship with the referees as we may not agree with some calls on the ice but behind the scenes the commitment and

flexibility the referee association has shown to ensure Jr Badger game can happen is a feat in itself and with the relationship we are seeing Jr Badgers in stripes now learning and working on the ice is great to see as a viable work option for Jr Badgers.

Time keepers continues to grow as an employment opportunity for our Jr Badgers with many players and amazing adults supporting and ensuring games can happen with music and accuracy via the

The 2024/25 season marked the end of my extended term as SCFHA President and I will be stepping aside to focus on my employers needs and to give the opportunity to new volunteers to continue the growth of female hockey in Niagara. I am proud of the effort, changes and growth SCFHA has seen. I cannot name all those who helped in the countless hours of planning and sacrifices you all have taken away from your families to ensure the 650 Jr Badgers experience is better every year, it has been on honour working with you all and I appreciate you.

Thank you all I look forward to seeing you all in the rinks. Ryan Robitaille

6 Amendments to the By-laws of the Corporation, if any.

Updated Constitution and By Laws are posted on SCFHA website and can be referred to if required. Motion to approve was made by Allison and Christian. Motion all in favour.

7 Explanations of Directorships open for elections.

Grace explained how nominations were accepted within timeframe and who was nominated.

Grace asked nominees if they accepted their roles, who motioned to approve, seconded motion. Positions that were vacated were appointed, asked appointments if they accepted, who motioned to approve, seconded motion. Finally, if AGM attendees were in favour. Motion all in favour. See listing below.

8 Election of Directors.

Positions – To Be Elected – Motion all in favour

2nd Vice President/HL Director	Trish O'Neill
Treasurer	Cory Brunarski
Equipment and Clothing Director – Rep/HL	Matt Cooper
Director of Communications	Mikayla Guarasci/Emily Caldwell
Director Sponsorship	John Sykes
Tournament Director	Trish O'Neill
Director at Large	Tanya Spence/Rich Vujasic
Referee Liaison/Timekeeper Scheduler	Leah Fenwick
Rep Convenor	Allison Radko

Positions – To Be Appointed – Motion all in favour

President	Sue Guarasci	Motion – Trish/Darryl
1st Vice President/Rep Director	Darryl Dionne	Motion – Sue/Leah
Secretary	Grace Nardini	Motion – Sue/Leah
House League Convenor	Derek Funk	Motion – John/Darryl
Senior Division Director	Not required at this time	
League Administrator	Grace Nardini	Motion – Sue/Allison
Web Master Director	Craig Bell	Motion – Matt/John
Ice Scheduler	Steve Bowen	Motion – Christian/Sue
IP Director	Christian Parise	Motion – Allison/John

Positions – Motion to remove/amalgamated – Motion all in favour

DS Convenor	Amalgamate to HL Director	Motion – Mike/Trish
SCFHA/GHGHHL Convenor	Amalgamate to HL Director	Motion – Mike/Trish

9 Reports of standing committees.

None; budgets to follow within season if required.

10 Reports of special committees.

None.

11 Unfinished business.

None.

12 New business.

Cory- Last meeting minutes indicated that development director contract amount was \$20,000 but contract is actually \$24,000. Motion to approve increase. Motion carried.

Cory – vote to have timekeeper referee position to obtain \$1,000 reimbursement rather than \$500.00. This will be motioned for new board members.

Sue – meeting for new board members will be scheduled in August and will be at a new time 5.30/6 pm/day of week will be determined.

Steve/Cory – requirement for new computer in office; new board will need to approve cost; they will determine requirements based on conversation with Grace.

Grace – require key from Jill to be returned; Kevin gave his key to Trish; other keys are Matt, Sue, Cory. Grace to refer to her list for other key.

Matt – Banners to be installed in Rink 2. Matt will need to confer with arena (assisted by Steve) to have all the banners in the office installed.

13 Adjournment.

Motion made by Alison and Darryl at 10.42 am. Motion carried.