

GMHA Executive Meeting – AGM

April 9, 2019

Gananoque Arena

7:00pm

NOTE: DRAFT MEETING MINUTES --- WILL APPROVE MINUTES AT THE 2020 AGM

Meeting started at 7:00pm.

Sign in sheet for members attached to minutes.

Presidents Welcome Address

All were welcomed by Phil, and he introduced the members of the Executive committee.

2018-2019 GMHA Executive	Name
President	Vacant
Vice President	Vacant
2 nd VP – REP Convenor	Phil Chitty
3 rd VP – Risk and Safety	Jason Kee
OMHA Centre Contact/Registrar	Marilynn Thivierge
Treasurer	Charlene O'Connor
Ice Scheduler	Lana Campbell
FS/IP/Tyke/Novice/Atom Convenor	Natalee Crozier
Peewee/Bantam/Midget	Michelle Flegal
Secretary	Catherine Ferguson
Fundraising	Angie Lindop & Tina Heurter
Equipment	Mike Ferguson

- Thanked those on the Executive for their hard work and dedication, thanked the parents, coaches and players for being part of GMHA.
- Highlights of the year:
 - Updating of By-Laws
 - Change in Novice and Under Program as per Hockey Canada
 - Movement to electronic game sheets from paper
 - Equipment orders went smoother
- Future Executive may need to deal with attitude of spectators
- Need to find ways to grow GMHA

GMHA Awards

This year's recipients were:

Mike Paul – Local League Coach of the Year

Jason Burwood – REP Coach of the Year

Trish Cowan – Local League Manager of the Year

Lana Campbell – REP Manager of the Year

Geoff Hunt – Volunteer of the Year

Approval of Minutes from 2017-2018 AGM, on April 9th, 2018.

Motion: To approve minutes as posted on website.

Made by Joe Jansen

Seconded by Shelly Crowe

Carried

Secretary's Report

Meeting held through the year and minutes have been posted to the website.

No outstanding correspondence.

Treasurer's Report

Financial report attached to minutes.

- Statement compares 2017-2018 with 2018-2019 season
- No outstanding registration fees
- Had 227 registered – 12 refunded – total of 215 registered
- Notable points
 - ✓ Deficient of \$17021.63 for the year; However the balance bank account is still at \$30K in the general account and \$10K in the sweater account.
 - ✓ Draw held in July for a free registration as numbers were not coming in at that point.
 - ✓ Discussion from floor –
 - ✓ Registration – is there any way to increase our registration, kids are playing in Kingston and CAL because of travel and game times.
 - ✓ Can we bring any kids back? If parents don't want to travel, we can't change that. Our registration costs are competitive with centres around us.

- ✓ Can we move to the East again?
- ✓ Can we use social media better to attract players to come back?
- ✓ The executive has applied for First Shift, and hope to focus on player development in the coming year.
- ✓ Equipment – Socks
 - Why do we keep ordering socks, are they needed? Can a box be added to the registration to have socks ordered or not for that player?

Motion: Accept the treasurers report as stated.

Made by: Geoff Hunt

Seconded by: Shelly Crowe

Carried

2nd VP Report – Rep Convenor

The representative hockey season in GMHA was limited to three teams during the 2018/2019 year. Due to lack of interest there was not a Novice or Midget rep team this past year. An application under Regulation 3.5 was completed in April of 2018 for Novice and September 2018 for Midget.

The declared teams included Atom, coached by Jeremy France (sole applicant); Peewee, coached by Paul Mayhew (one of two applicants); and Bantam, coached by Jason Burwood (one of two applicants). The interviews were held on June 7, 2018 at the Country Squire between the applicants and the panel, which included independent volunteers Scott Kehoe and Phil Mangan.

A recap for the Atom Team was provided by Coach France: The Atom rep team finished a very impressive third place in the EOMHL regular season with an overall record of 15 wins and 7 losses in 22 league games. The team participated in six tournaments this season. Four of the tournaments the team made it as far as the semi-finals. Those tournaments were the Picton Milk tournament, Brockville Randy Ladacouer tournament, Gananoque Holiday classic and the Kingston Kids 4 Kids tournament. The team made the finals in the Oswego Power Play tournament and won the Leeds Chargers tournament. In the OMHA playdowns, the Atoms eliminated Ennismore in three hard fought games. In the second round of playdowns the Atoms fell to a strong Newcastle team in five very tight games. EOMHL league playoffs saw the Atoms play in the A pool. The team went 2-1-1 in round robin play advancing the team to the league final. The Atom Islanders won a very entertaining league final against a very good Brighton team. Over all the team played 67 games finishing with a record of 41 wins 21 losses and 5 ties. Coach Jeremy France would like to congratulate the kids on an outstanding season. He would also like to thank coaches Steve Hedderson, Paul MacDonald, Chris Pinkney and Robb Bowman for their time and efforts this season. The season would not been the success it was if not for them. And last but not least, Lana Campbell for her tireless and outstanding work as team manager

A recap of the Peewee season was provided by Manager Jillian Szcurek: The Peewee team consisted of 10 skaters and 2 goalies, with 5 returning players and 7 minors on this team. The Peewees had a fairly busy season playing just over 50 games. The team participated in four tournaments throughout the season, Perth, Sensplex,, our Holiday classic, and Oswego. The team had a solid effort losing in the semi finals in the Sensplex tournament, and lost in the finals of the Oswego tournament in an exciting tournament weekend for the boys. The boys had an unfortunate loss early in the season with the injury of a key blue liner for the team, resulting in the team going from 10 skaters to 9. In league we finished middle of the pack in league play with 9 win, 11 losses, and 2 ties. Gananoque was matched up against Ennismore for playdowns. The boys fell short in the series losing 3 games to 1. Ennismore went on to be OMHA semi-finalists. This loss put the team back into league playoffs where they played pool play against four other teams. The boys played well and finished their season as finalists in the league playoffs. Overall this group of boys showed a tremendous amount of resilience and character throughout the season. With a special thank you to our AP's who were very valuable to us when we were often in need of their help.

A recap of the Bantam season was provided by Manager Angie Lindop: Coach Jason Burwood Assistants Dave Lindsay Adam Abrams The Bantams finished 7th overall out of 13 teams during the EOMHL regular season with a record of 7 wins, 9 losses and 6 ties. The team competed in 3 Tournaments, being Picton MILK Tournament, Silver Stick Tournament in Pembroke as well as the Gananoque Tournament in which we lost in the finals to the South Stormont Stars. In the first round of the OMHA playoffs the boys opened against Newcastle. The team played well in a five game series and eliminated Newcastle in the deciding game. That win earned them the chance to play Ennismore. The series with Ennismore was a hard fought series in which the boys had to overcome injuries and a couple of suspensions. All players stepped up their game to win the series in 5 games and move onto play the Penetang Flames. The coaches were well prepared with respect to the team from Penetang. It would be a challenge as Penetang was undefeated and had won the Silver Stick during the season but the coaches were confident that our boys could compete and would step up to the challenge. The boys played with everything they had left after two hard fought series leading up to Penetang. Unfortunately, they lost the series in 3 games but played their hearts out and gave a very large hometown crowd a very exciting last game losing by a score of 1-0. The players and coaches should be proud of the season they put together. GMHA would like to congratulate the players, coaches and other volunteers associated with these teams for representing our association.

Membership Participation It is my opinion that going forward GMHA will have to monitor the size of the representative teams they choose to declare. In my experiences playing, coaching and observing representative hockey 12 skaters should be considered a minimum number for Peewee and above. This year we were provided with an example of the difficulties associated with having a team with too few skaters. The coaches and players made the best of the situation, and I commend them for that. Following complaints from portions of the membership following the 2017/2018 season the Executive amended the GMHA By-Law in July 2018 (to be ratified at the 2018/2019 AGM), which included instituting B.14.02 e) which limited an affiliated player to 6 games, after which permission must be sought by the appropriate convenor. While there were players who did play over six games, I as rep convenor was in constant communication with the coaches involved. The Bantam and Peewee teams

consistently required the use of AP's to compete which in and of itself is not an optimal situation. Due to this fact, I did not deny the use of AP's throughout the season once a player had exceeded the six games. There were no written complaints addressed to me and the players and coaches got through their seasons. Tournaments Rep tournaments were held in Gananoque at the Atom, Peewee, Bantam and Midget levels. The tournaments were successful and the Executive would like to thank those involved for making them happen. This concludes the 2nd VP – Rep Covenor Report for the 2018/2019 AGM

Notable Points

- Monitor size of rep teams
- 12 skaters should be considered minimum for Peewee and above
- A/P by-law was amended

Motion: To accept 2nd VP report

Made by: Shelly Crowe

Seconded by: Robb Bowman

Carried.

3rd VP Report – Risk and Safety

- Did not have many injury reports this season, those we did have were submitted to OMHA
- Purchases first aid kits for all teams this season
- Police record checks were in place for all bench staff
- Looking at new boards to comply with Novice program and rubber matting.

Motion: to accept 3rd VP report.

Made by: Shelly Crowe

Seconded by: Mike Paul

Carried

Fundraising Report

- The raffle tickets are going better than the calendars
- Since using the banner, the same fee for sponsors are being used by both LL/Rep
- Reapplied for McDonalds sponsor for Atom
- Some financial reports are still needed to apply for lottery license for next year

Motion: to accept fundraising report.

Made by: Shelly Crowe

Seconded by: Amanda Cartwright

Carried

Equipment Report

- Report attached

This was a real learning curve for me getting contact info and learning the ropes but it was a rewarding experience and I plan to run for" the position again this upcoming season....

Some of the highlights this year are...

- Hockey socks ordered for the association
- First aid kits ordered .
- Equipment room and GMHA office cleaned and organized
- New goalie gear applied to OMHA and we were approved . We now have a few sets of goalie gear for if needed by players
- New jerseys ordered and have to use by bantam and midget house league players for upcoming season. We went with black and red for the 2 primary colours.
- Plan to order peewee house jerseys as well
- New guidelines to be implemented regarding use of equipment as some equipment was borrowed and and not returned

Overall a successful season

- Equipment room and GMHA office have been cleaned out, and all equipment is being moved to the equipment room and will no longer be stored in the office.

Motion: to accept equipment report.

Made by: Shelly Crowe

Seconded by: Geoff Hunt

Carried

ICHL Convenor – FS/IP/Tyke/Novice/Atom

- Attached

The Gan future stars began the year with little to no experience but all shared an enthusiastic and energetic demeanour throughout the season the boys and girls worked hard and developed the fundamental skills needed to graduate to IP. As a group they learned the importance of balance, basics of skating, and most important to have fun and be safe. Congratulations to the Future Star athletes and coaches.

Tyke Season Coaches: Fraser Hambleton Sean Ubdegrove, Geoff Scott Manager: Sarah Simpson

- -13 skaters and a full time Goalie
- _practiced saturday and Sundays usually with one day of full ice (September through November)
_focused on fundamentals. Skating, puck handling, passing and shooting. practices included a combination of routines and introduction of new drills' -prepared for games by running scrimmages using the new half ice format. This introduced the format to parents and players
- -showcased before the Gord Brown Memorial game
- Participated in a Frontenac's chuck a puck fundraiser
- Game schedule started December - 12 games played
- Participated in a 2day overnight tournament in Peterborough
- As a team, the tyke team started with the typical cluster of players going where . Coaches introduced and instructed two players to play up and two players to play defensively. As the season ended the players identified on their own when they needed to go. The half ice play format created non stop action utilizing stoppages in play and allowed beginner players to be in the action

The IP red team had a great season. Their improvement from the start of the season to the end was very impressive' Most being first year players just knowing the basics of hockey when they started to being able to skate with the puck and shoot by the end of the season. They participated in the Brockville Fun day in January where they competed against other first year Ip Teams with great success. In February they participated in their own Fun Day. It was another enjoyable day of team work and lots hustle. All in all it was a fantastic season for these young players.

IP Black had an amazing season! The team consisted of 1g players, 16 boys and 2 girls' We were fortunate to have a great group of dedicated coaches - Brett Gibson, Ryan Easton, Sean Ubdegrove, Jay Whitehead a Tim Keyes.

The first few months of practices focused on basic skating fundamentals and puck handling drills, eventually increasing in difficulty. Toward the end of the season the players were accomplishing passing drills, and mastering game basics. IP Black was very fortunate to have members of the Queen's Men's Gaels Team join us for two practices. The team played an intermission game at the Kingston Frontenac's Game in January, and the players ,took their talent to their end of year IP Jamboree' Many visiting coaches and parents commented to IP Black Coaches and Team Manages were impressed with the level of talent IP Black displayed during their games. IP Black celebrated the end of a fantastic season with a fun practice and game with members of the Queen's Gales Hockey team at the Leon's Centre, followed by a team family lunch at Jack Astor's. Ip Black still had \$350 Of raised funds leftover at the end of the season, and decided to donate this back to the association to help purchase new upgraded ice barriers' Thanks to GMHA executive and volunteers for all of your support this past season!

Novice Season Recap

The first month of our season we focused on skill development. Our team had 4 new players to hockey' so getting them up to speed with the rest of the team was the coaching staff's priority' we noticed great improvement by the time we played our first game and by the end of the season, these players had greatly improved. Throughout the season the coaches all noticed all the players developing better "hockey sense,, and really started to understand their positions on the ice and how to play as a team' we finished the regular season with a record of 15-0-2. Most of our games were blowouts with the exception of the games against Napanee. They were closer games' we ended up losing 2 games in the playoff round robin (to the 2 Napanee team) and finished in 3'd place playing PEC in the 3vs4 game' I think our record reflected the fact that we did not have a Rep Novice team and the other centres did, so their best players were on those teams' we lost in the A Final at the Gananoque Novice Tournament to Brockville on Dec 27th. We then played in the Shane O'Brien House League Tournament in Cobourg on Feb 15th & 16th' We lost in the A Final to Manvers, but we did get our revenge on Brockville by beating them in the round robin' overall it was a great season and I was very proud of what the team accomplished and how the players developed. Also, the parents on our team were a joy to deal with and were very supportive of the kids and the team.

The Gananoque Atom Red team had a great season as a team. we started off a little slow as we tried to learn new skills, and developed old ones as a full team on the ice. We had 2 goalies that rotated game after game which worked well for both players as they loved playing out as well. After winning our medals at the C Division at our home Christmas tournament the team really started to gel which carried into the playoffs as we went 4-2-L. We ended up losing a tough fought battle on championship day to Loyalist, but the team kept their heads high and have smiled game in and game out all year. We raised around \$1600.00 this year which paid for our home tourney, one in Trenton over March Break, the Kids for Kids at end March in Kingston as well as personalized water bottles for the kids which they all loved. Thanks to the team staff, conveners and GMHA league staff for another great year. Coach

- \$350 has been donated back to GMHA to help with the purchase of the new barriers from IP Black

ICHL Convenor – Peewee/Bantam/Midget

- No official report as Convenor was not present at AGM
- 1 peewee team, 2 bantam teams, and 2 midget teams this year

Motion: To accept the ICHL Convenor reports for all levels

Made by: Shelly Crowe

Seconded by: Joe Jansen

Carried

Consideration of Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Amendments

Two motions were submitted both from the Executive. Two other motions were submitted but were out of order. They are addressed under new business

1. Remove the third vice president position and give the responsibilities to the Vice President and Equipment Director positions.

To be split as follows;

The responsibilities to go to the First Vice President will be;

- (c) Shall act as Risk and Safety Officer
- (d) Shall attend all OMHA Risk & Safety meetings
- (e) Shall co-ordinate general meetings concerning Risk & Safety.

The responsibilities to go to the Equipment Director will be;

- (f) Shall co-ordinate & ensure all coaches and trainers are certified under OMHA
- (g) Shall co-ordinate and ensure all players, coaches, executive, parents, referees have completed all Fair Play Agreements.
- (h) Shall ensure that Police checks are completed by all Coaches, Trainers, and Managers.
- (i) Shall ensure that all coaches, trainers, managers and team officials have taken the speak out Course.

Reasoning: We are finding it hard to find members who are willing to take on positions within the Executive, with this change we hope that the members on the executive will be more effective in their roles.

Motion: to accept proposed constitution change brought for by the Exec Committee

Made by: Shelly Crowe

Seconded by: Geoff Hunt

Carried

2. Bylaw 14.02 Player Affiliation

a) REP and Local League teams may affiliate up to nineteen (19) players from approved rosters subject to all affiliation rules as established by the OMHA.

b) A player is not considered affiliated and may not play until all applicable authorizations have been received and approved.

c) Once affiliated the REP or Local league Coach must seek approval from the players rostered team each time the player is needed and advise the appropriate convenor so as to track number of games played.

d) The affiliated player must fulfill all obligations to his registered team before player may play for the AP team.

e) Affiliated players (REP or Local League) shall be entitled to play up to 6 games as an AP player. At which time anything greater than that will require approval from the appropriate GMHA Convenor, through an agreed upon process, ie. Form or email.

f) AP players are meant to replace sick, injured, or suspended players NOT to augment or improve a team's performance.

g) Coaches are strongly encouraged to sign affiliate agreements with multiple players and that all AP players get an equal opportunity to be called up for a game(s)

h) if Coaches are found to not be following the AP guidelines as set out by the GMHA then the GMHA Executive has the ability to suspend the Coach internally for 2 games.

Before the start of the season the Executive had implemented e-h to the current BYLAW 14.02.

Rationale:

Its goal was to track the number of games AP players were being used and to encourage coaches to sign more than one AP player to help with overall player development.

Discussion: Better communication is needed. With a set minimum of players on a REP team, AP issues may lower. Monitor it better and have flexibility

With the addition of after 6th game approval is needed by form or email from the convenor.

Motion: To accept motion of by law 14.02, with the addition of after 6th game approval is needed by form or email from the convenor.

Made by: Robb Bowman

Seconded by: Jeremy France

Carried.

Election of Officers

President – 1 year left of term

Robb Bowman

Vice President – 2 year term

Jason Kee

2nd Vice President – 1 year left of term

Jeremy France

Treasurer – 2 year term

Charlene O'Connor

Equipment – 2 year term

Mike Ferguson

Fundraising – 2 year term

~~Natasha Medd~~

Tina Heurter

Angie Lindop

Remaining positions of OMHA Centre Contact, Secretary, House Convenors – all have one year remaining in their term.

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New Business

- Motions brought forward by Jeff Kaufmann, motion attached. Appendix A
Discussion: boundary change is out of order at our AGM
Motion to be forwarded to OMHA for their review and comment
- Go to OMHA and ask if we can take more reverse NRP's -- any changes to this would have to be at the OMHA level and a change to the rule and regulation. Would need to submit a motion to change bylaw at the OMHA AGM
- Earlier sign up for rep to be considered
- Need to focus on developing hockey players
- Add survey to website regarding interest in rep for this year in Novice and Bantam levels

- Rectify minutes of November 26th meeting and remove coach name
- New Novice Program – have a meeting of prospective parents to go through new program being implemented across Canada

Good & Welfare

Phil thanked all in attendance and all who took positions for the coming term.

Meeting adjourned: 9:40pm

Appendix A

Amendment to: the Gananoque Minor Hockey Association (GMHA) Constitution and By-Laws.
Constitution - Article A.4 - Area of Operation (A.4.01) Submitted by: Jeff Kaufmann on March 28, 2019.

Motion: To change the territorial boundaries of the Gananoque Minor Hockey Association (GMHA) (see inserted maps for further details). Current Wording: GMHA - Area of Operation (A.4.01) The GMHA operations shall be confined to the territorial boundaries, as set forth in the map as shown below and made a part thereof. The boundary is a hard boundary and fixed by the OMHA. The boundary is all properties east of the Joyceville Side Rd and Hwy 15, all properties south of Lyndhurst Rd, all properties west of Blue Mtn Rd and all properties north of the St Lawrence River.

Proposed Wording (Option #1: Hard Boundary): The GMHA operations shall be confined to the territorial boundaries, as set forth in the map as shown below and made a part thereof. The boundary is a hard boundary and fixed by the OMHA. The boundary is all properties east of the Kingston Countryside Municipal border, all properties south of Lyndhurst Rd, all properties west of Blue Mtn Rd and all properties north of the St Lawrence River.

Proposed Wording (Option #2: Right of Choice): The GMHA operations shall be confined to the territorial boundaries, as set forth in the map as shown below and made a part thereof. The boundary is a hard boundary and fixed by the OMHA. The boundary is all properties east of the Joyceville Side Rd and Hwy 15, all properties south of Lyndhurst Rd, all properties west of Blue Mtn Rd and all properties north of the St Lawrence River. The area between the eastern boundary of GMHA including all properties east of Joyceville Side Rd and Hwy 15 and within the Kingston Municipal boundaries are subject to a Right of Choice between GMHA and KAMHA Centres based on OMHA Regulation (3.4). Rationale For Change: This would allow families that live within the City of Kingston to play representative hockey in Kingston. A middle ground could also be to consider making this area a 'Right of Choice'. Enabling the family to choose between GMHA or KAMHA based on their specific situations (ie logistics, work, lifestyle, travel etc).

Note: If this motion can not be addressed in the GMHA AGM (Apr 9, 2019), it is requested that it be brought to the attention of OMHA and potential surrounding hockey Centres that may be directly involved from our GMHA Executive committee (OMHA Centre Contact/Registrar - Marilynne Thivierge).

1 AGM - GMHA April 9, 2019 Map of Boundaries and Areas of Concern 1) Border Between KAMHA and GMHA Boundaries (black arrow) 2) City of Kingston - Municipal Boundary a) Note: the triangle between GMHA and Municipal Boundary 3) GMHA Territorial Boundaries

2 AGM - GMHA April 9, 2019 Map of Boundaries and Areas of Concern 4) City of Kingston - Municipal Boundaries (eastern border)

3 AGM - GMHA April 9, 2019 Amendment to: the Gananoque Minor Hockey Association (GMHA) Constitution and By-Laws. Submitted by: Jeff Kaufmann on March 28, 2019.

Motion: GMHA will discontinue to offer representative hockey teams and continue to be an inter-community hockey league and offer Roster Select Programs. Enabling all GMHA players to pursue representative hockey as a residential player in the next nearest Centre within the OMHA Regulations. The Roster Select Teams are comprised of players selected (through a tryout process) from the house league teams at each division based on availability. They would compete in exhibition games and tournaments as per OMHA regulations, while continuing to play for their House League team.

Rationale For Change: Within the past several years, GMHA is in question whether they will have enough representative players available at the time of tryouts depending on who gets selected to surrounding representative teams. The GMHA representative tryouts start in September at which time they can truly determine the number of players they potentially have for the upcoming season. GMHA estimates initial player numbers based on the inter-community players and 'best-guess' representative players from the previous year. Providing an accurate number for representative players based on this system is highly unpredictable, providing an over exaggerated number of players that are "Rep" players. Just this past year the GMHA Midget Rep and GMHA Novice Rep teams had to fold because there were not enough "Rep" players. The GMHA PeeWee Rep team was also in question of producing a team because the legitimate concern of having enough representative players. The GMHA almost instituted the OMHA Regulation 3.5 - Exemption to Play in Another Centre during the KAMHA AA tryouts in April 2018. Leaving some families and players to scramble to pre-register with GMHA for an off ice tryout in the middle of April to estimate representative player numbers for the upcoming year. In the end, the GMHA PeeWee Rep team managed to ice a team composed of only ten skaters (and two goalies). One skater was injured in November, leaving the team with nine skaters. This was an issue on many levels. Although players had lots of ice time, fatigue developed by the end of many games causing increased risk of injury and disorganization that eventually led to times of unsportsmanlike play. It was not the ideal hockey development for these representative players that were just trying to 'hold on'. Furthermore, the GMHA PeeWee Rep players had limited opportunity to develop consistently because with reduced numbers they had to 'fill spots' when someone was injured, away sick, or had a penalty. These declining numbers for GMHA representative hockey players is making the capability and quality of the Gananoque representative teams less dependable. There are still plenty of players within the GMHA association but more at the inter-community (or house league) level. Essentially with regards to this motion, the request is for all GMHA representative players to be able to tryout for the hockey Centres for both the AA and A teams as a residential player (not a non-residential player: NRP) to provide consistent and constant hockey development.