



## **VMHA Annual General Meeting 2022**

Tuesday, May 17 – 7:30pm  
Via Zoom

Call to order 7:35pm

**MOTION** to approve the agenda, by Elizabeth Urbach. Seconded by Irene Tomyn.

All in favour. Carried.

**MOTION** to approve the minutes of 2021 AGM, by Kern Chiu. Seconded by Michelle Young.

All in favour. Carried.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Great start to the season, thanks to the membership for following the required Covid protocols.
- Thanks to Kevin Kimura, Mike Coderre, Lana Sharpe and the LGS staff for their assistance with program delivery in the absence of a Director of Hockey this season. Kevin will speak further on the new, paid Hockey Operations Coordinator position.
- Availability of ice remains a concern as always, and we may lose more ice this season. Shared practices (U13 and below) are a possibility as we find ways to use the ice we have more effectively.
- Use of the VMHA Training Centre has to date been limited by Covid protocols, however, should provide the opportunity for additional skill development and training going forward. Spring Camps are underway and summer programming is in the works. We are hoping to operate at full capacity in the Fall with programming suited to both 'A' and 'C' players and all age groups.
- A few complaints received this year around the size of the teams in some age groups. It is this board's opinion that we accept all interested participants within our community, as long as there is room to register. Some years that may be 14 players per team, other years it could be 17.
- We will continue to work with LGS and our current group of skills contractors for the coming season, with a blend of skills sessions and visits to team practice ice to ensure the program is delivered to all players. We'll be looking to increase the number and capabilities of parent coaches in U6 and U7, in the hopes they will continue to coach through U15 and U18.
- The annual VMHA Christmas tournament was cancelled shortly before it was to start. Many thanks to everyone involved in the planning. With the template in place, I am confident we can get the tournament up and running and back to its former glory this coming season.

- The Hockey Pool continues to be a success and is even easier than before given the new on-line format. Thanks to Won and his group for finding new ways to promote this easy money-maker. I kindly ask that all members continue to support this initiative.
- Congratulations to all teams that participated in the Banner Games, Final Four and Provincial tournaments. U15C3 and U11C1 won banners, as did our U21 team. U15A1 lost a tough Final Four due to injuries while U13A1 advanced through their Final Four to win the Provincial Championship.
- Thanks to everyone who responded to the Membership Survey. We will be reviewing the hits and misses in advance of next season.
- We were able to have our volunteer dinner this year, thanks to those who were able to attend. We are grateful for the efforts of all our volunteers. We were unable to include an awards ceremony this year but hope to have it back next year. VMHA continues to award the Al Boyd Bursary to a graduating U18 or U21 player; this year's recipient was Peter Stanley. We also continue to provide class rings to graduating U18 players with nine or more years at VMHA.
- There was a fee increase this season, the first in six years. The Board was able to avoid an increase to registration fees through two 'Covid' seasons, despite a 2-3% increase in the cost of ice annually. We continue to provide a 10% Early Bird discount on registration fees, as well as the payment plan through TeamSnap. This board did a great job in costing each division, both in Rep and 'C' hockey. Rep Fees have been adjusted in each age group to account for paid coaches and extra practice ice. I will ensure we continue to monitor costs closely, including Spring and Summer programs.
- Looking ahead, we have the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament in August, and we hope to see the return of VMHA Community Day in early November, as well as the Puck 'n Party and Christmas tournament. These events take time and volunteers to be successful, so please reach out and get involved with the ones that are important to you.

**Question from Blair Smith:** How much ice have we lost for 2022-23 season relative to 2021-22?

**Answered by Lana Sharpe, Ice Allocator:**

- We lost 8 sheets per week this year, as compared to 2020-21 season. Not sure about this year as ice has yet to be allocated. Will likely lose some to historically under-allocated user groups such as girls' hockey.
- We had 150 unused sheets of ice this year, mostly early morning ice or last-minute returns. Coaches, please reconsider cancelling morning practice on the day of afternoon/evening games so we can use the ice we're paying for.

**Kim Halladay, Life Member:** Much appreciation to Lana for a difficult job well done.

## CONSIDERATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- Financial results in 2021-2022 continue to show the effects of COVID as many key fundraising initiatives – Christmas Tournaments and 2021 Hockey Pool – were unavailable. We did mitigate part of this loss with the VMHA Golf Tournament last summer and the return of the VMHA Hockey Pool this season.

### **2021-2022 Financial Statements**

- April 2022 year-end financial statements were unavailable in time for the AGM. As such, reporting is based on the 11 months ending March 31, 2022
- \$97,000 gaming grant received from viaSport
- Total revenue projected to be \$752,000, \$124,000 more than the previous year.
  - Overall registration of 555 players, up from 506 the previous year, resulting in \$50,000 additional registration income
  - Training clinic income of \$85,000 vs. \$44,000
  - First Annual VMHA Golf Tournament generated \$36,000 in revenues and \$6000 profit.
  - 2022 VMHA Christmas Tournament was cancelled again this year, loss of approximately \$90,000 in revenue (5-year average)
- Expenses were tightly controlled considering COVID
  - Total expenses of \$809,000 vs. budget of \$857,000
  - Largest expense continues to be ice at \$352,000, followed by the VMHA Training Centre at \$60,000
- 2021-2022 fiscal year operated in a deficit of \$57,000 subsidized by the gaming grant and cash reserves on hand and was mainly a result of fundraising opportunities lost due to COVID.
- Looking forward, registration fees were increased after a costs analysis was completed by the Board. We feel the new pricing accurately reflects the current costs of each age group and program.

### **2022-2023 Budget**

- The 2022-2023 budget was created with the view that minor hockey returns to normal in September.
- Registration income estimated at \$510,000 based on increased registration fees and expected enrolment for the coming year.
- VMHA Hockey Tournament (\$95,000), Hockey Pool (\$40,000) and Golf Tournament (\$40,000) are expected to take place.
- We are projecting receipt of the ongoing gaming grant amount of \$97,000
- Expenses will be tightly monitored with ice rental remaining the greatest expense; budgeted at \$350,000
- With the changes to the hockey operations position and outsourcing of skills programming to LGS Group, the budget has been amended to reflect the following:
  - Creation of Hockey Operations Coordinator role to support the Coach Coordinator
  - Balance of hockey operations budget from last year has been added to the training clinics budget to increase programming for the kids
- Given the increased revenue from registration and the return of the VMHA Hockey Tournament, in addition to the Hockey Pool and Golf Tournament, we are hoping for a balanced budget this year.

**MOTION** to accept financial statements and approve 2022-23 budget (as presented) by Ian Garrett.

Seconded by Leanne Smith. All in favour. Carried.

## **COACH COORDINATOR REPORT**

- Very grateful to get through a mostly normal season!
- Received around 200 responses to the Coaching Survey: mostly positive with some constructive criticism. Most 'A' coaches are returning, although unassigned to teams at this time. Currently reaching out to fill any vacancies.
- Rep tryouts are scheduled and posted on the VMHA website; U13, U15 and U18 all start prior to the Labour Day long weekend.
- Summer Programs are coming soon, Rep Prep, Skating & Skills. Working on a 'Power Skating for Hockey' program along with week-long goalie clinic and Intro to Body Contact for players new to U15/U18A programs.
- Hockey Operations Coordinator role created; Phil Lam appointed.
  - Paid position, smaller scope than Director of Hockey role.
  - Increase connection between board and membership
  - Coaching support for initiation groups
  - Coordinate camps, tryouts and development programs.
- **Phil Lam:** Thank you for this opportunity and to all the coaches, parents and volunteers for a fun season (despite the challenges). I'm looking forward to sharing my passion, growing the game and having a positive impact on our community.

**Mike Coderre, outgoing VP1:** Being on the board for many years has been a fantastic experience and we have achieved some pretty cool stuff. I appreciate the support of the Board and membership. Carry on the good work!

**Nick Santorelli, President:** I would like to extend my gratitude to each director, especially those who are not returning to the board in their current capacity. VP3, Gord Rumohr who has taken on the additional responsibility of referee development the past couple of years. Noy Leksinski, our tournament director, who spent countless hours building a tournament and associated template from scratch, only to have the event cancelled due to COVID. Our Fundraising Director, Won Nam, who continues to reinvent the fundraising program with the addition of the VMHA Golf Tournament and gift card program, as well as the conversion of the VMHA Hockey Pool to a new, online format. Our Treasurer, Kern Chiu, whose financial expertise provided valuable information on budgets and costs in a timely fashion. I appreciate your commitment to VMHA for the past six years and I know you will work with the new treasurer during the transition period. And finally, Mike Coderre, VP1 and past Fundraising Coordinator. You re-introduced fundraising and brought branding and a sense of community to VMHA with events such as Hockey Day at VMHA and the Puck 'n Party. Your work on the VMHA Training Centre, from vision to fruition, was amazing, and your commitment to VMHA is truly appreciated. We all need to continue this pursuit of excellence while maintaining our existence as a community-based association and one of many champions of minor hockey. Thank you.

## **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOCIETY**

### ***Election of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2022-2024***

- Won Nam (accepts)
- No other nominations

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President for 2022-2024 is Won Nam.

### ***Election of 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, 2022-2024***

- Quyen Cheng (accepts)
- John Lavery (declines)
- No other nominations

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President for 2022-2024 is Quyen Cheng

### ***Election of Treasurer, 2022-2024***

- Phil Aguirre (accepts)
- No other nominations

Treasurer for 2022-2024 is Phil Aguirre

### ***Election of Fundraising Coordinator, 2022-2024***

- John Lavery (declines)
- No other nominations

The position of Fundraising Coordinator remains vacant at this time.

### ***Election of Tournament Director, 2022-2024***

- Cora Burnette (accepts)
- No other nominations

Tournament Director for 2022-2024 is Cora Burnette.

**MOTION** to adjourn by Hitesh Chauhan. Seconded by Ian Garrett.

All in favour. Carried.

**ADJOURNED** at 8:43pm.

45 Members in attendance.