



VMHA Annual General Meeting 2023

Tuesday, June 13 – 7:00pm
Via Zoom

Call to order 7:04pm

MOTION to approve the agenda, by Leanne Smith. Seconded by Phil Aguirre.

All in favour. Carried.

MOTION to approve the minutes of the 2022 AGM, by Phil Aguirre. Seconded by Elizabeth Urbach.

All in favour. Carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Always a rocky start, this time the unexpected shut-down of the Agrodome.
- On a positive note, we saw the return of Community Day at VMHA and the VMHA Christmas Tournament, as well as several teams (U15A2, U11A1, U11C5) winning league titles, Presidents Series or Championship Games.
- Lots of planning underway with PCAHA electing to adopt the Hockey Canada U7/U9 Pathway. Awaiting additional information at this time.

VP1

- Four official complaints received and addressed by Complaints Resolution Committee.
- A number of concerns were addressed before they reached complaint status
- Thank you to the committee members for their time
- It was a disappointing year for fundraising at the association level. Looking to marry association- and team-level fundraising next year.
- One last attempt at a VMHA golf tournament; a family event in June 2024

Hockey Operations Coordinator

- Many positive highlights this year including working closely with most players and coaches within the association, as well as more effective use of our ice through pop-up clinics
- Some challenges around getting all our members into the Training Centre during the season and ensuring coaching credentials were completed before the deadline

- Early start on planning for next season with continued focus on building a solid foundation for our U6/U7 group and more consistent use of the Training Centre.
- We aim to establish a dedicated goalie department and to enhance our in- and off-season player and coaching programs, as well as provide more resources for our volunteer coaches.

Equipment Manager

- Thanks to the Equipment Committee members for their time
- Currently working on refreshing our goalie gear and enhancements to our apparel partnership with Scoff's

The VMHA Annual Report can be found [here](#).

Registrar

- 504 players registered to date with 33 new to VMHA, mainly in the U6-U9 group
- U11-U18 divisions currently wait-listing pending enough players to create additional teams
- Fall ice permits not yet received

CONSIDERATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- 2022-23 Financial Statements and 2023-24 Budget can be found [here](#).

2022-2023 Financial Statements

- Presented for the year ending April 30, 2023
- We continue to be very dependent upon \$97k gaming grant
- Overall deficit of \$9k due to increased referee fees, ice costs and inflation as well as decreased Hockey Pool and Training Centre revenues

2023-24 Budget

- Increases for new referee fees and increased ice costs
- Equipment budget increased due to jersey replacement
- Training Centre is a significant expense although still an asset to the association. Looking at better ways to utilize it.

MOTION to accept financial statements and approve budget (as presented) by John Lavery.

Seconded by Leanne Smith. All in favour. Carried.

Nick Santorelli, President: Thanks to the board members who are stepping down. James Nedila has been a valuable advisor since taking on the VP2 role in 2016. Lindsay Kelly has been on the board since 2015 and has been a huge asset, assisting with equipment and scheduling in addition to her duties as Secretary. Thanks to Liz Urbach for taking on the Equipment Manager role and doing a superb job, and to Referee Assignor, Michelle Young, for her additional work with VP3 on the referee development program. Thanks also to the VMHA life members here tonight; long-time volunteer Trudy Yee, Leanne Smith, (going into her 25th season as the Presidents League Managing Director), and Ian Garrett who assists with our elections and the Al Boyd Bursary selection committee.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOCIETY

Election of President, 2023-2025

- Nick Santorelli (accepts)
- No other nominations

President for 2023-2025 is Nick Santorelli.

Election 2nd^d Vice President, 2023-2025

- Kate Dunford (declines)
- No other nominations

Position remains vacant.

Election of Secretary, 2023-2025

- Sara Ward (accepts)
- No other nominations

Secretary for 2023-2025 is Sara Ward

Election of Equipment Manager, 2023-2025

- Ryan Berner (accepts)
- No other nominations

Equipment Manager for 2023-2025 is Ryan Berner

Election of Coach Coordinator, 2023-2025

- John Lavery (accepts)
- Jeff Cathrea (accepts)
- No other nominations

Non-voting members (Lam, Robinson & Sharpe) to Zoom waiting room for vote.

Coach Coordinator for 2023-2025 is Jeff Cathrea.

Election of Referee Assignor, 2023-2025

- Sharlene Steele (accepts)
- No other nominations

Referee Assignor for 2023-2025 is Sharlene Steele

Election of Fundraising Coordinator, 2023-2024

- Cheryl Duval (accepts)
- No other nominations

Fundraising Coordinator for 2023-2024 is Cheryl Duval

- Question, Phil Aguirre: Jeff and Cheryl have one ‘member’ at VMHA. Can one ‘member’ hold two positions on the board?
 - Nothing in the bylaws prevents both parents/guardians from serving on the board.
 - Has occurred in the past with President and Ice Allocator from same family
- Question, Phil Aguirre: Is it one vote per family?
 - Historically, each parent/guardian is considered a member and entitled to one vote.
- Felix Hui: Wouldn't it be one vote per child? If I am paying for two kids to play, I should have that many votes.
 - Membership/voting structure to be confirmed and may be revisited prior to next AGM

Election of 2nd Vice President, 2023-2025

- John Lavery (accepts)
- No other nominations

2nd Vice President for 2023-2025 is John Lavery

MOTION to destroy the ballots by Elizabeth Urbach. Seconded by Quyen Cheng.

MOTION to adjourn by Ian Garrett. Seconded by Cora Burnette. All in favour. Carried.

ADJOURNED at 8:22pm.

50 Members in attendance.