



MINUTES
King Township Minor Hockey
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, August 21, 2021 – 7:00pm
Via Microsoft Teams (virtual meeting)

Call to Order @ 7:04 pm

Prior to beginning the formal business portion of our meeting, I would first like to offer a sincere thanks to all of you for coming out tonight for this Meeting. The success of our Association depends on the support of all its members.

The virtual meeting format is a little different from previous years:

- All attendees are muted,
- Everyone needs to type into the Q & A box their first and last name to be entered into the minutes,
- Please use the Q & Q section to ask questions throughout the meeting. Anonymous questions will be discarded, and
- We will try to answer as many questions at the end of the meeting as possible.

This Meeting is somewhat different from the Local Association Meetings in both Schomberg and NobleKing – who are the Local Affiliated Minor Hockey Programs who jointly own and operate the King Township Rep Program. The individual player and family members continue to be members of their Local Minor Hockey Association and that is where their Membership voting rights exist. The individual members of both Schomberg and NobleKing elect their delegates to represent their community interests here on the King Township Board, which cooperatively administers the Rep Hockey Program. As such, only the elected delegates from Schomberg and NobleKing Minor Hockey have direct voting rights on the business and affairs relating to issues being discussed tonight – although the individual members from the Local Organizations are welcome to attend, observe and ask questions about the Program.

I would also like to introduce and thank our current Board Members for the great job that they have done this year. This was the third year of operations for King Township hockey, with both Schomberg and NobleKing continuing to partner together in a formal way to run teams at the Township level. I would like to stress that 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.

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Introduction of Board of Directors

President
1st Vice President:
2nd Vice President:
3rd Vice President
Director of Rep Hockey

Remo DiGiovanni
Ilya Dagenais
Randy Shepherd
Peter Ogborn
John Fiacco

Director of LL Hockey
Head Coach:
Secretary/Treasurer Nobleking
Secretary Treasurer Schomberg
Fundraising Directors:
Tournament Directors:
Equipment Officers:

Steve De Melis
Ryan Gervais
Jeanine Harrison
Kristina Walsh
Julie Kerr & Ali Piper
Jaime Dagenais
Gabe Battison &
Dennis Evangelista

Additional Directors, Officials & Staff

Development Director
Chief Timekeeper
OMHA Contact
Administrator/Ice Scheduler
Treasurer
Risk Management Director
Referee in Chief
Past President

Don Smith
Lisa McKendrick
Ilya Dagenais
Julie Kerr
Steve Ralph
Jayson Rider
Paul Smith
Kelly Harbridge

I will now move to the formal business portion of our Agenda.

Motion to Accept Agenda moved by Ilya Dagenais, 2nd by Ryan Gervais

Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting of the Membership - moved by Ryan Gervais, 2nd by Julie Kerr - carried

Director Reports:

President – Remo DiGiovanni

- I'd like to start by thanking our board of directors. A very special group of people made up from 2 LL boards.
- This was a very demanding year for our executives, but they answered the call without hesitation
- It was a lot of work, probably more than anyone would have thought, but at no time did any of these people give up. So thank you all for a job well done.
 - I'd also like to thank the numerous coaches and trainers that stepped up for us this.
 - It was a flurry of activity to get everyone lined up and all the teams set up.
 - Because we were running small roster teams we needed a lot more coaches and trainers than we typically would have. I was actually surprised at how many of you stepped up to take on the task. That was amazing.
 - Throw into the mix that the OMHA still wanted coaches go through the certification process, that added another layer of challenge, but in the end you got it done. We hope to see you back in the coming years.

A very special thank you to Julie for her many contributions to the association. She wears all of her many hats proudly and does an incredible job keeping us all moving forward – board members, bench staff, managers, and our hockey families

- When we look back at our season, the one universally accepted thought is that we hope we never have to do this again.
- It was, at times, a scary year out there, and still continues to be.
- In the summer of 2020 we had to make a decision. Are we going to run a program?

- We decided as a board, after speaking to the other YS associations and our Township, that we would give it go.
- Our top priorities from the get go were the safety of our members, and value for our members.
- The safety protocols that were in place ultimately worked, thankfully our members were able to enjoy their time on the ice without repercussions. This is a direct result of everyone doing their part to keep everyone else safe.
- In terms of value, all three associations agreed to subsidize a portion of the registration costs from our cash reserves. Steve Ralph will touch on the KTMH contribution in his report from a King perspective. But the spirit of this was to help where we could and we were able to give what we hope was a substantial refund.
- The program was modified on a few occasions and there were some decisions to be made along the way. It was evident that the majority of our members wanted to continue through the various stages so we continued with the program until December.
- Once the lockdown was extended into January the executive board made the decision to shut it down and issue refunds.
- So now we take a look at the future of hockey
- We are already in the planning stages for the upcoming season.
- Our planning is going to move forward under the assumption that there will be 5 on 5 “normal” hockey in the fall. By normal I mean we will have rep and LL teams playing in their respective leagues.
- All the rest are details that we will need to deal with closer to the date – Spectators, out of town tournaments,
- We also intend to get our LL development programs up and running again this season and that will include opportunities for our coaches. Coach clinics are on our list as well. Everyone will need to sharpen up the skills I’m sure.
- Should a modified program be required we now have a template and are able to transition as required.
- The biggest change in terms of process is that the tryouts will move to the fall. This presents some challenges insofar as it really doesn’t give us a lot of time to transition from tryouts to regular season, but we’re working on this and have been a part of quite a few work sessions with both the OHF, OMHA, and York Simcoe.
- I’m going to pass it over to Ilya now. In Ilya’s report he is going to take us through the calendar and update us on some of the important dates and information that we have at this time.

First VP – Ilya Dagenais

Thank you Remo. And I agree whole heartedly its been great.

Some of this may be a little repetitive but will try to keep it short.

I too hope everyone is safe and healthy. I know hockey is not currently the focus but appreciate everyone for joining us again tonight to officially close off the 2020/21 season.

With the best of intentions and a strong wish by the members to put together an on-ice program, this board leveraged our partnership to develop a house league style program which met the conditions and restrictions as imposed by public health and the OHF/OMHA. As we now know, unfortunately the constantly changing landscape of this pandemic did not allow us to see the season continue to the point that allowed for game play. I do want to thank all the volunteers that stepped up! We had to mobilize 50+ teams and our volunteers needed to not just worry about pucks and practice plans but health restrictions, increased safety measures and strict screening and contact tracing. We truly appreciated all of the work that was done. Thank you to our Rep and local league VPs for working with Julie to make those teams happen...from recruiting the coaches and volunteers, to figuring out the splits on the teams and changing those splits each time the public health rules changed!

I know Steve Ralph will get into the financials a little later but wanted to thank Steve and our treasurers Kristina Walsh and Jeanine Harrison for their constant eye on the financial picture. Each time we met as a board we reviewed the up to date costs and balanced it with those changing restrictions. It was unlike any other season and was even more important to stay up to the minute on our costs, so thank you.

I would like to thank all of the board members from Nobleking and Schomberg that make up the King board. Although we weren't able to host tournaments or do a great deal of fundraising throughout this pandemic they have continued to volunteer and keep on top of their roles and it truly is appreciated. We were required to make important decisions on the fly and each board member actioned items quickly. As well, the virtual format ensured we had 100% attendance at all our meetings so that was great!

From the Schomberg side, we do have two board members whose terms are up and did not seek re-election. Big thank you to Jaime Dagenais for coming to the board to assist us as tournament director. I know she would have liked to have ended her term with a big week at Christmas filled with the rinks filled with tournament teams...but I know where you live so I am sure you will be around to help out! As well, Thank You to Ali Piper. In Schomberg, the Fundraising Director has been responsible for a good portion of our revenue each year to support the local league team costs and development. It is a big responsibility., I do appreciate all the work Ali has put into the role. Again, I know I can count on Ali to assist us in future.

And now as we close the 20/21 season, we are working hard towards planning the 2021/22 season. We will get into some of those details a bit later, but there is hope that with the summer approaching and vaccines arriving that we will be able to get back to a somewhat normal hockey program.

So thank you again and back to you Remo!

Second VP (Rep Hockey Operations) – Randy Shepherd

Not much to report just hoping for a more normal season next year when we can have our rep program

running as it should be.

Third VP (Local League) – Peter Ogborn

Nothing to report just looking forward to next season and hopefully getting back to “normal”

Director of Rep Hockey – John Fiacco

Nothing to report

Local League Hockey Director – Steve Demelis

Nothing to report

Treasurer - Steve Ralph

– presentation the financials to year end \$ for the season that just ended

Receiving the Report of the Association’s Accountant

Moved by John Fiacco, 2nd by Randy Shepherd - carried.

Appointment of Accounting Firm for the Ensuing Year

Appointment of Resnick & Company, moved by Dennis Evangelista, 2nd by Ilya Dagenais – carried

Consideration of any Proposed Amendments to the Letters Patent or By-laws of the Association

- No proposed items were received by the posted deadline

Transaction of any Business which relates to the Business of the Meeting Referred to Above

- No proposed items were received by the posted deadline.

Election/Appointment of the New Board

The election of the New Board Members has already occurred in Accordance with the Local Schomberg and NobleKing Corporate Constitution and By-laws.

Schomberg Members NobleKing Members

Remo Di Giovanni (First VP) Ilya Dagenais (President)
Randy Shepherd (Rep Hockey Director) John Fiacco (Second VP – Rep Operations)
Steve Demelis (Third VP Local League) Peter Ogborn (LLeague Hockey Director)
Kristina Walsh (Secretary/Treasurer) Jeanine Harrison (Secretary/Treasurer)
Wendy Outram (Tournament Director) Nadia Alaimo (Tournament Director)
Rick Kloepfer (Director of Fundraising & Special Events) Ryan Gervais (Head Coach)
Don Smith (Technical Director/Head Coach) Dennis Evangelista (Dir of Fundraising & Special Events)
Gabe Battiston (Equipment Director) Angelo Veri (Equipment Director)
Lisa McKendrick (Chief Timekeeper) Mike Pupo (Development Director)

Appointed Directors:

Ilya Dagenais (OMHA Contact)
Steve Ralph (Treasurer)
Jayson Rider (Risk Management Director)
Kelly Harbridge (Past President)

At this time we will adjourn the formal business portion of our AGM, and move on to the question and answer period.

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

Adjournment

Moved by Ryan Gervais, 2nd by Julie Kerr - carried