



AGM minutes
May 11th 2019
Georges-P.-Vanier H.S.

Call to order

1- Minutes of Last Annual Meeting

Last year's minutes read by Dan

Motion to approve: Betty Lofthouse and second by Terry Collison

2- President's Report (Dan Timofejew)

Ice

- We have registered early with the City of Hamilton for 2019-20
- Cost of ice typically increases annually (2018-19 was \$19,698.12; \$168.37 per hour)
- Player fees and funds raised help to cover this cost; we will need to increase our fundraising goals for 2019-20

A Fourth Team?

- The idea has been entertained for a few seasons
- More ice would need to be purchased; cost would increase about 25% to maintain the level we have for each team now approx \$6000-\$7000
- More coaches, trainers, managers and volunteers would need to be found/certified
- A greater degree of fundraising would be needed to keep player fees low

Coaches/Trainers/Managers/Volunteers

- For the upcoming season, interested parties should express their interests in these positions to the President and/or Volunteer Coordinator via email.

Executive review for 2018-19

- The Admin assistant position remains open for the upcoming election, Vice-President Mike Seguin fulfilled the duties in the interim this year and kept minutes for our meetings.
- Also, up for elections this year is the positions of President, Treasurer and Fundraiser.

OSHA Report

- 2019-20 leagues may have a structure more related to competition rather than geography
- During the summer there will be an "Open Division" summit in Kitchener/Waterloo to review the structure of the division and the level of competition (there were competition issues)



- Rule change/addition proposals include regulations for pusher bars, introducing video evidence for incident investigations, and a complaint procedure.
- Rules Committee are hoping to hold a Referees Clinic to ensure Game Officials around OSHA are knowledgeable of Sledge Hockey Intricacies
- Sledge Team Ontario (STO) is holding a Talent Identification Camp in August in Whitby
- The Proposal of the 'Champions Weekend' anticipates increased cost and has prompted OSHA fees per team/player/player/staff member to increase
- The Elgin County Imperials are now an affiliate of OSHA; although they will not engage in league play, they are open for exhibition games

Up and Coming

- Open Division Summit – July 20th
- Sledge Clinic – as early as August
- Cruiser Cup – first weekend in November
- Blizzard Tournament – last weekend in January
- AB Games – there are a great deal of stand-up hockey teams interested in trying Sledge; they are helpful in raising funds and team building. Extra volunteers are always needed to put these events together.

3- Vice-President's Report – Mike Séguin

Website

- Work during the summer 2018 to create our new website.
- Maintained the website throughout the year and I am always listening and taking ideas on ways to improve our website.

Executive board

- Assumed the role of the President for one of our monthly meetings.
- Took the meeting minutes at all of our monthly meetings.

Banquet

- Helped for the year end banquet with location, gifts, etc.

4- Treasurer's Report – Carrie Nimijohn

Carrie was absent (Report made by Dan)

- We are okay with funds for this year, but we do need to fundraise every year.
- We need 40,000\$ a year to function as an Association. About half is from registration but the other half comes from fundraising.
- We consolidated three accounts into one account.
- Recommendation that the Executive board makes a budget for the upcoming season.



- We need to have a solid plan for fundraising to maintain a financially stable Association.

5- Registrar's Report – Elizabeth Lofthouse

- all 3 teams, (1 in each division) full with 16 registered players
- Team 1 - net increase of 3 players with 3 new/returning players
- Team 2 - 3 players did not return, but 5 new/returning players for net gain of 2 players
- Team 3 - 1 player did not return, but 2 new players, for net gain of 1 player
- Overall 10 new/returning players, net gain of 6 new
- 5 players from Team 1 have potential to move to team 2 or team 3
- those with DOB 2003 MUST move
- those with DOB 2004 may move - discussion with coach and exec based on benefit to player and club
- 2019/2020 at least 3 teams - decisions to be made if new players register, (likely), expands rosters, or 4th team???

5- Volunteer Coordinator's Report – Allen Hierlihy

- Had no issues with getting police checks from volunteers.
- Greatly appreciate the help from everyone.

6- Hockey Operation's Report – Terry Collison

- Had no issues with referees.
- Was able to recruit more referee's and should be okay for next year.

7- Fundraising Coordinator's Report – Denise Hierlihy

- We need to start looking for sponsorships as quickly as possible.
- We need to continue to do some fundraising so that our books are balanced at the end of every season. For next year, we are planning on having a loonie auction night (November) and a Poker tournament (March).
- We need to have a sub-committee for fundraising, and we should have a member from each team. We also need a person who can write a good letter for helping us to get sponsors.
- We will continue with FlipGive.
- Looking for some Leafs tickets to have a raffle.



8- Public Relations Report – Bear Cavanagh

- We now have our logo on the signs of Chedoke arena.
- We cleaned the sledge room during the summer.
- Still promoting sledge hockey with stand-up teams since this is good publicity and for fundraising. Allen organized a Lawfield night which is always great for our Association.
- We had an information night with the Kilty B's.
- We need to continue to promote our sport.

8- Constitution

- The Constitution will be reviewed yearly by the Executive Committee. Otherwise, nothing new to report.

9- Election of Officers

- **President:**
 - Nominations – Dan Timofejew and Mike Séguin
 - Dan accepted the nomination; Mike declined the nomination.
 - Dan acclaimed as President.
- **Treasurer:**
 - Nomination – Marcel Kampen
 - Marcel acclaimed as Treasurer
- **Administrative Assistant:**
 - Nomination – Claire Collison
 - Claire acclaimed as Administrative Assistant
- **Fundraising:**
 - Nomination – Denise Hierlihy
 - Denise acclaimed as Fundraising Coordinator

10- New Business

- ***A proposal to vote on adding a fourth team. Motion by Dave Kissel; second by Kevin Urech. Motion carried. The logistics will be decided by the Executive.***
- A discussion on adding a Social Media member to add visibility for our organization by using Facebook, Twitter and Snapchat. It was mentioned that all social media needs to go through the President or Vice-President. This issue can be discussed at a monthly board meeting.
- In order to save money to our Association, the Executive members should look to have pants and jerseys paid by the players.
- The fundraising coordinator wants to have a sub-committee to organize fundraisers and every team should have one representative on this committee.



11- Recommendations

- Need to find sponsorships for our shirts like most organizations have one on the top of the players back. This will help our Association financially.
- We should look in some Foundations like Jump Start for our players. It was mentioned during registration that Betty redirects players to some foundations to help some players cover the cost for playing sledge hockey.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Denise Hierlihy, second by Bear Cavanagh.

Meeting adjourned