

St. Catharines Female Hockey Association
Annual General
June 23, 2024, 10:00 AM

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ryan Robitaille, Sue Guarasci, Grace Nardini, Trish O'Neill, Jill Davis, Drew Cullen, Steve Stone, Mikayla Guarasci, Darryl Dionne, Leah Fenwick, Stacey Starginson, Derek Funk, Ryan Walker, Jenni Bauer, Jayson Robiero, John Sykes, Dave Whitty, Cory Brunarski, Kieran Daniels, Karen Bowen, Steve Bowen, Rosie Warner, Matt Cooper, Gord Bell

1. OPENING -Call to order

The Annual General Meeting of the St. Catharines Female Hockey Association is called to order at 10:06 am on June 23, Meridian Room, Seymour-Hannah Complex, 240 St. Paul St. W., St. Catharines, On L2S 2E7.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 2023 AGM MINUTES

RYAN ROBITAILLE-2023 Minutes available at sign-in desk for all to read and retain a copy.

The membership raised no business from the 2023 minutes.

MOTION: to approve minutes from 2023 AGM (Jill D., Kiran) – all in favour-CARRIED.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT: Cory Brunarski

Comparison of 2022-2023 revenues and expenses
Revenue and expenses for 2023-2024 - presented
Budget and projections for 2024-2025 - presented
(see attachment)

Questions arising from budget:

Increase in revenue and a deficit for 2023-2024?

The difference was accounted for by the number and increase of teams.

Budget line for positions?

Are in admin fees line.

AA budget is self sustained by the players fees.

HP director fee is being paid for time on ice and each AA team is aligned in their player fee.

Front Row requires 50% deposit of any apparel being purchased by teams.

MOTION: to approve Treasurer's Report 2023 (Trish O., Steve B.) – all in favour-CARRIED.

4. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: RYAN ROBITAILLE

2023/24 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 various individual success on and off the ice.

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.

First season having successfully ran the second influencer, 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 year 1.

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 and all the work behind the scenes to make tryouts run smoothly in 23/24

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 1 was a success getting for the first time 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 with a Halloween theme in October saw our Jr. Badgers in costumes cheering on the Brock Women's Hockey team against Windsor.

Grassroots and First Shift - year 1 of the SCFHA IP Development creating a cleaner path to the grassroots of the game developing the youngest Jr Badgers in conjunction with Brock U and Mike MacDonald 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 caches

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 with messages to Jr Badgers from Olympian Rebecca Johnston and newly crowned Walter Cup champion Michela Cava. 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; 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, 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 RAMP system

The SCFHA discipline committee was formed along with a newly created complaint process streamlining and organizing a cleaner process to manage internal and external discipline issues.

The 2023/24 season marked the end of my term as SCFHA President and I will be stepping aside to focus on my employment 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 an honour working with you all and I appreciate you. Thank you all I look forward to seeing you all in the rinks.

5. AMMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS:

The Board of Directors positions have been amended see Constitution page 5-25 on the website.

MOTION: to approve AMMENDMENTS (Leah O., Steve B.) – all in favour-CARRIED.

Amendments to be highlighted and posted on the SCFHA website.

6. **Explanation of Directorships open for election-open for election** -as posted on the website.

7. **BOARD NOMINATIONS - Appointed:**

Referee Liaison and Timekeeper Scheduler:

Leah Fenwick nominated by Sue Guarasci accepted nomination

Director of Sponsorship

John Sykes nominated by Sue Guarasci accepted nomination

2nd VP

Trish O’Neill nominated by Sue Guarasci accepted nomination

Treasurer

Cory Brunarski

Equipment and Clothing Director-

Matt Cooper nominated by Drew Cullen-accepted nomination

BOARD NOMINATIONS – Elected:

President-

Ryan Robitaille nominated by Cory Brunarski- declined nomination

Steve Bowen nominated by Drew Cullen-declined nomination

Jenni Bauer nominated by Christian Parise-declined nomination

Current President Ryan Robitaille accepted to remain in the role for another year until next AGM.

Sue Guarasci accepts to continue in the role as Past President until next AGM.

1st Vice President/ Rep Director

Steve Bowen nominated by Sue Guarasci-accepted nomination- 10 votes

Jill Davis nominated by Christian Parise accepted nomination -11 votes

Secretary

Rosie Warner nominated by Sue Guarasci accepted nomination

Equipment and Clothing Director-

Matt Cooper nominated by Drew Cullen- accepted nomination

Director of Coach Development

Drew Cullen nominated by Sue Guarasci declined nomination
-open position

Director of Player of Development

Gord Bell nominated by Dave Hominuk accepted nomination

Director of Sponsorship

John Sykes nominated by Sue Guarasci accepted nomination

House League Convenor

Darryl Dionne nominated by Sue Guarasci accepted nomination

Senior Division Director

-open position

League Administrator

-open position

Director at Large:

Ryan R. Motion that Trish O'Neill to nominate Derek Funk – accepted nomination

QUORUM OF VOTING MEMBERSHIP IN ATTENDANCE and MOTION PASSED

REPORTS OF ATANDING COMMITTEES- no reports

UNFISNISHED BUSINESS

Dave Whitty recommended that info from Think Tank session be passed along to the new Board of Directors.

Discipline Committee will be opened up to the board members.

NEW BUSINESS

-HP pre-season tournament is scheduled for August 24th

-DS teams must have 8 games, coaches would need to apply and work with the ice scheduler to obtain ice for games, cost of \$275 per player

-Can evaluations be separated by majors and minors for HL during the draft was suggested

-No Junior team

-pending ice schedule board meeting evening will be assigned

AJOURNEMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Meeting was adjourned by Ryan Robitaille at 11:07 AM – (Steve B., Mikayla G.) – ALL IN FAVOUR- CARRIED

Minutes submitted by Rosie Warner, Secretary