



IMHA Annual General Meeting

April 25, 2022 via Zoom

MINUTES – APPROVED: April 30th, 2023

Present – Mike Harding, Todd Copeland, Sue Lidbetter, Randy Sheaves, Scott Parker, Paul Walkom, Jeff Reid, Jeff Sutherland, Mark Reid, Derek Janes, Pat Conlin, Trish Brennan, Grant McNair, Andy Marshall, Chris Dixon, Tichelle Schram

58 IMHA members and 1 guest

1. AM made a motion to begin the meeting. 2nd by RS. Carried.
2. MH welcomed the board and membership to our 2021-2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM). MH reviewed zoom etiquette, including electronic voting protocol. He acknowledged how the pandemic altered our season but thanks to the dedication of our IMHA board, volunteers, coaching and bench staff our players enjoyed a full season of hockey. This would not have happened without all of you.
1. TB made a motion to approve the minutes of the 2020 – 2021 AGM on May 13, 2021. 2nd by JS. Carried.
2. Our guest, Glenn McKinnon from Ford/Keast reviewed the 2020/2021 Audited Financial Statements which were approved by the board on April 5, 2022. There were no questions received from the membership. Randy thanked Glenn and the staff at Ford/Keast, who are so helpful, always just a phone call away. QUESTION from Andrew McCallum – Where on the financials is the donation from the Lion's club? Answer from RS - This is last year's financials which have been audited. That donation will be listed on next year's financials.
3. RS made a motion to accept the audited financials as approved by the board. 2nd by JR. Carried.
4. RS made a motion to appoint the auditor of the IMHA association to Ford/Keast for the 2022/23 season. 2nd by AM. Carried.
5. Awards Ceremony – Due to the uncertainty within the community due to the pandemic there was not an in-person banquet this season. Teams are welcome to hold end-of-year celebrations. This season IMHA stats: 296 wins, 235 losses & 135 ties. Well done!

Congratulations to the following award recipients:

LMLL - CHAMPS!

- U11 – Tier 3 Series
- U13 – Tier 1 Series
- U15 – Tier 2 Series

Shamrock - CHAMPS!

U9 Rep – Tier 2

WOGHL - Finalists!

U11 Girls C – Group A

WOGHL - Champs!

U13 Girls HL – Group C

OWHA - Provincial Champions!

U11 Girls C

..... first atom girls team ever.....

.... last championship won in 2007....

SILVERSTICK - Regional Winners!

U15 Rep B

OMHA - Provincial Finalist!

U15 Rep – Tier 2

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Graham Benedetti Memorial Award

- Graham was an Ilderton area resident and proud goaltender his entire life. This trophy is presented in his memory to recognize and acknowledge the commitment and passion it takes to become a better goaltender.
- Presented to the most improved OWHA and OMHA goaltender as nominated by coaches and voted on by the Board.

OWHA - Teagan Brooks, U11 Girls C

OMHA - William Harding, U15 Rep – Tier 2

Jennifer Funston Memorial Award

- November 23rd, 2000 Jennifer Funston was fatally injured in an automobile accident. At the time she was a member of the Ilderton Jets Atom (U13) Girls team.
- In her memory, the Jennifer Funston Award is presented annually to a member of each Ilderton Minor Hockey OWHA team.

- Coaches are asked to select a player who has a quiet demeanor, demonstrates good sportsmanship, is coachable, a good skater, well-liked by her teammates and loves the game of hockey.

U9 Girls C – Peyton Podlesny

U11 Girls HL – Sydnee Adams

U11 Girls C – Chloe DeVries

U13 Girls HL – Julia Gianelli

U13 Girls B – Elizabeth Regier

U15 Girls C – Isabella Bernard

Agnes Prebble Memorial Award

- Agnes Prebble was a proud Ilderton resident that loved to watch and support Ilderton athletes. She was an active baseball player in her youth and lived for many years in the house that previously served as the Ilderton Pet Hospital (125 King St).

This award is presented to the most dedicated and sportsmanlike player on the U9 (Novice), U11 (Atom), U13 (Pewee) & U15 (Bantam) Shamrock rep teams

U9 (Novice) – Ryder Gottfried

U11 (Atom) – Jaxson Ladds

U13 (Pewee) – Easton Gottfried

U15 (Bantam) – Cameron deNijs

Viola Higgs Memorial Award

- Viola was a well-known grandma to more than a few IMHA players and a very avid and popular fan for any team that wore a Jets Jersey.
- This award is presented to the person who makes an outstanding contribution to IMHA as determined and decided by the current President of Ilderton Minor Hockey Association.

Congratulations to Todd Copeland

Volunteer of the Year

- An award given to a member of the Ilderton Minor Hockey Association who has gone over & above the call of duty this season for the sake of the Association and the benefit of all players.
- It is determined by a majority vote of the entire IMHA Executive.

Congratulations and Thank you to Kim Simpson and Alan Welbourne – IMHA Website Administrators

Rob Andrews Officiating Award

- Rob Andrews served 34 years on the Board of Ilderton Minor Hockey. He served two terms as President but His passion was the development of referees and was established the local referee association that went on to serve the broader needs of local minor hockey organizations and leagues. The Middlesex Centre Referees Association has trained and currently employs more than 100 officials.
- This award is intended to acknowledge and recognize the leadership, dedication and commitment of individuals that help make the game fun and safe for all.

Daniel York (U18)

Ethan Copeland (U15)

Landon deNijs (U18)

Logan Gianelli (U15)

Mason Costa (U15)

Mason Schram (U15)

Nate Reid (U15)

Noah Brown (15)

Will Hern (U15)

Our Graduating Class

This past year, 12 boys and girls spent their last year playing minor hockey as an Ilderton Jet. Many of these players started playing at mite, 14 years of hockey, some for shorter time periods. The following players graduated from our midget programs.



6. Director reports

President – Mike Harding – interesting season but always had the goal of keeping the kids on the ice safely. Thanks to everyone for making this happen.

Past President – Todd Copeland – last 2 years, our priority has been to keep kids playing hockey. This has resulted in a higher level of commitment of all of our directors. Thanks to everyone.

Treasurer – Randy Sheaves – received direction from OMHA that organizations are no longer permitted to collect gate fees. Our registration fees have not changed in the last 5 years. For the upcoming season, a \$100 fee will be added to both OMHA and OWHA registration fees to offset game expenses such as referee costs. Bank account balances and projected budget were reviewed.

Question – Would this additional \$100 fee be per player or per family? Answer – Per Player.

Question – Does this also include playoffs? Answer – Yes. There will not be gate fees collected during playoffs or tournaments.

Question – is this gate fee cost separate from the girls' gate fee cost? Answer – This \$100 fee replaces the previous \$85 fee for girls' and is now the same for both girls' and boys' hockey. It will not be applied to any IDP players.

Secretary – Tichelle Schram – Role includes documenting all meetings and posting on website for our membership to review. As well, communication received is dispensed to the appropriate director. Thank you for the past 6 years with the board. Time to retire.

Registration – Sue Lidbetter – Last season, a new registration platform was introduced to OMHA players called Sportle. This did not come without its challenges and was definitely a learning curve for all. Anticipating that this season's registration will go live around May 1 and should be much easier to manage. Watch the website for registration links. For OWHA, registration is already live.

Question from Marty Dudgeon – Can we add the medical information to the registration paperwork? Answer – Sue will investigate this as an option. TB – Medical documents can be added to the Ramp registration process for the girls' hockey.

OMHA – Derek Janes – He is the link between OMHA and IMHA. The past 2 years, he has filtered Covid protocols from OMHA to our board to ensure safe return to hockey. His role also manages team rosters, travel permits and permission to skate forms.

Officiating & Gate Fees – Paul Walkom – This year, Ontario Referee Association opened up certification to 14 & 15-year olds to help manage the shortage of referees. This was an on-line learning program. IMHA had 9 individuals complete the certification, the most from any organization. We want to continue building our pool of referees. Paul is the link between the Middlesex Centre Referee Association and IMHA. He also set up staff to collect gate fees. AM – highlighted and thanked Paul for his support in getting these new referees started. Aaron Brooks – it was great seeing these new, young refs on the ice. They had great enthusiasm and accepted feedback. Well done! Jeff Sutherland – IMHA has reached out to a local NHL referee to offer development for our new refs.

Coaching – Scott Parker (read by RS as Scott is away on a family vacation with poor internet) Good number of coaching applications have been received. The organization is growing, with lots of teams at each bracket. Scott thanked all the coaches and bench staff for another successful season. Question – When is the coaching application deadline? Answer – Girls’ coaching applications are up online now. OMHA will go live in a couple of weeks.

Equipment – Chris Dixon – this role does a lot of behind the scenes work such as ordering Tim Horton jerseys, pins, stickers, pucks and first aid kits. He distributes the jerseys to all teams. A big shout-out to Pete Sports for providing IMHA with replacement jerseys when there was such a supply chain issue. Chris also thanks Todd for applying for and receiving player equipment. Seeing 2 new players, put on full sets of new equipment supplied by IMHA, seeing them smiling and their dad taking video, was just priceless!

Ice Convener – Grant McNair – This past season definitely had its ups and downs, especially with scheduling ice. Fitting in all the teams within the mandated ice/timelines was challenging. Municipality was really good at allowing extra ice when needed and not charging us for ice not used due to the pandemic. This season, the coaches did a great job of working together to use all unwanted ice.

OWHA – Trish Brennan – this season we had 2 girls’ teams in each age group. She highlighted the year’s accomplishments.

Fundraising and Sponsorship – Pat Conlin – This year, IMHA hosted many fundraising events including Rafflebox, Junior C game, Silent auction and provided the food & drink at the Shamrock All-star games. We also offered ‘Intro to Hockey’ for 40 girls and 20 boys. The fundraising credit program was revamped and we enhanced our Social media platforms. Articles were also in the Villager. Thanks to all of our amazing volunteers.

Local League – Andy Marshall – He is the link between the LM and IMHA. He shared the highlights of the season and successes of the teams. Congrats to all!

Shamrock – Jeff Reid – Lots of changes occurred this past season in the Shamrock league. The IMHA Shamrock teams are very competitive and represented IMHA well. At the Shamrock AGM, we have the opportunity to review these changes and offer suggestions. Hockey is changing as we once knew it! He thanked all the coaches. PW also shared how IMHA hosted the Shamrock All-star games. This required lots of volunteers. Over 500 players/bench staff participated in the event. Special thanks to Mark and Cheryl Aylesworth, who supplied the pizza.

Development – Jeff Sutherland – Very excited for the upcoming September development schedule. This will include sessions with The Moir’s, Snipe, Brendon O’Neil and a partnership with Clark Singer, from Western Men’s Hockey.

Development – Mark Reid – This season, we were late getting started due to the pandemic but each week, 3 hours of development ice was spread out over all the teams. He reviewed some development opportunities that occurred this past season. Super excited for the development plan for next season.

PW made a motion to accept the director reports as presented. 2nd by AM. Carried.

7. Changes to the IMHA Bylaws and Rules of Operation were reviewed as presented to the membership. JS made a motion to accept the changes as presented. 2nd by GM. Carried. Question – What about the kids that register, then make a AAA team, do they need to register with IMHA and then would be charged the \$75 refund administration fee? Answer – This would not affect our players trying out for AAA or AA or A teams, as our registration begins after these tryouts are completed. RS – this fee does not apply to our IDP players, they would receive a full refund.
8. New Business – there was no new business received from IMHA board of directors or our membership.
9. Elections – MH thanked the 3 board members leaving this year; Grant McNair, Trish Brennan and Tichelle Schram.

IMHA received 10 nominations for the 8 board of director positions. All nominees were invited to introduce themselves. The names of the nominees are:

Jeff Sutherland, Paul Walkom, Derek Janes, Scott Parker, Sue Lidbetter, Kendra Bloomfield, Brooke Ross, Bill Stevenson, Kerri Dixon, Andrew Ward.

An electronic poll was conducted with 59 out of 59 members voting.

RS made a motion to appoint the following members Board of Directors for the 2022 – 2023 season, based on the electronic poll results. 2nd by GM. Carried.

Jeff Sutherland

Paul Walkom

Scott Parker

Kendra Bloomfield

Brooke Ross

Bill Stevenson

Kerri Dixon

Andrew Ward

10. PW made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by TB. Carried.