



# *Schomberg Minor Hockey Association*

## **SMHA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 7:00 P.M.**

- **Good Evening. Well here we are, our very first virtual AGM. Not how I expected to deliver my first AGM as President. Please bare with us as we try to work through all of this, I will be attempting to transition between content and speakers smoothly.**
- **The meeting will now come to order. As President of Schomberg Minor Hockey and Chairman for the purposes of this meeting, I want to welcome everyone to our very first virtual AGM.**
- **Due to COVID-19 we were forced to postpone the AGM and as the pandemic continues, we made the decision to host this meeting virtually, although not ideal, we will follow our regular meeting process as much as possible.**
- **Some important format changes, all attendees are muted. We ask that everyone type into the Q & A box their first and last name so that our secretary can accurately record your attendance. Please ask any questions throughout the meeting and we will answer them at the end.**
- **Notice of the meeting having been given and quorum being present, I declare this Annual General Membership Meeting to be properly constituted for the transaction of business.**
- **The formal business portion of Tonight's meeting will follow those items set out in the posted agenda. I have reorganized a few of the agenda items due to the online format.**
- **To keep the agenda moving efficiently, our board members will be moving motions. You as members will be able to object to any motions by stating your objection in the Q & A box.**
- **We will have copies of all documents posted on our website for review.**
- **Prior to beginning the formal business portion of our meeting, I would like to introduce and thank our current Board Members for the great job that they have done this year. Despite the abrupt end to our season, we had a lot of success and these individuals are a hard working group of volunteers whose priority remains the needs of our local kids. Without these dedicated people, our Association could not continue to operate.**
- **Introduction of Board of Directors.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:**

**Randy Shepherd**



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<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:</b>	<b>Peter Ogborn</b>
<b>Secretary/Treasurer:</b>	<b>Laura Sheardown</b>
<b>Fundraising Director:</b>	<b>Ali Piper</b>
<b>Equipment Director:</b>	<b>Gabe Battison</b>
<b>Chief Timekeeper / Gate Co-Coordinator:</b>	<b>Lisa McKendrick</b>
<b>Tournament Director Local League:</b>	<b>Jaime Dagenais</b>
<b>Technical Director:</b>	<b>Don Smith</b>

In addition, we have several officers and staff including

<b>Risk Management Director:</b>	<b>Jay Rider</b>
<b>Referee in Chief:</b>	<b>Paul Smith</b>

And of course Julie Kerr who does much of the heavy lifting when it comes to registration, ice scheduling and essential business administration.

Thank you again for all of your hard work!

- In addition to our Board members, I would like to personally thank all our Coaches, Managers, Trainers, and other volunteers for a job well done this year.
- I will now move to the formal business portion of our Agenda.

## **AGENDA**

To facilitate the transaction of business, we will be asking board members to move formal motions for a number of agenda items.

If you wish to first or second a motion, please raise your hand and clearly state your name before speaking to a motion.

### **A) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by – Peter Ogborn

2<sup>nd</sup> by – Randy Shepherd

Approved



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## **B) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP**

Moved by – Gabe Battiston

2<sup>nd</sup> – Lisa McKendrick

Approved

## **C) RECEIVE REPORTS OF ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES DURING THE PRECEDING YEAR**

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Despite the season cancellation on March 13th, the 2019/20 season was a successful one, both at the LL and Rep levels. We had strong registration numbers particularly at the younger levels that resulted in some crowded ice which Peter will touch on.

Majority of our teams were competitive at the middle of the pack or higher. Although we won't ever know how the playoffs would have ended, when the season had been cancelled many of our teams were still playing and had advanced to the final round.

In 2017 we signed a Rep Partnership agreement creating King Township Minor Hockey starting with the 2017/18 season. The model seems to be working very well and in fact has been used as a template across the OMHA as other centres look at ways to stay competitive without entering into full amalgamations. Randy will no doubt touch on the rep programs, but overall all 3 associations are stable and competitive. I am very happy to announce, having completed our 3<sup>rd</sup> full season, we passed a significant milestone with the completion of the partnership transition. This marriage is now final! Congratulations to all of those that participated in making this happen especially Kelly Harbridge, Mike Baldassara, Will Germinario and Bruce Leonard.

As the financial statements indicate, we posted a small surplus for the 2018-19 season. Laura will get into the details during her report, but the financial situation is stable.

However, we have concerns moving into next season. We know many of our members are feeling the financial impact of Covid-19. As well, with restrictions expected for the foreseeable future, we are unsure of several revenue streams such as the snack bar and tournaments, fundraising and sponsorships. The board will be looking to create a budget for 2020/21 season and we will be looking at ways to keep costs low for our members. We will keep you posted once we know more.

As has been in the past, we have needed to adapt to new Hockey Canada, Ontario Hockey Federation and OMHA rule changes and mandates. These have included new pathways for Novice and Atom, half ice/cross ice hockey as well as name changes starting with next season. I am still trying to figure out all the names myself. Overall, I



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think our association does a great job at implementing these. This was the first year of the new Novice pathway where our skaters started with half ice and transitioned to full ice in January. Again, I think the transition went well but we had several learnings that we hope will lead to a smoother transition to the full ice in future seasons.

As an association, we had many great successes on and off the ice. We kicked off the season back on September 7<sup>th</sup> with the Welcome Back BBQ, We had another great "Hockey Day in King" back in November where our Schomberg teams lined up against Nobleking teams. As well as a visit from a couple of ex NHLers that day. We participated once again in the Marlies Day at Coca Cola Coliseum in December where several of our young red wings took to the ice. We hosted several tournaments including an IP Jamboree!

But one of my favorite events was the "Fill the Barn" night on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Peter Ogborn led this initiative which was to have our last regular season game between our two Red Wings midget teams. This night recognized all the Midget players who spent many many seasons with us and was a spirited game that did not let us down. Thank you Peter and all those that helped make that night so special.

As all seasons we continue to have challenges, but nothing like the one ahead with returning to hockey post covid-19. But we will touch on that later in the meeting. Registration is now open for the 2020/21 season. We do not know exactly what the season will look like so we are only accepting a fully refundable deposit at this time. If you can, please register for next season as it will give us perspective on how many members are looking to return.

Our agreement with King Township to operate the snack bar continues to be profitable for us. Although we do not know what facilities restrictions will be in place next season, we are still planning for it. With that, our current snack bar volunteers Jen Casera and Monica Edwards are stepping down. I would like to thank them both for all their hard work. From organizing the team of volunteers, managing inventory, making bank deposits to the countless hours both of them and their families have worked in the snack bar. Thank you Thank you Thank you!

With that we are looking for volunteers! We have found that splitting the duties between 2 people has worked the best and both Jen and Monica have offered to help us transition and train these individuals, so if you are willing to help us, please contact me. We need you.

Again I want to thank all the volunteers we have from bench staff, to team volunteers, our great dedicated members on the board, all the Nobleking board members who work so well with us to keep this partnership rolling.

In particular I would like to thank Kelly Harbridge, who continues to stay active on the board and provide much needed guidance.



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I have a very special thank you. After several years on the board, Laura Sheardown has decided this will be her last. Laura has volunteered long before joining the board including on the ice with our young Timbits, to helping out at clinics, to assisting in the snack bar operation. In 2017, she took over the treasurer role with Schomberg, which then evolved into the Treasurer/Secretary role on both the Schomberg and King boards. She was a big part of our first few years of the partnership, and so on behalf of the board and all of our Schomberg Members, Thank you Laura for all you have done!

Lastly, in previous years we would have had our Annual Awards Day. Unfortunately, covid-19 prevented that from being possible. Rest assured, we will have something! We will get you your picture plaques when it is safe for us to gather. And we will hand out the team and association player awards. We just haven't firmed up when yet. So stay tuned.

However, we would like to at least announce two very special awards, our Coach of the Year and Volunteer of the Year. We will plan to do this in person as well, when we can. In a perfect world there would be a drumroll at this point, but here we go..

This year's Coach of the Year is Dave Kellough! Dave has helped on the bench and the ice for a couple of years and this year stepped up as Head Coach for Schomberg Atom Local League. His team had a great year before the abrupt ending to the season due to the pandemic, but just as important as the standings, the players had a great time all season. Dave and his coaching staff always made a point of making hockey fun for everyone from players, to parents. Thank you Coach Dave and congratulations!

This year's Volunteer of the Year is Simon Wright. At just 13 years old, Simon is the youngest volunteer to have received this award in our association's history! Although he doesn't play hockey himself anymore, this year he stepped up as an invaluable volunteer for the Atom Local League team. Reliable and responsible well beyond his years, Simon did a great job helping the coaches keep practices on track as well as fun and productive for the players. As if that wasn't enough, for the last couple of years he could often be found in the snack bar as a dedicated volunteer there too. Thank you Simon for all of your hard work and congratulations!

Time for me to take a drink break, so  
We will now move on to the Director reports.

## Reports

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report**

**Randy Shepherd**

- We had some strong teams that were still in the running even though the season came to an early end



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- Most teams were fairly strong and had a good season  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Report** **Peter Ogborn**
- Total of 9 teams playing in the Simcoe Region Local League (SRLI)
- Record number of suspensions in Bantam and Midget Local League and therefore the Board has implemented a new policy to help reduce suspensions
- First annual 'Fill the Barn' game played at the end of January
- SMHA in the SRLI Playoffs
- Thank you again to all of our volunteers

## **Secretary / Treasurer Report**

**Laura Sheardown**

- 2019/20 season has been a continuation of working with KTMHA to keep all parts of our hockey machine moving forwards while trying to take advantage of economies of scale while not losing what makes Schomberg special
- The budget was approved to provide just over a \$900 deficit and assuming the higher side of the forecasted expenses, we are projected to end the season with a \$6,000 surplus
- An amazing job was done this season by Jaime as our Local League Tournament Director and Gabe for helping meet the specialized equipment needs to encourage more goalies
- The snack bar continues to be a big source of fundraising for our organization and to make it work, we need volunteers to not only run it but to organize, stock and clean it.

## **Fundraising Director Report:**

**Ali Piper**

- Introduction of a three tiered sponsorship model this season (Platinum, Gold and Silver)
- Sponsorships included different levels of exposure through jerseys, snack bar monitor and social media accounts
- Welcome back BBQ was a big hit back in September
- Other fundraisers included Redwings team and fan wear, annual holiday basket raffle and the Red Wings Roost snack bar



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**Equipment Director**

**Report:**

**Gabe Battison**

- The end of this season brings new challenges, including access to the building and jerseys to ensure that they are stored safely
- We are considering options for the coming season for jerseys
- Some of our biggest expenses this year have been goalie equipment and game socks

**Chief Timekeeper / Gate Co-ordinator: Lisa McKendrick**

- SMHA employed 23 kids for timekeeping last season
- Due to COVID-19 the 3 on 3 summer hockey has been cancelled
- We will need more timekeepers for the upcoming season
- Thank you to all of my timekeepers

**Tournament Director LL Report:**

**Jaime Dagenais**

- Over the months of January and February 2020, we hosted three tournaments and had a total of 16 teams attend.
- I would like to sincerely thank all of the parents and volunteers for once again making the Schomberg Red & white Tournaments the success they have been known for.
- We made a total of \$6,738 for our Red Wings.

**Technical Director Report:**

**Don Smith**

- Five sessions of skating were completed by the Schomberg Skating Club and Young Guns Hockey also ran twelve clinics. Both were well attended, however it was felt that the groups were too large.
- Tyler and Tom Bly ran fifteen goalie clinics with five to ten goalies in attendance.
- In the future, it would be to everyone's advantage if the coaches were in attendance for all of the on ice clinics.

## **D) RECEIVING AND APPROVING THE AUDITED FINANCIALS FOR THE 2018/19 SEASON AND PROJECTED 2019/20 SEASON**



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We Have Again Retained the Services Of The Accounting Firm Of Resnick And Company To Approve the Financial Report Of The Association For The Year Ending April 30, 2018 and We Have Projected The Financial Position of the Association For The Current Year. There Are Copies of The Notice To Reader Financial Statement From The Firm Of Resnick And Company Available For Your Review.

May I have a Motion that the Association's Notice to Reader Financial Statement be taken as read and approved?

Moved by – Peter Ogborn

2<sup>nd</sup> – Jaime Dagenais

Approved

## **E) APPOINTMENT OF ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

The Next Item On The Agenda Is The Appointment Of the Association's Accountant. The Board has Recommended, and the Membership is Being Asked To Approve, the Continued Appointment of Resnick & Company LLP, as the Association's Accountant and for the Ensuing Year.

Moved by – Randy Shepherd

2<sup>nd</sup> by – Gabe Battiston

Approved

## **F) CONSIDERATION OF ANY PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE LETTERS PATENT OR BY-LAWS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

*None Submitted*

## **G) TRANSACTION OF ANY BUSINESS WHICH RELATES TO THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING REFERRED TO ABOVE, AND NOTICE AND PARTICULARS OF WHICH ARE RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARY IN**





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**WRITING ON OR BEFORE 6:00 P.M. ON February 15<sup>TH</sup>, IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

***None Submitted***

## **H) RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING THE PLANNED ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE CURRENT YEAR**

At this point, we will discuss what we know about next season. Normally we would be talking about all of the great activities, welcome back bbq, available clinics, etc, but unfortunately that is not the case this year.

What we do know. On March 13<sup>th</sup>, minor hockey was suspended. The season was eventually cancelled and activities such as tryouts and training were postponed indefinitely.

Since then we have participated in several town halls and round tables with Hockey Canada, the OHF and OMHA as we come up with a return to play. I can go over some of those details now.

With our area still in stage 2, on ice activities are limited to instructional with less than 10 people on the ice. As well currently all King facilities are closed, and we understand that they will likely remain closed until labour day.

However, based on the OHF Return to Play model, we do know some things.

- OHF Phase 1 started on March 13<sup>th</sup> when all hockey stopped to protect and support the community.
- We are currently in Phase 2, stage 1 which allows small groups on the ice for instruction
- We hope that with an announcement by the Ontario government of a stage 3 in York region, and the approval of the local health and king township facilities, we will move into OHF Phase 2, Stage 2.
- Phase 2, stage 2 allows for larger groups on the ice and off ice training
- At this point stage 3 and 4 are conceptual and will develop as we hear more from health officials. All return to play is guided by the township and facilities and what restrictions they may impose as well as local health guidance.
- Stage 4 is regular 5 on 5 traditional hockey as we know it, and at this point seems out of view for September. Are focus is to provide a fun on-ice experience for all our members come September, but do it in a safe manner for all.
- So what does that mean? Well we may start with creative on ice schedules to reduce the amount of players on the ice, we will look



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to leverage our partnership with Nobleking to do things internally to prevent travel. These could include 3 on 3 or 4 on 4 scrimmages to start.

- Our hope is as we move into fall and winter, we will be able to get to a traditional 5 on 5 model.
- Once we have an idea of what the season will look like, we will announce registration costs and begin reaching out to get teams sorted.
- Should you have any questions, please use the Q&A box and we will try to answer them for you.

## I) ELECTION OF THE NEW BOARD

The Election of New Board Members Will Now Proceed in Accordance with the Association's Corporate Constitution and By-Laws. Although not ideal conducting elections virtually, we will do our best to get through the process. I now hand it over to Kelly Harbridge, Past President who will take over as chair.

### Slate A

Slate "A" (Elected in Even Years) 2 year term	Slate "B" (Elected in Odd Years) 1 year term
President	First VP / Director of SMHA Representative Hockey Operations
Secretary-Treasurer	Second VP / Director of Local League Hockey Operations
Technical Director/Head Coach	Tournament Director
Equipment Director	Fundraising / Special Events Director
	Chief Timekeeper

#### **President**

Ilya Dagenais will continue in the role

#### **Secretary-Treasurer**

Laura Sheardown not continuing in the role

Kristina Walsh taking on the position, nominated by Jaime Dagenais - approved

#### **Technical Director**

Don Smith will continue in the role



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## **Equipment Director**

Gabe Battiston will continue in the role

Again, thank you Laura for your contribution to our association and community over the years, it is greatly appreciated and you will be missed.

New executive members are invited to our next meeting in August.

## **I WOULD LIKE TO AGAIN THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND ANNOUNCE THE NEW BOARD FOR 2020-2021**

- a) President – Ilya Dagenais
- b) 1<sup>ST</sup> Vice President – Randy Shepherd
- c) 2<sup>ND</sup> Vice President – Peter Ogborn
- d) Secretary / Treasurer – Kristina Walsh
- e) Fundraising Co-ordinator – Ali Piper
- f) Equipment Director – Gabe Battiston
- g) Chief Timekeeper / Gate Co-ordinator – Lisa McKendrick
- h) Tournament Director – Jaime Dagenais
- i) Technical Director – Don Smith
- j) Past President – Kelly Harbridge

I DECLARE THE MOTION CARRIED AND THE FORMAL BUSINESS PORTION OF OUR MEETING TERMINATED.

Moved by – Ali Piper

2<sup>nd</sup> by – Peter Ogborn

Approved