



WMHA Annual General Meeting
April 21, 2023
By the Lake Park Hall
Chairperson - Garth Rapson, President WMHA

Attendees: Garth Rapson, Jody Dickau, Derek Johnson, Bonnie Dickau, Dan Dickau, Mike Leschert, Amanda Rule, Jenn Humbke, Donny Wheele, Chrysta Angus, Tammy Williams, Denni Speth, Jamie Menard, Karrie Menard, Martin Sonnenberg, Chantelle Starcevic, Mac Anderson, Melinda Zander, Richard Starcevic, Mike Johnson, Sheldon Hamel, Nicole Monrea, Amanda Johnson, Crystal Rapson, Dani Rowland, Tammy Hardie, Bonnie Branco, Brock Monea, Jennifer Gallagher, Melissa Robins, Katie Slevinsky, Daniel Slevinsky, Kirk Ryan, Shannon Dewald, Rhianna Schmuland, Jordan Maygard, Allcia Parsons, Kyla Coady, Tamara Nemec, Pam Termaine, Rick Termaine, Steph Schielke, Michelle Reid, Tanya Vandenberg, Kyle Fechu, Ryan Vandenberg, Mike Wake (Non Voting)

Call to Order: 7:01pm

Additions/Approval to the Agenda

Motion to accept the agenda - **Richard Starcevic made a motion to accept 2023 AGM agenda, Dan Dickau 2nd, Passed**

Approval of 2022 AGM Minutes

Motion to accept 2022 AGM minutes - **Melinda Zander made a motion to accept the 2022 AGM minutes, Richard Starcevic 2nd, Passed.**

Review of WHMA Financial Statement

Motion to accept the 2022-2023 Audited Financial Statements presented - ????

Reports of the Executive

President

Good evening and thank you for taking the time to attend the AGM this evening.

I would like to start with a brief recap of our season. Wetaskiwin Minor Hockey joined the CAHL league for our co-ed teams for the 2022-2023 season. The feedback has been mostly

positive, and we are looking forward to continuing our membership as full members in CAHL. Our female teams continued to be members in the Edmonton Federation Hockey League. We had 2 U7 teams that were set up to follow the Intro to Hockey program and play games against each other. We had 4 U9 teams. The top U9 team participated in the CAHL league while the other 3, one of which was an all-female team, were set up to follow the Intro to Hockey program and play games against each other. We will be looking at having all our U9 teams participate in league next season. We had 3 U11 teams, 3 U13 teams, 1 U15 team, and 2 U18 teams. Our female program had teams in U11, U13, U15, and U18. Our coordinators will share more about their respective teams during their reports.

As I mentioned previously, we joined the CAHL league for this past season. WMHA was voted in as a full time member by CAHL at their AGM on April 17. We had a few hiccups but overall, I was very happy with how all our teams represented themselves in the new league and did a great job in representing Wetaskiwin Minor Hockey. Thank you to everyone.

Recruitment and retention continues to be a major hurdle for our association. We are seeing more and more players leave to HSL or move on to elite hockey programs. The addition of the HADP U11 program last season and the creation of a U13 AA Female program for the upcoming season has and will add to this problem for our association. This is a struggle felt not only by our association but by all grassroots associations across Alberta.

We continued our Player Share with Millet Minor Hockey this season. Once again, we had a very successful partnership with Millet and look forward to our continued success working with them.

In closing, I want to thank our Board members, coaches, managers, tournament volunteers, parents, and players for your time, hard work, and dedication to hockey. Thank you.

Vice President - Operations

My name is Jody Dickau in case some of you don't know who I am. I would like to start by saying there was a lot of work for my position this year but with that came some new learning and also a lot of fun, I really enjoyed it.

I now have one more year in my position as my son Brayden has graduated from U18 this past season. I'm looking forward to seeing the difference of being on the board this upcoming year without having a kid in minor hockey.

This past season has had some new and good learning curves with our first year being in the CAHL league. As most of you know I was a director for CAHL which is basically the sounding wall from our association to the league. I've learned a lot being in this position and I've really appreciated being a part of a league that is member driven and actually has guidelines and rules. I think most of our teams benefitted from some better travel in this league as well. I was a coach for our U18 1 team and our furthest league game was Lacombe and 1 interlock game to Calahoo. Compare that to the NAI Tofield team that I spoke to that had 4 trips to Jasper this year, we are definitely in the right place.

And for our girls ,I know there were some ice placement issues and game time issues . With this Edmonton league we don't have as much options to voice our opinions. In my eyes Edmonton isn't perfect at least not yet,but our only other option is the Rocky Mountain Hockey League. They in my opinion are not big enough yet making the travel far too much for our teams. There is talk of CAHL taking them over and running it the same, but if and when that happens is still just a guess.

I'm really looking forward to next year but will enjoy the summer first . Now let's move this meeting along as there is something really important on tv tonight :)

Go Oil!!!

Vice President - Risk Management & Discipline

Discipline

- U11 - Blackfalds complaint against Wetaskiwin team
- U18 - Bullying & physical misconduct case.
- U11 -
 - Team structure, hugging, permissions for room access.
 - Parent altercation incident (3 families)
- U13- team members structure (player moved to different team)
- U13
 - team role clarity, parents/guardians over stepping boundaries
 - player misconduct in the room, kicking player out to change in the hallway.

Risk

- injury to a parent - struck in the head by puck in arena 1
 - opened gate to remove player for Jersey sizing during practice.
- Misconduct towards rink staff
 - Regarding ice scheduling
- Outside visitors/fans – pepper spray was released in the arena twice
- Affiliation processes not followed (coach sign offs)

Registrar

2022/23 started off as a busy season in the role of Registrar. Registration opened on June 1, 2022 and closed January 10, 2023. This year we continued with the use of TeamSnap for our Registration and Teams. We had approximately 290 registrations based on the total number of registered players that we would have a total of 19 teams.

2 U7 Teams

4 U9 Teams (1 Female)

3 U11 Teams

3 U13 Teams

1 U15 Team

2 U18 Teams

1U11F Team

1 U13F Team

1 U15F Team

1 U18F Team

We had several players come to our association this season through transfer requests, especially for the female divisions as there were no other local teams for them to play on.

Our association had several teams join the CAHL hockey league this season which added additional Registrar responsibilities to ensure that all CAHL requirements were met - roster submissions, affiliates, etc. The female teams continued to play in the Edmonton Hockey League and the managers were able to facilitate the submission of required documentation to their league.

We held our in person Coach and Manager meeting early in the season to help provide information to the teams in preparation for the upcoming season.

In addition to the registration of all of the players we also had approximately 90 volunteers to also ensure that training and security clearances were completed for.

Also just as a reminder to parents if your Respect in Sport Parent course needs to be renewed it is currently free of charge through the Kidsport program until April 30, 2023.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the players, parents, coaches, managers, assistant coaches, safety people, equipment managers, parent liaisons, team treasurers, tournament helpers, and other volunteers for the time and commitment that was put into this hockey season. Our association appreciates all that you do to help and support our children in this awesome sport so thank you!

Chantelle Starcevic

Member at Large/Public Relations

WMH ended up with \$20,800 in sponsorship money , some to be paid over the next year.I have 7 team jersey sponsorships sold on 3-5 year deals. Things are starting to get better as businesses get back to normal. I'd like to thank them all for their continued support for Wetaskiwin Minor Hockey.

Ice Coordinator

Ice scheduling was a bit of a learning curve for everyone this year. I was a new ice coordinator and our association joined a new league. This year I implemented the modified schedule to allow all teams at least one practice during the weeks with long weekends.

All in all, it all went fairly smooth with very few issues.

We hosted 148 home games between tiering, regular season and playoffs.

We hosted 7 tournaments, the NCI Female Hockey weekend and a U11 female showcase weekend.

I am working on an Ice Scheduling reference guide for the Coach / Manager online resources.

All in all the ice scheduling went fairly smooth for the season with very few issues.

Fundraiser Coordinator

Appointed as Fundraising Coordinator on Sept. 22/22 at the WMHA General Meeting.

First bingo: Sept. 15, 2022

September: 4 events

October: 5 events

November: 5 events

December: 3 events

As of Dec. 5/22, the association moved to a beef raffle. Draw date was March 1, 2023.

Draw winners are Joan Petruk of Camrose & Judy Grendys of Grande Prairie.

Raffle (license # 620889):

2 Grand Prizes of a half side of locally raised beef, cut and wrapped.

Sold 812 tickets, Draw March 1, 2023

Gross revenue was \$8040, less cost of meat (~\$3,000), wrapping (cost not available yet), and ticket printing (~\$500). See Treasurer's report for financial details.

Thank you all very much for this experience.

Bonnie Dickau

Player/Coach Development

The 2022-2023 season was my 4th year as Player Coach Director

We went through our tryouts and coach selections like normal. Most of our coaches are up to date with the qualifications needed. so I tried to get qualification clinics hosted in Wetaskiwin for our new Coaches but couldn't secure dates with Hockey Alberta. . The few that we needed we asked that they register in one out of town, with some extra help from Hockey Alberta we got everyone what they needed for the start of the season.

This was the second full season we used Cross Ice Developments with our added development program. They took over one practice a month for each team in the U11-U18 divisions starting in

November. Some Coaches had some difficulties scheduling the practices. This program running this way gives every team the same amount of extra development provided by WMHA. they had to fit it in to their schedules. Some teams used extra team funds they raised for extra time and development from Cross Ice and other companies. We sent out an information survey last season for the members and I also sent one out specific for our coaches. The feedback given we added some new training aids. We had goalie specific camps back this season. Big thanks to Don Wheele for leading the goalies and improving the program.

This season, was hard to rate the success throughout the association with us moving to a new league with more associations our size or bigger. I didn't receive any serious complaints so I assumed that the season was good for most.

Big thanks to Cross Ice for the past few years. I know that they have helped some of the players and Coaches.

I am happy to have helped our hockey program for a better part of ten years. I have met and worked with a lot of great people and players. I wish whoever takes over my position all the luck and success. GO KINGS!! and QUEENS!!!

Thanks to everyone,

Jon Sakaluk

Equipment Coordinator

This year was a good year with no major equipment issues and we successfully completed our Kings & Queens jersey rebrand.

Once again our U7 & U9's were sponsored by the Tim Horton's TimBits program and our U11's by the McDonald's AtoMc program.

This year we purchased some new training equipment like the Edge Boss Dekers, Passing Rebounders and Rick-O-Shay Shooter Tutors.

I'd like to congratulate everyone in the association on another outstanding hockey season!

I'd also like to add that our goalie program was a huge success this year and I look forward to seeing the growth and development of these young goalies in the future!!

Donny Wheele

Referee in Chief

Evening everyone, it has been a pleasure to once again serve as the Referee in Chief for Wetaskiwin Minor Hockey this season. In total we had 25 officials this season, with 9 of them being first year officials. We can always use new officials every season as usually about half of the new officials don't return from year to year. We are especially low in the 16-20 age range.

Out of Wetaskiwin this season I assigned 456 games and 9 tournaments. There was a lot of hockey to go around. We were also able to shadow each first year official at least twice. The shadow program is a mentorship program we use in the first half of the season, where an older official will be on the ice wearing a black coat helping with positioning and different aspects on the ice.

We currently have 4 officials who spent time in Wetaskiwin minor hockey officiating in the AJHL, this is something we can certainly celebrate. I'd like to thank all of the referees this season for their hard work and for many of them spending full busy weekends in the rink. They're a great group to deal with and I'm thankful for that. Hope everyone has a great summer and I once again look forward to next year and the upcoming season.

Mac Anderson

Reports of Coordinators

U18

This season the U18 division had two teams for a total of 32 players. We had 17 players on team 1 and 15 players on team 2. We had a number of junior coaches helping out as well this season. Both teams had successful years. Team 1 won the championship for their league as well as won the biggest U18 tournament in Alberta history, which took place in Canmore. They made a valiant effort to qualify for provincials but came up just short by 1 goal. I would like to take a second to honor and thank all of our 3rd year players and their families who are now finished up with minor hockey. We hope you enjoyed your time while playing here and wish you all the best going forward. I would also like to say thank you to all the parents, players, managers and coaches on another successful season. Have a great summer.

Mike Johnson

U15

This past season the U15 group was led by first year coach Craig Dworschak . The year was filled with excitement and challenges.

There was only 1 U15 team this season having only 17 players and 2 goalies. This year they were placed in the CAHL Tier-3 division. We struggled a bit in the win column but all in all both players and coach learned a lot.

Once again the U15 Division held an outstanding tournament which would not have been possible without the organizers and many volunteers. Thank You to all the Coaches, Managers and Parents as it is your time and commitment that contributes to the growth of Wetaskiwin Minor Hockey Association.

Martin Sonnenberg

U13

U13 division had 3 teams

1 - tier 2 team with 15 players

1- tier 4 team with 15 players

1 - tier 6 team with 16 players

I would like to thank all the coaches and other volunteers this year in U13 that helped make it a successful year. Have a good summer.

Dave Cammidge

U11

Good evening, my name is Jamie Menard, and for those that dont know me I was the U11 coordinator for this year's season. We had 3-U11 teams, our top U11 team started off in tier 3 this hockey season and ended up in tier 2, where they finished the year off in 2nd place, but then they fell short in the playoffs. The other 2-U11 teams, [played this season in tier 5, where one finished in 3rd and the other finished in 5th. When it came to playoffs the two teams ended up playing each other in a battle of Wetaskiwin for 3rd place.

U9

U9 had 46 players registered on 3 boys teams and 1 girls team. We had one of the teams in CAHL. The other 3 teams had a very difficult start to the season not being in a league. With the hard work from the managers they made the season a successful fun one.

The U9 tournament was a big success again this year. I would like to thank the Coaches, Managers, Parents and All of the Volunteers for there hard work this season.

Also for the 23/24 Season all of U9 will be in CAHL.

Mike Leschert

U7

This year we had 2 teams in the U7 division. Our home tournament was a huge success. Both teams participate in an away tournament.

Tad Kircher

Female Coordinator

The past season was very successful for WMHA Female hockey as we continue to witness the growth of Female hockey locally and across the world.

This season WMHA was able to support a Female team at the U9, U11, U13, U15 & U18 levels. All but the U9's played in the EFHL Female divisions this season. In total there were ~76 athletes playing Female hockey in WMHA this season.

U11 Queens

- The team consisted of 16 players.
- Played in the U11 Female B division.
- Finished the regular season in 4th place.
- Played in the IIHF Global Girls Game February 18th.
- Silver medal (2nd place) finish in the EFHL Female B playoffs.
- Very successful season for these Queens as the entire team consisted of players playing their first season of U11.

13 Queens

- The team consisted of 17 players.
- Played in the U13 Female B division.
- Finished the regular season in 3rd place.

U15 Queens

- The team consisted of 18 players.
- Played in the U15 Female A division, promoted from B following Tiering Round.
- First local Queens team in any division to play in Female A, this was a huge accomplishment for this group!
- Finished the regular season in 6th place.
- Tournaments - Bronze in Wetaskiwin, Gold in Banff and Whitecourt.

U18 Queens

- The team consisted of 17 players.
- Played in the U18 Female B division.
- Finished the regular season in 8th place.

Intro to Hockey Program (Welcome to Hockey)

First year that WMHA has offered this program. The program was created to provide kids with an opportunity to try hockey without any financial or full season commitment. Funding had been secured from the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation and was used to provide full or partial equipment for those who required some, sticks, jerseys, socks and ice rental.

The program had ~20 participants attend the 6 ice sessions with ~9 of them joining WMHA at the U7 and U9 levels. We also had players from this program continue with Pond Hockey and in the future they may also come over to WMHA. All in all I would say that this program was very successful being the first time running it and look forward to watching it grow over the coming years.

Sheldon Hamel

Special Resolution #1

7.4 Treasurer (Non-Voting):

7.4.1 WMHA will have one (1) position that is a paid honorarium which is determined by the Executive Board of Directors and voted on at the Annual General Meeting. The position is non voting, and shall be chosen by a majority vote of the Executive Board of Directors for a two (2) year term. Reports to the President.

Change to:

7.4 Treasurer:

7.4.1 The Treasurer position will be a volunteer position elected every two (2) years at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) by majority vote. In the event the Treasurer position is not filled at the AGM, WMHA will have one (1) position that is a paid honorarium which is determined by the Executive Board of Directors. The position would then be non voting, and shall be chosen by a majority vote of the Executive Board of Directors for a two (2) year term. Reports to the President.

Martin Sonnenberg made a motion to amend the Bylaws, Melinda Zander 2nd, 32 For, 3 Against, 3 Abstain - Passed.

Special Resolution #2

Split Female Coordinator position into two positions, U11/U13 Female Coordinator and U15/U18 Female Coordinator

Mike Johnson made a motion to accept the Special Resolution, Melinda Zander 2nd, 32 For, 3 Against, 3 Abstain - Passed

Nominations of WMH Executive Board

President (2 years)

Jody Dickau nominates Garth Rapson, Garth Rapson accepts
Garth Rapson - President by acclamation.

Public Relations (2 years)

Jody Dickau nominates Dan Dickau, Dan Dickau accepts
Dan Dickau - Public Relations by acclamation.

Player/Coach Development (2 year)

Whitney Streeter nominates Jamie Menard, Jamie Menard accepts
Mike Leschert nominates Donny Wheele, Donny Wheele declines
Jamie Menard - Player/Coach Development by accumulation

Treasurer

Melinda Zander nominates Amanda Rule, Amanda Rule accepts
Jordan Maygard nominates Denni Speth, Denni Speth accepts

Denni Speth - Treasurer

Derek Johnson made a motion to destroy the ballots, Richard Starcevic 2nd, Passed.

Secretary (2years)

Crystal Rapson nominates Bonnie Dickau, Bonnie Dickau accepts
Denni Speth nominates Tammy Williams, Tammy Williams accepts

Bonnie Dickau - Secretary

Richard Starcevic made a motion to destroy the ballots, Kirk Ryan 2nd, Passed.

Referee-in-Chief (2 years)

Garth Rapson nominates Mac Anderson, Mac Anderson accepts
Mac Anderson - Referee-in-Chief by accumulation

Fundraising Coordinator (1 year term)

Jody Dickau nominates Melissa Zander, Melissa accepts
Crystal Rapson nominates Pam Termaine, Pam Termaine declines
Richard Starcevic nominates Tammy Hardie, Tammy Hardie accepts

Tammy Hardie - Fundraising Coordinator

Tanya Vandenberg made a motion to destroy the ballots, Richard Starcevic 2nd, Passed

Division Coordinators (1 year)

U18

Jody Dickau nominates Pam Termaine, Pam Termaine accepts

Mac Anderson nominates Martin Sonnenberg, Martin Sonnenberg accepts

Ryan Vandenberg nominates Mike Leschert, Mike Leschert accepts

Martin Sonnenberg - U18 Coordinator

Richard Starcevic made a motion to destroy the ballots, Melinda Zander 2nd, Passed

U15

Jody Dickau nominates Dave Cammidge, Dave Cammidge accepts

Dave Cammidge - U15 Coordinator by accumulation

U13

Jody Dickau nominates Richard Starcevic, Richard Starcevic accepts

Richard Starcevic - U13 Coordinator by accumulation

U11

Whitney Streeter nominates Dan Rowland, Dan Rowland accepts

Nicole Monea nominates Jordan Maygard, Jordan Maygard accepts

Tanya Vandenberg nominates Mike Leschert, Mike Leschert accepts

Jordan Maygard - U11 Coordinator

Ryan Vandenberg made a motion to to destroy the ballots, Richard Starcevic 2nd, Passed

U9

Kyla Coady nominates Katie Slevinsky, Katie Slevinsky declines

Celina Rowland nominates Jason Rowland, Jason Rowland accepts

Nicole Monea nominates Dan Rowland, Dan Rowland accepts

Dan Rowland - U9 Coordinator

Kirk Ryan made a motion to destroy the ballots, Richard Starcevic 2nd, Passed

U7

Stephaine Schielke nominates Katie Slevinsky, Katie Slevinsky accepts

Ryan Vandenberg nominates Mike Leschert, Mike Leschert declines

Katie Slevinsky - U7 Coordinator by accumulation

U18/U15 Female Coordinator

Jody Dickau nominates Mike Johnson, Mike Jonson accepts
Mike Johnson - U18/U15 Female Coordinator by accumulation

U13/U11 Female Coordinator

Kyla Coady nominates Mike Leschert, Mike Leschert declines
Melinda Zander nominates Sheldon Hamel, Sheldon Hamel accepts
Sheldon Hamel U13/U11 Female Coordinator by accumulation

Motion to adjourn - Richard Starcevic made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32pm