

2023/24 Season Annual General Meeting Minutes (Proposed)

Monday May 27th, Hillsburgh Community Library

1. Call to Order at 7:10pm- Attendance: Heidi Winter, Dan Fudge, Jeff Miller, Justyna Toepfner, Val Bush, Shannon Fawns, Kenny Lewis, Joel Thompson, Cam Cubert, Sid Spear, Jon Cole, Sandra Marino, Jenn Moffatt. Andree Moore, Steve Bucking, Mike Paquette, Doug Bray, Andrew Mazurka, Rob Santogrosso, Sara Kinlin via conference call (20 individuals)

2. Approval of the agenda

Moved by: Justyna Toepfner

Seconded: Shannon Fawns

Motion is carried.

3. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting of the Membership on May 29, 2023

Moved by: Justyna Toepfner

Seconded: Jon Cole

Motion is carried.

4.1. PRESIDENTS REPORT

Good evening. I would like to welcome everyone and thank you for joining for joining our AGM, to conclude the 2023-24 season.

A larger THANK YOU! To All Associations Members – parents, players, executive members, coaches, referees and volunteers during for all your volunteer hours and support that each and everyone of you put in to help our players learn our great game!!

I would also like to Thank all our sponsors who continue to support our association in

the Erin-Hillsburgh community. Once again all of our sponsors both old and new stepped up for us to help make this season another great success! THANK-YOU

REGISTRATION

Overall registration we maintained and increased our numbers again this past Season.

This again shows the strength and resiliency of our team to keep our association strong, even with

continued outside pressure for kids playing other less expensive sports, and the on-going threat from non-sanctioned leagues. We look forward to continued growth as our Town will begin to grow in the very near future as well.

Our Treasurer Danny will provide our financial position shortly, he will confirm where we are at from a financial perspective for 2023-24. We again had a planned approach to reduce our reserves and subsidize and support our players maintaining regular levels of ice-time, while expanding on our 3 on 3 development program opportunities along with our Goalie program. Special Shout out to John Martin ; Luke Longstreet for leading the way with support of Ryan Herveiux , just to name a few.

LOCAL LEAGUE & REPRESENTATIVE Player Development

One of our mainstay objectives of our executive team, for the membership is an increased focus on player development. Thank you to John Martin our Technical Director for leading the way by expanding the plan formed by the executive group to our 3 on 3 Development platform and to Luke Longstreet who in support who also provided additional player development clinics for both LL and Rep Goalies throughout the 2023-24 season. The additional puck touches, shots on goal, skating, creativity with the puck, and mentorship from coaches were some of the key benefits to the 3 on 3 Development program. We look forward to exploring other internal/external development opportunities for membership in 2024-25 season by

also bringing some outside sources for player development opportunities. Please stay tuned to our website for more details.

U5-7 INITIATION PROGRAM

Another successful season for our youngest group of players with 51 participants registered this past season. The Hockey Canada Initiation Program known as (CHIPS) is a cornerstone of our program offerings. Now better known as our U5-U7 initiation program. Thank you to our Director Sandra Marino and Co-Director Head Coach Paul Wedgewood along with all the high school and parent volunteers, for providing a fun, developmental 1st season to our littlest Devils. I would also like to give a Special shout out to coach Tim Williams as he continues to support and share his great hockey knowledge!!

ON ICE OFFICIALS

Working with Orangeville & Halton Minor hockey for on Ice officials for the 2023-24 season, despite STILL a large shortage of referees created by attrition and fallout from the post pandemic era. Our Ref Director Cam Cuthbert along with our scheduling team managed to pull it off once again. It was not without some more creativity and additional costs, along with some long nights for Cam himself along with the rest of senior official crew -Ryan Masson, Tony Koch, Jeff Gaynor, & Chris Zuppan . THANK YOU. Cam also executed on his ongoing plan of the recruitment of a younger generation of officials joining the ranks of on house at EHMHA. Spencer Neil, Jackson Bray and Joey Martin to name a few of those of young guns. Thank you- Cam for continuing to organize and lead this group for EHMHA, as we could not play the games without you!! Special Note-We are always looking for older and younger people to become referees. If you are interested in joining the striped ranks, please do not hesitate to reach out to Cam or anyone on the executive team.

OMHA/TRI-COUNTY A shout out to our Continued leadership and Guidance from

our governing bodies. Thank you, Michelle Bridges in her 1st season as our regional director and the folks at the OMHA offices, And to Glenn Davis President Tri-County and all the folks who volunteer and support the Tri-County Representative executive board. This will be our 2 nd season with the new rules of non-Contact at U15 & U18 BB divisions. This has been a tremendous success, and we will continue to keep a close eye and we look forward to once again be competitive within the Tri-county. Some other news within Tri County to share is that Caledon and Orangeville will be moving to the York-Simcoe representative league for the 2024-25 for a one season trial. Lastly, OMHA AGM is scheduled for Saturday, June.8/24 and The Tri County AGM is set for Thursday, June.20/24.

REP HOCKEY

It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to watch all Our EHMHA Representative teams throughout the 2023-2024 season. All teams competed hard with varying success at all levels. The Highest Success rating from my perspective is the grade of 100% That goes to our teams at EHMHA by wearing their jersey with pride and respect representing the community of Erin-Hillsburgh in the Tri-County Rep Hockey League. Thank you to all the coaching staffs for their commitment to player and team development, while keeping an attention to details at the competitive level. I want to thank all the teams for an exciting regular season and playoffs. As it seems we always must punch above our weight. The U10, 13 and 15 teams all pushed themselves to another level. And it was as an exciting Feb./March run in the playoffs as I have had the pleasure to be part of cheering everyone on at both our home barn and away. Against very strong competition. A True Testament to the Community spirit and the Devils Army fanbase!!

A special shout out and Congratulations to another beyond expectations story of our U18s, whose determination, will and skill not only brought home the TRI-COUNTY

Championship in Caledon. They also Travelled to Whitby for the OMMHA's and pulled off the REPEAT for our great association.

This year this group led by the Coaching staff of Mike Paquette, Jon Cole, Steve Kinlin and Rob Santagrosso . Not only successfully defeated Caledon in their barn for the Tri County win they quietly had another goal in mind and went to Whitby and secured the OMHA to bring home yet another championship banner to the home of the Erin Hillsburgh Devils!!!! And the coveted red hats for all the players!!! A very difficult accomplishment!!

LOCAL LEAGUE

Another season completed with our Local League between Orangeville Minor hockey (U9) along with the addition of Centre Wellington for the (U11 to U21) . It was a great success, Thanks to everyone involved in carrying the torch for our Local league. Congratulations to Coach Chris Flor and assistants Rob Toepfner and Greg Tyrell and the U21 -Team 2, who not only pulled off the the Series win in a battle with Team 1 to win the 2nd Devils U21-cup LL series. They also came together as a team and pulled off a few upsets in the playoffs with Orangeville and CW.

Hats off to all our teams who supported each other throughout the season. A special shout out to Coach Curtis & Jeff Miller for being leaders in their U15 division and lost a nail biter to CW in the finals. The success of our large U11 squad who saw the results on the score board. And who almost pulled off the comeback to tie with seconds left in the final against CW ...It was an honour to be able to watch and be part of all these exciting games in Orangeville as they hosted the LL championship weekend!! And we continue to have some of the loudest fans and team spirit ...Thank you all for supporting your Local League...Thanks to all three of the Local league directors, schedulers and the support of all the executive's boards, for a revamped Local League bringing in Centre Wellington with Caledon moving on to join

Brampton. And I wanted to

Thank you to all the Players, Coaches, Trainers, Referee's and most importantly the PARENTS!!

SELECT

We had the opportunity to ice U11 Select team this past season. Thanks to Coach John Moffat and manager Kenny Lewis for putting this team together.

It gives me great pleasure to see those players who want to be more competitive and continue to development their hockey skills. Most importantly the kids had fun and competed hard and represented our community with class!! We look forward as an association to continue to support and encourage this additional competitive level for those who want more. Special Thanks to Coach John Moffat ,Coaches Adam Ricketts ,Lisa Crofoot and manager Kenny Lewis, for this team's success.

A special Thanks to all volunteers, coaches, players, parents along with the executive members who stepped up, once again went above and beyond to ensure the foundation of the Erin Hillsburgh Minor Hockey Association remains strong and stable.

As we push EHMHA forward, there are so many volunteers that make our association great. I would like to mention a few now, who were involved in one of many success stories this past season at EHMHA.

Another great success that showed the true Spirit of Devils Hockey this year Thank you to all the parents, players and volunteers that were once again a part of the Santa Claus parade in Erin! Special thanks to Sandra Marino & Justyna Toepfner for organizing the crew of Devils nation who represented. And a Shout out to Cameron Thompson formerly from the U18BB team who came back and helped to organize the current U18 Devils roster to gather several sets of equipment for indigenous communities in the North to play our great game!!

We look forward to getting back on the ice at some point in September. And continue

to build on our solid foundation we have built with our new Look Local League with Orangeville and the Addition of Centre Wellington for the U11-U21 programming. Along with our continued relationship with our U9s competing with Orangeville/CW. We look forward to building on this program offering in the 2024-25 season. We are also looking forward to an earlier October start to provide an opportunity for a longer playoff format come Feb./March 2025. Also, some very good news, Tri-County is piloting a new part-time and full- time opportunity for Select programming this season. This is a very exciting initiative that is being spearheaded by TRI-County and Supported by the OMHA. To reduce the admin and provide a more organized Select program that will compete within Tri-County. We will provide more information over the summer for this great opportunity for our members.

On the Representative side, The Tri-County Structure for this regular season is currently scheduled to kick off in October(final dates upcoming) . We will continue to follow the changes to the U7-U9 Initiation and U9 pathways the OMHA introduction of U7, U8-U9 -MD division that will provide additional development and competitive opportunities. We will provide updates to the membership as any new information comes available for these or any of the other player pathways this summer.

I encourage all members existing or new to reach out to any of the EHMHA executive board members with any questions you may have about your son or daughter's path, while they develop and learn the great game of Hockey in our community.

In Conclusion, With a gentle nudge from some executive members, I have decided to put forward my name for another term to lead the Erin Hillsburgh Minor Hockey Association as your president. I do want to say wholeheartedly, I could not be successful in this role, without the support of the entire Executive Team and you the membership. I would like to Thank and wish well, Heidi Winter who has fulfilled her term as

Secretary and Ryan Hervieux for stepping in as LL director Mid-term and wish them both well as they are moving on from the executive board. I would also like to welcome those Directors signing on and or/Returning Electees our and our new electees to be for posted positions renewing. Doug Bray(fundraising), Justyna Toepfner (VP Ops), Kenny Lewis-Local League and Sid Spear(President) Open elected position . I look forward to leading this executive team and membership into the 2024-25 Hockey season!!

I would also like to Wish all the best to Christine Cook the President of CW for all her support and shared knowledge over the years as she has stepped down as president in CW. All the best on your future endeavours you will be missed.

With that said, this association's success is based on the great volunteers who have the passion that unites us all. With people moving on, that means there are some great positions coming available to join the EHMHA executive team. Please be sure to check our website for upcoming exco-officio positions available after the AGM . Thank you for your time and I would like to finish by saying Wear it Loud ,Wear it Proud !! Hometown Hockey!! GO DEVILS!!! And for the U18s... No pressure.

I want to wish all the success for 2024-25 season as we go for the 3-peat as OMHA Champions!!

Respectfully submitted,

Sid Spear

President, EHMHA

Motion: To accept the President's Report made by Jeff Miller

Seconded by: Andree Moore

Motion carried.

4.2. Treasurers Report

4.2.1. Present the report of the auditor of the Association from the previous year.

4.2.2. Projected financial position for the ensuing year.

Receive the report from the Treasurer

Moved by Val Bush

Seconded by Heidi Winter

Motion carried.

4.2.3. Appointment of the auditor for the ensuing year

Appoint MacGillivray Partners to Audit the Financials Statements.

Moved by Shannon Fawns

Seconded by Jon Cole

Motion carried.

5. Move to Ratify the decisions of the 2024 Board of Directors

Moved by Jon Cole

Seconded by Doug Bray

Motion carried.

6. Election of Directors for next season:

MOTION: That the following members be elected to hold office until the 2026 Annual General Meeting, and the members filling vacant positions hold office until the end of the current term, until the 2025 Annual General Meeting.

Board Position	Appointed	Term
President	Sid Spear	two (2) year term on even years
VP Operations	Justyna Toepfner	two (2) year term on even years
Local League Director	Kenny Lewis	two (2) year term on even years
Secretary	TBC	two (2) year term on even years
Fundraising Director	Doug Bray	two (2) year term on even years

Board of Directors election/appointed

Motion: Shannon Fawns

Seconded by: Steve Bucking

Motion carried.

New Business: None

Motion to adjourn: Justyna Toepfner

Seconded by: Val Bush

Motion carried.

Meeting completed 8:12pm