

Eganville & District Minor Hockey Association
Annual General Meeting 2021 – Minutes
May 25th, 2021 at 6:30pm – Zoom Virtual Meeting

EDMHA Executive Present:

George Vigus – President
Kevin Seguin – Vice President
Angie Seguin – Treasurer
Steve Gair – Referee in Chief
Chris Purdie – Secretary

EDMHA Committee Members Present:

Chantal Lafrance-Purdie – Registrar

Members Present:

Gord Aitcheson, Keith Good, Jenn Good, Shawn McFarlane, Steve MacLean, Calla MacLean, Amber Browne

Call to Order

Vice President Kevin Seguin called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Adoption of Minutes of previous AGM and any Special General Meetings

AGM Meeting Minutes from August 10th, 2020 received from Sandra Barr.

It was noted that there were some issues with the minutes as received. Not everyone present at the meeting was listed on the attendance and there was an incorrect name for a secondary nomination. Notations made.

Motion to adopt the EDMHA AGM 2020 Minutes as received:

Moved: Kevin Seguin

Seconded: Chris Purdie

CARRIED

Business arising from the Minutes

Aside from the issues noted, no new business was presented from the 2020 minutes.

President's Report – George Vigus

Felt it was a pretty good year given all that happened with the pauses and restrictions. George was hopeful that minor hockey would return to normal.

Treasurer's Report – Angie Seguin

Finances were positive with the balance remaining approximately the same. The use of eTransfers for payments went well. It was easy to collaborate the sign up and payment of

participants with the use of a shared document between herself and the Registrar. The majority of members paid by eTransfer.

Committee Reports

Vice President – Kevin Seguin

Thanks to the Executive for a unique season and to the parents for attending the AGM. There were challenges for everyone during this season. EDMHA was fortunate to be able to have more ice time this past season. Coaches and the Executive worked together with any issues that arose. Barry's Bay Minor Hockey passed along their extreme thanks for EDMHA allowing their players to join Eganville when the Paul J Yakabuski arena was closed down.

Referee In Chief – Steve Gair

Steve added on to Kevin's comment about the thanks from BBMHA, advising that U18 players were overjoyed to be able to continue to play out the season.

The number of officials were down this season, about half of the normal amount.

HorizonWebRef was easier to schedule and manage payroll of officials. There will be a need to reacquire officials or recruit new ones for next season.

Secretary – Chris Purdie

Constitution review conducted as it was last updated 2018. Some conflicting information discovered upon review. This will be discussed later in the meeting.

Ice allocation comparison: Normal season typically features 34 ice times up until playoffs start. (Does not include any cancelled ice times due to away games – but still playing away).

This will be plus playoff games. If eliminated 1st round maximum of four more ice before March break would have a team have a maximum of 38 available home ice times in a normal season.

IP/U7 is the exception as they have two ice times until season end as they do not have any playoffs, resulting in a maximum of 42 home ice times.

This season there were three ice times allocated for U11+ to accommodate shared ice between two small cohort teams to accommodate home/away games. This is different from the normal two ice times each week in past seasons. The season was extended to March 27th, with five week pause after Christmas break until Feb 13th.

Overall the ice allocations this season: **IP – 36 / U9 – 35 / U11, U13, U18 – 47 / U15 – 48**

Registration Costs for 2021-2022 Season – Discussion

It was agreed to defer the discussion for registration costs until more information is known about next season.

Tournament Costs for 2021-2022 Season - Discussion

It was agreed to defer the discussion for tournament registration costs until more information is known about next season.

Amendments to Constitution, By-Laws, Rules & Regulations

EDMHA Constitution Review 2021

The constitution had not been reviewed since April, 2018. Some conflicting information discovered upon review.

Through off season a review of the by-laws will be conducted as well. By-laws include things such as a team's ice schedule after playoff elimination. They are to be organized and published for the membership to be able to see.

Individual items were reviewed including changes or additions. The entire review document is attached at the end of these meeting minutes.

Motion to adopt the changes to the EDMHA Constitution:

Moved: Kevin Seguin

Seconded: Steve Gair

CARRIED

Nomination and Election of Directors

President – Two Year Term

George Vigus nominated Kevin Seguin, seconded by Steve Gair

No other members nominated.

Kevin Seguin accepted the position.

Treasurer – Two Year Term

Angie Seguin expressed her interest in seeking reelection.

No other members nominated.

Angie Seguin accepted the position.

Vice President – One Year Term

With Kevin Seguin moving to the position of President, an immediate vacancy was created. It was decided to elect the position of Vice President at the AGM.

Shawn McFarlane nominated George Vigus, seconded by Steve Gair

No other members nominated.

George Vigus accepted the position.

New Business

Goalie Specific Training – Submitted by Chris Purdie

Request for EDMHA to consider a specific ice allocation for goalie only instruction.

Goalie specific training is minimal and a coach may not have the necessary experience to guide new or younger goalies to get the most experience at the position. Suggested that EDMHA

allocate and cover the cost for ice time once per month, with consideration of a separate day where ice available (ie Sunday). Open to all levels U9+, divided instruction as necessary. Would serve as an Introduction to players wanting to try out the position (U9, U11)

Seek in house instructors / coaches for goalie specific instruction before seeking any outside assistance to reduce cost. Experienced EDMHA players can be used for assistance as goalie instructor and also for shooters , which may also be able to be used as volunteer hours for school. Can also consider inviting Barry's Bay depending on numbers.

Motion to explore the possibility of goalie specific training for 2021-2022 season:

Moved: Shawn McFarlane

Seconded: Kevin Seguin

CARRIED

Goalie Equipment Procurement – Submitted by Chantal Lafrance-Purdie

Request for EDMHA to consider purchasing or obtaining youth sized goalie gear (pads, glove, blocker, stick) that may be made available to U9 or U11 players for team use or players to try out the position.

It is challenging for younger players to be introduced into the position due to the investment. Parents may be reluctant to invest in the equipment no knowing if their child will pursue the position. Current equipment that EDMHA has is old and lacking.

If EDMHA had available some smaller sizes to loan out on a rotational basis, players could try the position without. EDMHA should consider purchasing some goalie equipment, or can seek donations and fill in remaining pieces.

Gord Aicheson raised a question about doing similar for older ages, up to U13. The complication with U13 players is the vast difference in sizes that players within that age group could be.

Motion to explore seeking donations of equipment and to consider purchasing youth goalie gear that can be loaned to players:

Moved: Shawn McFarlane

Seconded: Kevin Seguin

CARRIED

Web Domain Registration – Submitted by Chris Purdie

Request for EDMHA to consider registering a web domain to allow easier recognition of site name and universal email addresses.

For consideration at this time, can check further or leave status quo. Domain for simpler recognition and access to web site, rather than GoalLine web address. Would also allow universal email addresses based on the domain (president@, treasurer@, tournament@) that can be transferred as Executive roles change, rather than personal emails. Drawback is the requirement to check / keep track of another email address, although there is also the opportunity to auto forward to the member's personal email. Cost seems around \$60 annually, still looking into various sources.

Gord Aitcheson brought up the point that a universal email address would be good when changing executive members, to be able to review communication and also to not have to change email address at various locations (District, etc). Noted that this occurs with HEO still having old email addresses for Tournament Coordinator.

Motion to explore further the cost and process for domain name registration and email aliasing:

Moved: Steve Gair

Seconded: George Vigus

CARRIED

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the 2021 AGM Meeting:

Moved: Chris Purdie

Seconded: Kevin Seguin

CARRIED

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AFFILIATION

ORIGINAL:

2.0 AFFILIATION

The EDMHA is affiliated with the Ottawa Minor Hockey Association (OMHA), through its' memberships in the Upper Ottawa Valley Minor Hockey League (UOVMHL) and District 5 of the Ottawa District Minor Hockey Association (ODMHA). By virtue of this affiliation with OMHA, EDMHA is a member of Hockey Canada. In addition to this constitution, EDMHA is therefore governed by the constitutions and rules and regulations of CHA, ODMA, ODMHA and UOVMHL.

AMENDMENT SUGGESTION:

2.0 AFFILIATION

The EDMHA is affiliated with **Hockey Eastern Ontario (HEO)**, through its membership in the Upper Ottawa Valley Minor Hockey League (UOVMHL) and District 5. By virtue of this affiliation with HEO, EDMHA is a member of Hockey Canada. In addition to this constitution, EDMHA is therefore governed by the constitutions and rules and regulations of CHA, **HEO**, and UOVMHL.

VIRTUAL MEETING CLAUSE

ADDITION SUGGESTION:

6.0 EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

F) When a meeting or Annual General Meeting is not possible to be conducted in person, the Executive may, at its discretion, delay the meeting or conduct it in an alternate virtual format such as Zoom.

AGM AGENDA

ADDITION SUGGESTION:

9.0 GENERAL MEETINGS

D) The usual business to be conducted at the AGM shall be:

- I. Call to order*
- II. Adoption of Minutes of previous AGM and any Special General Meeting(s) held since the last AGM*
- III. Business arising from the Minutes*
- IV. President's Report*
- V. Treasurer's Report*
- VI. Committee Reports*
- VII. Amendments to Constitution, By-Laws, Rules & Regulations*
- VIII. Nomination and Election of Directors*

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- IX. *New Business*
- X. *Adjournment.*

TRANSFER OF DUTIES

ORIGINAL:

7.0 ELECTION AND TERMS OF OFFICE

F) Transfer of executive responsibilities and obligations shall take place at the beginning of the upcoming fiscal year unless the position was filled interim. In that case, transfer of executive responsibilities and obligations will take place immediately

AMENDMENT SUGGESTION:

7.0 ELECTION AND TERMS OF OFFICE

F) Transfer of executive responsibilities and obligations shall take place **June 1st or earlier if agreed upon**, unless the position was filled interim. In that case, transfer of executive responsibilities and obligations will take place immediately

VOTING CONFLICT CLARIFICATION

ORIGINAL:

7.0 ELECTION AND TERMS OF OFFICE

C) Voting shall be by secret ballot if more than one person applies for a position.

9.1 MEMBERSHIP & VOTING PRIVILEGES

D) Voting shall normally be conducted by a show of hands but can be by secret ballot if two or more members request same.

AMENDMENT SUGGESTION:

9.1 MEMBERSHIP & VOTING PRIVILEGES

D) *Other than the election of an Executive position, any voting that the membership is entitled to participate in shall normally be conducted by a show of hands but can be by secret ballot if two or more members request same.*

VOTING PRIVILEGE

ADDITION SUGGESTION:

9.1 MEMBERSHIP & VOTING PRIVILEGES

C) *At the AGM any member present and in good standing is entitled to one vote.*
(Subsequent items will be moved down one letter)

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MOUTH GUARD REQUIREMENT

ORIGINAL:

12.0 PLAYERS AND PLAYING RULES

- C) All players in the EDMHA must wear full protective hockey equipment, including helmet, neck guard and mouth guard, when on the ice, both home and away, including practices.

AMENDMENT SUGGESTION:

12.0 PLAYERS AND PLAYING RULES

- C) *All players in the EDMHA must wear full protective hockey equipment, including helmet and neck guard, when on the ice, both home and away, including practices. The wearing of a mouth guard is optional but highly recommended.*