

## **2024/25 Season Annual General Meeting Minutes (Proposed)**

**Monday May 5<sup>th</sup> – Erin Centre 2000**

**1 - Call to Order** at 7pm

Attendance: Sid, Spear, Dan Fudge, Isabelle Roussy, Cam Cuthbert, Kenny Lewis, Shannon Fawns, Jenn Moffat, Jonathan Cole, Doug Bray, Jeff Miller, Justyna Toeppner, Sandra Marino, Val Bush, Rachel Patterson, Jonathan Stokes, Robbie Puzzo, Tricia Smith, Brandi Bray, Mike Paquette, Ryan Concannon

**2 - Approval of the agenda:**

Moved by: Justyna Toeppner

Seconded: Jonathan Cole

Motion is carried.

**3 - Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting of the Membership on May 27th, 2024:**

Moved by: Jonathan Cole

Seconded: Val Bush

Motion is carried.

### **4.1. President's Report**

Good evening. I would like to welcome everyone and thank you for joining for joining our AGM, to conclude the 2024-25 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 ours 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 with 223 member players being registered with EHMHA. This is a 7% increase vs. last season. Once again this shows the strength and resiliency of our team to keep our association strong. We look

forward to continued growth this season, with growth from within and the introduction of open borders.

Our Treasurer Dan will provide our financial position shortly, he will confirm where we are at from a financial perspective for 2024-25. 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.

### **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 2024-25 season. For the 1st time we trialed a mental performance consultation for our players. Also, a 1<sup>st</sup> with Spring ice in Erin , it has allowed us to host our own tryouts and extra development, while creating an exciting opportunity to strengthen our partnership with the Town of Erin.

### **U5-7 INITIATION PROGRAM**

Another successful season for our youngest group of players with 50 participants registered. Thank you to our Director Sandra Marino and Co-Director Head Coach Paul Wedgewood along with all the parent volunteers, for providing a fun, developmental 1st season to our littlest Devils. I had the pleasure to attend the season finale jamboree in Orangeville with our teams. I was also pleasantly surprised that the Devils families had a wonderful tailgate BBQ for the kids organized by the parents Sandra and Paul in between games!! Thank you to Mark Sinkgraven for bringing his mobile kitchen and culinary skills!! Not to mention how competitive we were with their 1<sup>st</sup> competition vs. Orangeville. Going Undefeated on the day!!

### **ON ICE OFFICIALS**

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, Perry Meeker, John O'Hara & Chris Zuppan . Returning Devils, Brendan Hyder, Ryan Payne & Will Wright. THANK -YOU. Also, Special Thanks to the Williams family, Kevin, Owen and Laura.

Cam also maintained our ongoing plan of the recruitment of a younger generation of officials joining the ranks of on house at EHMHA. Spencer Neil, Jackson Bray & Joey Martin to name a few along with our Timekeepers; Christian, Daniel, Colin and Cooper. Thank you- Cam for your continued leadership to organize and manage this group for EHMHA, as we could not play the games without you!

### **OMHA/TRI-COUNTY**

A shout out to our Continued leadership and Guidance from our governing bodies. Thank you, Michelle Bridges in her 2<sup>nd</sup> season as our regional director. We look forward to once again be competitive within the Tri-county both in the Representative and Advanced Local League (Select). Lastly, OMHA AGM is scheduled for Saturday, June.14/25 and The Tri County AGM is set for June.19/25.

## **REP HOCKEY**

It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to watch all Our EHMHA Representative teams throughout the 2024-2025 season. All teams competed hard with even greater success at all levels. But Still 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. U11s – Tri-county Finalists, U15s Tri-county finalists, these teams all pushed themselves to another level again this season. Once again, I 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 and grit managed to win their way into the ring for the OMHA Championships. They Travelled to OAKVILLE for the OMMHA's and pulled off the ultimate set of Wins for our great association!!

This year this group led by the Coaching staff of Mike Paquette, Jon Cole, Steve Kinlin and Rob Santagrosso, manager Rob Toepner .

Not only did they successfully defeat the undefeated Oakville team (63-0-1) in their semi-final match they went on to Defeat the Markham Waxers in Overtime!! They earned it , and brought home our 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive OMHA championship banner to the home of the Erin Hillsburgh Devils! Tremendous Feat - !!

## **LOCAL LEAGUE**

Another season completed with the newly formed Dufferin-Wellington Local League between Orangeville Minor hockey and Centre Wellington for (U9 to U21). It was a great success, Thanks to everyone involved in carrying the torch for our Local league led by our LL Director Kenny Lewis. Congratulations to all teams who competed hard and represented at all levels. Special shout out to the U13 -Champs, U18-21-Team Red Champs. It was an honour and pleasure to be able to watch and be part of all these exciting games in Orangeville as they hosted the LL championship weekend! Along with the season Finales in Hillsburgh and Erin for our U9 division!!

As 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, (Ashley, Jeff & Kenny) schedulers and the support of all the executive's boards, for our new look Dufferin-Wellington Local League.

## **SELECT**

We had the opportunity to ice both a U11 & U16 Select team this past season. Thank you to all the Coaches, Players and especially parents for the great success in this pilot program year of the Advance Local league within Tri-county with both teams being very successful making it to the semis & finals of their divisions.

It gives me great pleasure to see those players who want to be more competitive and continue to development their hockey skills. We look forward as an association to continue to support and

encourage this additional competitive level for those who want more. We look forward to entering as many teams as possible that want to participate this season in the organized Advanced League program within Tri-County.

## **SPECIAL MENTIONS & OUTLOOK**

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 EHMHA pushes 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.

Special Shout to Luke Longstreet who unfortunately for us, is moving on. We wish him all the best in his career and new adventures and Thank him for all his time and Knowledge of giving back to his community after being part of EHMA being involved for 23 years teaching the game and giving back with hours of sacrifice on his part for our players and association. We still hope to see him occasionally around the rink when he comes home for a visit. You are Welcome back anytime Luke. Justyna Toepfner who has been a pillar with dual roles and supporting both myself and the Executive team.

Another great successful season that showed the true Spirit of Devils Hockey this year Thank you to all the parents, players and volunteers involved with the Coldest night of the year walk. And all the support we have had from members making their presence felt cheering on all our teams this year.

Once Spring tryouts are complete, we will get back on the ice in September. We had a great year with the Dufferin-Wellington Local League 1<sup>st</sup> year with Members from Orangeville, Centre Wellington and EHMHA association(U9-U21). We look forward to building on this program offering in the 2025-26 season. And I am happy to announce today that we are in final discussions, and we will be adding teams to certain divisions from Arthur & Grand Valley to expand and enhance the Local League experience.

On the Representative side, we continue learn new and work within the guidelines from OMHA & OHF with the 1<sup>st</sup> season of open borders for player movement. The Tri-County Structure for this regular season is currently scheduled to kick off in October. We will continue to follow the changes to the U7-U9 Initiation and U9 pathways. The U7, U8-U9 -MD divisions have provided additional development and competitive opportunities. We will provide updates to the membership with new information as soon as it comes available for adjustments to structure around the ½ ice programming changes that are being worked on for the upcoming season by the OMHA & OHF.

I encourage all members existing or new to reach out to any of the EHMHA executive board members or myself 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, I look forward to leading the Erin Hillsburgh Minor Hockey Association as your president. I could not be successful in this role, without the support of the entire Executive Team and you the membership. One additional stat I must mention from this past season.

This was our best record with 186 Wins, 115 losses and 38 ties. Something we should all be very proud of!! And one last exciting announcement for the upcoming season before I finish off with outgoing and incoming exec members. We just received the fantastic news that our association has been chosen to host 1<sup>st</sup> shift in conjunction with the NHL/NHLPA. This is an exciting program that provides an opportunity for kids between the ages of 6-10 to play hockey for the 1<sup>st</sup> time. Many more details to come!!!

I would like to Thank and wish well, Jon Cole - Rep director and John Martin- Technical Director as they are moving on from the executive board. Thank you for your contributions and knowledge over the years and your continued support to EHMHA. 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. Sandra Marino (U5-U7 Director) , Jason Mcneil (Rep Director), Ryan Concannon (Technical Director), Dan Fudge – (Treasurer) and Shannon Fawns (VP Admin). Thank you and welcome to the Exec team. I look forward to working with you all and leading the team and membership into the 2025-26 Hockey season.

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! GO DEVILS!!

Respectfully submitted,

Sid Spear

President, EHMHA

Motion: to accept the President's Report made by Shannon Fawns

Seconded by: Jeff Miller

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: Kenny Lewis

Motion carried.

**4.2.3. Appointment of the auditor for the ensuing year**

Appoint Grant Thornton (previously MacGillivray) to Audit the Financials Statements.

Moved by: Shannon Fawns

Seconded by: Val Bush

Motion carried.

**5 - Move to Ratify the decisions of the 2024 Board of Directors**

Moved by: Justyna Toeppner

Seconded by: Cam Cuthbert

Motion Carried.

**6 – Election of Directors for next season:**

MOTION: That the following members be elected to hold office until the 2027 Annual General Meeting, and the members filling vacant positions hold office until the end of the current term, until the 2026 Annual General Meeting.

<b>Board Position</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Term</b>
VP Administration	Shannon Fawns (acclaimed)	two (2) year term on odd years
Treasurer	Send nomination form to secretary@ehmha.ca	two (2) year term on odd years
Technical Director	Ryan Concannon (acclaimed)	two (2) year term on odd years
Rep Hockey Director	Jason McNeil (acclaimed)	two (2) year term on odd years
U5/7 Director	Sandra Marino (acclaimed)	two (2) year term on odd years

Motion: Doug Bray

Seconded by: Jonathan Cole

Motion carried.

7. **New Business:** none

8. **Adjournment of Annual General Meeting**

Motion to adjourn by: Val Bush

Seconded by: Isabelle Roussy

Motion carried. (**Meeting completed: 7:26pm**)