



HDSHA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MAY 13, 2023

TIME: 11:00AM

LOCATION: CHEDOKE TWIN PAD ARENA MEETING ROOM

91 Chedmac Drive, Hamilton

IN ATTENDANCE: Dan T, Marcel K, Claire C, Terry C, Denise H, Allen H, Mike S, Tawnia R, Jack T, Stacie R, Ron R, Jeremy C, Mary C, Aivars P, Bev P, Christine P, Jayden N, Nathan C, Dylan H, Jacob S, Aidan F, Dominic R, Brad F, Sherri F, Sabrina S,

1. **Call to order** : Meeting called to order at 11:20am
2. Approval of 2021 AGM meeting minutes, approved by Ron R, 2nd by Tawnia R, all in favour, approved
3. **Financial Report by Marcel K:** 2021 / 2022 year 28 registrants, all dues collected less \$900.00 that was collected but reserved for a credit to the 2022/2023 season.
Fundraising continues – Bottle drive in 2021/2022 season raising \$857.50, received a \$4750.00 donation, plus \$125.00 from another team. Form attached 2023-2024 budget vs 2022-2023 Actuals vs 2021-2022 Actuals. Motion was made to approve the 2023/2024 budget – financial report , motion approved by Mary C, 2nd by Dominic R, all in favour, approved.
4. **Executive Reports:**
HDSHA President – By Dan Timofejew
 - Seasons Re-cap:
 - 2021-22 was broken season between pandemic lockdowns and all of the social restrictions
 - There was no participation in regular tournaments
 - London tournament was cancelled

- Champions Weekend was playable – our Open Team represented us and played well
- 2022-23 was a full season with two teams – Open division and Intermediate B division
- We had some success at tournaments, some ‘first goals’ etc.
- Intermediate team progressed to the C-division semi-final in the London tournament
- Goaltender Chad Watts was named ‘Goalie of the Tournament’ in London
- Champions Weekend 2023 had our Intermediate B team runner-up for Bronze
- A Junior team was put together for a tournament in Montreal and the team won Gold
- Our association should be quite capable to run a Junior program for 2023-24

Upcoming Season 2023-24:

- We are registered for our usual ice-time slot with the City of Hamilton in October 2023
- Individual player commitments for next season are needed quickly so that players can be registered for Hockey Canada Insurance through OSHA
- New players to sledge or our association will need to be registered with Hockey Canada through OSHA before December 31 st of the year, otherwise individual associations will be responsible for separate insurance policies after the deadline.
- Rowan’s Law will be required to have been reviewed by all participants before the start of the season as required by Hockey Canada and OSHA. A reminder will be sent before the start of next season. Further information can be found in our website www.hamiltonsledgehammers.ca
- It is encouraged that members subscribe to our website for updates, emails and other notifications/communications
- Our association is always interested in volunteers for coach, trainer, team manager, pusher and any other team staff positions

• **OSHA Report – Dan Timofejew**

Deadlines:

- July 15 th is the team divisional commitments
- The plan is to ice teams in Junior, Open and ‘C’ divisions
- December 31 st is the Hockey Canada insurance deadline
- Tournaments:
- Cruiser Cup 2023: November 3-4-5
- London Blizzard 2024: late January 2024 (TBA)
- Champions Weekend 2024: First weekend in April 2024
- Ottawa Tournament: Second weekend in April 2024
- Montreal Junior Tournament: dates TBA for 2024
- National Championships: Brock University is the host in May of 2024
- OSHA Fees for 2023-24:

- Association: \$200
- Additional team: \$50
- Player insurance fee: \$35
- OSHA player fee: \$35
- Competition Survey (online):
- Survey generally surrounding the Open and Junior divisions competitiveness
- There were 191 responses from a possible 365 OSHA registrants
- There was positive feedback showing great engagement of OSHA members
- Preliminary reviews of the data show a great deal of ideas coming forward
- Final results will be available at the September 9 th OSHA league meeting
- League Meeting September 9 th 2023:
- Annual gathering to discuss league structures
- Proposals for structure can be sent in at any time
- Typically (pre-pandemic) there were Coaching Clinics run at this time
- There could potentially be a Referees Clinic this time and each association will be encouraged to
- send one lead referee to attend – the goal is for Provincial consistency

- **Division Updates:**
- Junior division early commitments include: London, Buffalo, Mississauga, Hamilton and possibly Woolwich
- The Open Division is still under the ‘Geographic’ structure to reduce travel but not necessarily
- the competition gap
- Intermediate will have A, B and C – there are no National players allowed to compete in the A-
- division as the idea of mentoring was misused in 2022-23
- Divisions B and C will be subject to ‘promotion and relegation’ of respective top and bottom teams
- Currently our Intermediate B/C team will compete in C for 2023-24
- Sledge Team Ontario (STO):
- The tryout camp for this is late August – location, date and times will be announced when available
- The STO Nexgen Under-16 group typically runs at the same time
- The Nexgen group is designed to grow a recruiting pool for the main STO team

- **OSHA Goals:**
- Similar to the HDSHA: raise funds and grow the membership

- **HDSHA Vice President: Mike S.**

Please ensure you monitor our website as I keep it updated and upload all required documents. If anyone ordered team clothing, unfortunately, everything is cancelled and all orders will be Reimbursed.

- **HDSHA Registrar: Marcel K**

1st practice in October please bring your registration ASAP to ensure your place is paid for in full before the official season kicks off. If you require any special arrangements, please reach out to Marcel directly.

- **HDSHA Volunteer Coordinator: Allen H.**

If you would like to help, the association please advice so all correct paperwork can be completed with valid police check.

- **HDSHA Hockey Operations: Terry C.**

I will continue to find game referees and time keepers for all home games

- **HDSHA Fundraising: Denise H.**

- 2022-2023 fundraising events
- Poker Tournament
- Raptor Tickets Raffle
- Toronto Maple Leaf Ticket Raffle
- Clothing Drive
- Beer Fundraiser – Game Time 1% of proceeds go to OSHA and \$15.00 comes back to our association. OSHA logo is on the cans
- **LOONIE AUTION NOVEMBER 25,2023** Letters are located on the website for donation requests prizes, the expectation will be each player will provide a prize for the Loonie Auction and require the prizes to be submitted at the start of the season.

- **HDSHA PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

Please be advised that Bear C. has stepped down and retired from the association, we cannot thank Bear enough for giving all his time and dedication to our association for the past 30 years. Thank-you Bear

5. **HDSHA CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS:**

Traditionally, the Hamilton District Sledge Hockey Association holds an Annual General Meeting (AGM) for its membership in May. I am happy to announce the capability of the HDSHA to meet in-person on Saturday May 13th, 2023, at 11am until 1pm at the Chedoke Arena Meeting Room (just around the corner from our sledge room). The AGM is an opportunity to review the past season and plan for the future and I encourage all of our members to attend.

We do have a proposed change to the HDSHA Constitution, where changes to this document can only be made at the AGM. The proposed change is here:

Article VII ELECTION OF OFFICERS (existing article)

- i. ***Elections will be held every two years at the AGM WHICH IS CONDUCTED in the month of May. On the odd year, the elections shall be for the positions of President, Treasurer, Administrative Assistant and Fundraising Coordinator. On the even year, elections shall be for the positions of Vice President, Volunteer Coordinator, Public Relations Coordinator, Registration Coordinator and Hockey Operations Coordinator.***

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Essentially, due to pandemic restrictions and the previous motion to suspend elections until a time where an AGM could be held in-person, it was carried that the current executive committee members would remain until such a time. Since we can move forward with executive committee elections at this AGM, it was proposed that the officer positions that were to be up for election in 2020 (even year) will be up for election in 2023 (odd year).

So this year, the positions of Vice-president, Volunteer Coordinator, Public Relations Coordinator, Registrar, and Hockey Operations Coordinator are open to nominations and

elections for a two year term. Descriptions of each of these positions can be found in our Constitution, where you can find a copy in our website.

The above information was provided to each attendee regarding the constitution, the change relates to article 7 election of officers. Motion was made to approve the noted changes to the constitution, motion approved by Dave, 2nd by Ron, all in favour, approved by all attendees. Proposed changes effective immediatly

6. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS**

- 1) **VICE PRESIDENT** : Opened to the floor for nominations for Vice President, no nominations received, Mike Seguin was asked to consider continuing with Vice President role, Mike agreed, finalized and complete.
- 2) **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**: Opened to the floor for nominations for volunteer coordinator, nomination made to elect Ron Ritchie, Ron accepted nomination finalized and complete.
- 3) **PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER**: Opened to the floor for nominations for public relations officer, nomination made to elect Allen Hierlihy, Allen accepted nomination finalized and complete.
- 4) **REGISTRATION COORDINATOR**: Opened to the floor for nominations for registration coordinator, nomination made to elect Brad Fairman, Brad accepted nomination finalized and complete.
- 5) **HOCKEY OPERATIONS**: Opened to the floor for nominations for hockey operations, no nominations received, Terry Collison was asked to consider continuing as hockey operations, Terry agreed, finalized and complete.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**: No new business brought up at this time,

8. **Adjournment**, motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mary, 2nd by Dominic, all in favour, motion approved meeting adjourned.

