

Eganville & District Minor Hockey Association
Annual General Meeting 2022 - Minutes
May 2nd, 2022 at 7:00pm – Eagles Nest

EDMHA Executive Present:

Kevin Seguin –President
George Vigus – 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, Amber Browne, Jodie Campbell, Keven McGrath, Chris Hinsperger (Emcee)

Call to Order

President Kevin Seguin called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

Chris Hinsperger was introduced as emcee of the AGM. He expressed his thanks to the executive, understanding the challenged of operating a minor hockey organization.

Adoption of Minutes of previous AGM and any Special General Meetings

AGM Meeting Minutes from May 25th, 2021.

Motion to adopt the EDMHA AGM 2021 Minutes as received:

Moved: George Vigus

Seconded: Steve Gair

CARRIED

Business arising from the Minutes

No new business was presented from the 2021 minutes.

President's Report – Kevin Seguin

Kevin discussed the challenges that mandatory vaccination policies imposed upon minor hockey. The cancellation of playoffs was to allow teams to play more games, which they ended up doing. Will introduce further discussion later in the meeting how purchases have improved minor hockey.

Treasurer's Report – Angie Seguin

Finances are still in the positive despite capital purchases including divider boards and jerseys.

Amber Browne raised a question about the number of registrations this season. Registrar Chantal Lafrance-Purdie advised that our numbers were about the same as past seasons.

Committee Reports

Vice President – George Vigus

Nothing specific to report. Hopeful that next season will not be impacted by shutdowns.

Referee In Chief – Steve Gair

Steve spoke of the Green Arm Band initiative for youth officials. Half of EDMHA's officials are under the age of 18 years. Steve felt that the coaches respected the arm bands. Lots of positive feedback and support for the young officials .

For EDMHA games, over 91% were officiated by our own officials, which is important because the Association would need to pay travel costs to bring in outside officials. This would be approximately double the cost per game. All Timekeepers were local.

Steve advised that he experienced struggles with Level 3 officials (required for U15 and U18) because both himself and Chris Purdie could not do U15 games as their children were on that team. This was an area where out of Association officials were needed. For next season some officials from pre-Covid seasons may be returning.

Secretary – Chris Purdie

Facebook was used more to promote items. The Goalline website is cumbersome to update on a frequent basis. Chris was hopeful that a new platform is considered that will be more intuitive.

With UOVMHL considering a change of league service providers, EDMHA will look at domain registration at that change. Chris would like to see more coaches / managers make submissions that can be included to promote the organization.

A consideration is to have students tasked to do media on games as a credit to school volunteer hours. Managers will also be prompted to submit more information.

Likely because of last season's cancellation, all tournaments filled up very quickly and because BBAMHA did not have a U15 team or tournament, the Eganville U15 team had offered to host that event as well which also filled. Unfortunately, all tournaments were subsequently cancelled.

A separate Storm Constitution/Agreement is being considered to assist with clarifying conflicting information. Will be referred to the Storm Committee.

Amendments to Constitution, By-Laws, Rules & Regulations

Review of Historical By-Laws – Chris Purdie

Upon assuming this role of Secretary, a number of documents were turned over by the past Secretary, one of which was labeled "Important Information from Meetings". This document had generic information that was significantly dated, but did contain practices that were currently in

place. The purpose of this review is to create a new, specific by-law document that can more easily be referenced.

Motion to strike information contained within "Important Information from Meetings" document and generate new specific by-law document.

Moved: Chris Purdie Seconded: Kevin Seguin CARRIED

New By-Law Discussion:

22-01: Ice Allocation

Subject to ice availability, all house teams shall be entitled to two ice times per week up until the end of the EDMHA season. [Replaces where teams eliminated from playoffs were reduced to one ice per week].

Moved: Chris Purdie Seconded: Kevin Seguin CARRIED

Discussion included whether Storm would keep their ice time. That would be a decision through the Storm Committee.

22-02: Exhibition Games

EDMHA will cover the cost of officials for one exhibition game for U9-U18 levels that is held before the start of the regular UOVMHL season.

EDMHA will cover the cost of officials for one exhibition game for U9-U18 levels that:

- Have been eliminated from the playoffs, and
- Have a tournament scheduled on a date later than their date of elimination.

Moved: Chris Purdie Seconded: George Vigus CARRIED

22-03: Training Reimbursement – Bench Staff

Mandatory training required for Bench Staff members shall be reimbursed by EDMHA on a prorated basis. Training may include coach or trainer certification and other courses required to become a qualified bench staff member. Reimbursement shall be:

- 50% in the season in which the course is successfully taken, and
- 50% in the season immediately following the course, if the member returns to a bench staff position within EDMHA.

Moved: Chris Purdie Seconded: George Vigus CARRIED

22-04: Training Reimbursement – Officials

Mandatory training required for Officials shall be reimbursed by EDMHA so long as the Official member will primarily be officiating games within EDMHA. Reimbursement shall be:

- 100% in the season in which any new Official successfully completes their initial training,
- 100% in the season in which any returning Official successfully completes their recertification or upgrades their officiating level.
- Reimbursement will occur no earlier than December 1st assuming they have officiated a sufficient number of games.

Moved: Chris Purdie Seconded: Steve Gair CARRIED

22-05: Cheque Signing Authority

Two signatures will be required for all cheques issued by EDMHA and shall be that of the President and the Treasurer. Where those positions are occupied by members of the same household or relation, signing authority shall be transferred from the President to the Vice President or delegate.

Moved: Chris Purdie

Seconded: Steve Gair

CARRIED

Nomination and Election of Directors

Vice-President – Two Year Term

George Vigus expressed his interest in seeking reelection.
No other members nominated from the floor.
George Vigus was acclaimed and accepted the position.

Referee in Chief – Two Year Term

Steve Gair expressed his interest in seeking reelection.
No other members nominated from the floor.
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Secretary – Two Year Term

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New Business

2022-2023 Registration Fees:

Regular Fee, U9 and up: \$500 [\$550 with lottery]
Early Discount Fee, U9 and up: \$450 [\$500 with lottery]
Early discount cutoff date to be determined.

Regular Fee, U7: \$300 [\$350 with lottery]

Lottery of \$50 will continue to be collected at the time of registration with families retaining funds from the sale of their tickets.

2022-2023 Tournament Fees:

After discussion, it was decided that the decision on tournament fees would be deferred until a future meeting.

Year End Banquet / Team Event Discussion:

The historical year end banquet did not seem to generate the interest of teams. Aside from the BBQ teams sat together until receipt of their medals, which were to three players on each team. Rather than host an Association wide end of season banquet, EDMHA is considering providing

funding for a venue at the Eagles Nest and food such as pizza and drinks. This would allow teams to host their own event with the families and conduct the medal presentations at that time. Such a venue would create a more enjoyable, intimate experience for each team. EDMHA will take into consideration of hosting such a venue by level if there are multiple teams in a season.

Questions / Comments:

Amber Browne

Raised concern because they didn't have a manager until October and wondered if there was anything to help organize the teams earlier so that a manager can be identified.

EDMHA will encourage the sorting of players into multiple teams be done as early as possible.

New coaches and managers sometimes have difficulty with all the tasks that are required.

EDMHA to create a package for new coaches and managers to guide them, about game sheets, tournaments, collecting funds, etc. Further, EDMHA will consider hosting a training information session for coaches and managers. Training will include operating the scoreboard. At the U9 level, consideration should be strongly placed on running one period because the official can set the clock at start. Officials should be trained on the clock operation as well.

U9 liked the new divider boards. There were some problems with timing of setting up the boards after waiting for flood and another team.

Comments and discussion regarding the cancellation of playoffs and tournaments.

EDMHA recognizes this was a UOVMHL decision that we had no control over.

Gord Aitcheson

Question about whether the three ice times before tryouts will continue.

EDMHA noted that the Pathways process is followed which includes mandatory ice times before any U9 sorting or U11 tryouts.

Gord questioned about Aces if they follow.

Aces tryouts are typically before Eganville has ice, and EDMHA doesn't monitor the process that Aces uses.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the 2022 AGM Meeting:

Moved: George Vigus

Seconded: Steve Gair

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm