



Southern Alberta Women's Hockey Association
Annual General Meeting Minutes
WINSPOORT – **Multi-purpose Room (2nd floor across from John
Langille Room)**
Saturday, April 9th, 2016 at 10:00am

1. Call to Order 10:04
2. Roll Call of Member Delegates (1rep/team required):

All teams accounted for
3. Determination of a Quorum: Quorum Determined
4. Agenda
 - 4.1. Additions/Deletions None
 - 4.2. Approval of Agenda: Approved
5. Introduction of Special Guests: None
6. Approval of minutes of last General Meeting
No new business. Approved
7. Approval of minutes of last Annual General Meeting:
Approved
8. Business arising from the minutes.
None
9. Reports of Councils and Committees
10. Executive Reports
 - 10.1. President – Katie Elgie**
 - Congratulations to the League Champions for the 2014-2015 season.
 - Tier 1- Fossils
 - Tier 2- Foothills Phantoms
 - Tier 3- Black Aces
 - Tier 4- Calgary Bruins
 - Sportsmanship award for the lowest regular season penalty minutes
 - Tier 1- Chargers
 - Tier 2- Canadians
 - Tier 3 – Jafa
 - Tier 4- Fury

- At a recent Hockey Alberta meeting, female rec registration was discussed. Hockey Canada is in the last year of partnership with CANLAN. Hockey Canada is currently reviewing the partnership and other potential options for Female Rec registration including CARHA, and bringing it back in house. Once a decision is made on female rec insurance they will let us know. This decision isn't expected until the end of summer.
- Recent communications with CANLAN suggest that while it hasn't officially been confirmed a new agreement for female rec will be in place with Hockey Canada in the near future.

In order for CZRC to continue to officiate SAWHA they need us to be affiliated with Hockey Canada.

10.2. Vice President – Jenn Chernoff

- Girls Hockey Calgary Coach search—information circulated via email. Looking for coaches for their elite program.
- Working with Girls Hockey Calgary to establish relationship and set up summer camps. They held a successful intro camp On March 5th where they had over 40 skaters out. They are looking for SAWHA players and our sawha players kids to go out for these events to either participate or help with. Agreement that there needs to be more development at the young level

10.3. Director of Marketing & Promotions – Mandy Runcie

- -Thank all the volunteers who helped social
- -Attendance was approximately 350 people
- Casino will be September 25-26—teams need 2 volunteers each unless they volunteered for a different position. Teams will need to know:
- the Season will have started when the Casino takes place. Start thinking in advance if you don't want to miss a game. If you have a game you want be excluded from volunteering.
- Sign up will be on the website before the casino.
- Casino Calgary (Barlow and 16th)
- Team can only sign up 1 alternate position for the casino.
- Need photo id and must sign up 15 minutes before the shift
- Need consent form and volunteer worker form
- Working the Casino is a privilege. Over 72000 dollars for the casino help pay our referee fees.

10.4. Director of Scheduling & Officiating – Anne Kromm

- We had an almost perfect year with only one game being rescheduled because of a referee no-show.
- Next year we plan on spreading the games out a little more by starting a little earlier and ending a little later in March. Our league games could start as early as Monday September 19 end for the Christmas break on Thursday December 22start back up on Tuesday January 3 and playoffs

could end by Thursday March 24. Note CBE gets out December 16 for Christmas holidays. If you think this would be a concern please note it in your black out report.

- We will post these dates on the website, so you know what MIGHT happen to our league dates.
- As our ice contracts for next year come in and new teams sign up, we will manage the ice slots to minimize late and long weekend games for everyone!
- Thank you for respecting the no-alcohol rules at all of the rinks!

10.5. Director of Discipline & Game Reports – Susan Beirnes

- Thank you to Sharon Howland and Kelly Matthews for your help with game sheets.
- Changes for next year: -- game misconduct—we don't have a format for incident reports.
- We are going to look into sending out a different report for Refs or pre printed on the back (like Hockey BC)
- Down in suspensions this year. Thank you for keeping the game in check.
- Suspensions near the end of the year do carry over into next season.

10.6. Director of Finance – Joanne Powell

10.6.1 - Vote to approve the 2015/2016 SAWHA Budget vs Actual
Approved

10.7. Director of Administration & Registration – Carissa Ottenbreit

- We've worked out the kinks of the system of online registration through the SAWHA website. Next years registration will come through there.

10.8. Director of Fairview – Leslie Ann Kalman

- Things are good at Fairview, though we have had a few summer cancellations, which is probably a reflection of the oil industry. If you, or someone you know needs spring/summer ice please tell them to check out the
- Available Ice page on our website.
- May 8th Fairview arena—need volunteers to help direct traffic.

10.9. Director of Communications & Advertising – April Hunt

- Anything for the newsletter send to April
- Send in your facebook posts to April

10.10. Director of League Development – Alyshia Pretulac

- We have had positive meetings with teams that are interested in joining the development tier. One thing that came to fruition from these meetings is that most that are interested see it as a rec tier not necessarily a development tier. We have 4-5 teams that are interested in joining

SAWHA for next season in this tier and a few teams that we are waiting to hear back from. We also have heard from a number of individuals that would be interested in joining a team and we are planning on building an individual team for this tier.

11. Elections:

11.1 Director of Registration and Administration (2 years)

Current: Carissa Ottenbreit

Will you let your name stand? No

Nomination of ___Kelly Matthews _____ by Susan Beirnes

Accepted by Nominee: Yes

Call for other Nominees: None

Successful Candidate:

Voted by: yes

11.2 Vice President (2 years)

Current: Jenn Chernoff

Will you let your name stand? No

Nomination of _____Carissa Ottenbreit_____ by Jen Trzok

Accepted by Nominee: Yes

Call for other Nominees: None

Successful Candidate: Carissa Ottenbreit

Voted by:yes

11.4 SAWHA is asking for four (4) volunteers, one per tier, to assist with the 2016/2017 league schedule.

- 1) Tier 1 – Danielle Flying Vs
- 2) Tier 2 – Sandy Grizzlies
- 3) Tier 3 – Leslie Ann
- 4) Tier 4 – Flo

11.5 SAWHA is asking for a minimum of two (2) volunteers to assist with the game report review of league game sheets.

- 1) Sharon Howland
- 2) Christine Nugent -- Flyings Vs
- 3) Sherry with the Wild

12. Unfinished Business

None

13. New Business:

13.1 - Motion to register ALL Tiers with CANLAN for league play for the 2016-2017 season and the option for teams in tier 1 & 2 to register with Hockey Alberta.

Approved

13.2 Bylaw Update

The Director – Events & Promotions (also known as the Director of Marketing and Promotions) position should be replaced with the Director – Referee Co-ordinator. The reason for this change is:

- SAWHA is unsure if Central Zone Referee Committee (CZRC) and the rural referee organizations will be able to fulfill the referee assignor role next season. SAWHA needs to be positioned to take on this very important responsibility in-house. If CZRC and/or the rural referee assignors are able to assign our referees, this new Director will be the liaison between SAWHA and CZRC to ensure that all SAWHA officiating concerns are relayed to CZRC in a timely and professional manner. This new position is up for election this year.
- SAWHA is no longer hosting HA Provincials and this role was a big part of the Director- Events & Promotions position. The other key roles, the Social and the Casino/Charity events, can be assumed by the Director of Communications and the Vice President, respectively. The Director of Communications has agreed to assume this added responsibility for the remainder of her term. The Vice President role is up for election this year.

13.2.1 Motion 1

Delete the Director – Events & Promotions position

~~Director of Marketing and Promotions (2 years)~~

~~Current: Mandy Runcie~~

~~Will you let your name stand? No~~

~~Nomination of _____ by?~~

~~Accepted by Nominee:~~

~~Call for other Nominees:~~

~~Successful Candidate:~~

~~Voted by:~~

Add to the Director – Communications and Advertising responsibilities

- “Chair and Coordinate the Social event and have overall responsibility for the operation of any Social event awarded to SAWHA”

Add to the Vice President responsibilities

- “Chair and Coordinate the Casino event and have overall responsibility for the operation of any Casino event awarded to SAWHA” and “Chair and Coordinate any Charity events brought to the League”

- Motion Approved

13.2.2 Motion 2

Add the Director – Referee Co-ordinator and his/her responsibilities include:

- a) Carry out the duties assigned to them by the President;
- b) Perform the duties of the President during the absence of Vice President and the President;
- c) Attend all Executive, General and Annual General Meetings;
- d) Ensure strict adherence to the By-laws and Operating rules of SAWHA, and propose changes when required;
- e) Prior to the start of each season meet with Calgary and all rural referee bodies (i.e. Airdrie, Canmore, Chestermere, Okotoks, Red Deer, etc.) representatives, including their referee assignors, and ensure that they are aware of any unique SAWHA rules and ensure all referees assigned to SAWHA are in good standing with SAWHA;
- f) If any referee assignors are unavailable set up an appropriate in-house referee assigning system which assigns appropriately trained, certified and insured referees;
- g) Ensure that all in-house referee invoices are approved and paid in a timely manner;
- h) Respond to referee evaluations and comments provided by team representatives in a timely manner. Where appropriate pass these comments onto referee assignors and/or referees during the season;
- i) At the end of each season meet with all external referee assignors and/or referees to address concerns and suggest changes;
- j) Along with the signature of either the President or Director – Finance, have the authority to sign and issue cheques of SAWHA;
- k) Provide four SAWHA Newsletter updates per season

- Motion: Approved

Director – Referee Co-ordinator (2 years)

Current: None I

Nomination of _____ Mandy _____ by Joanne

Accepted by Nominee: Yes

Call for other Nominees:

Successful Candidate:

Voted by: Majority

13.3 – New Tiers/Tier Alignment

- SAWHA is continuing to grow. In order to keep league aligned with the strategic direction that is outlined in the compass and to ensure that each tier is competitive, and that playing in SAWHA is a fair and safe experience we are suggesting that we move to a 5 tier structure for next season.
- The new structure would see 5 tiers of 8 teams. Since we have been approached by a few teams that are interested in joining SAWHA, we may end up with over 40 teams. If this occurs moving to 5 tiers will ensure that tiers don't become too big and we will slot new teams in where appropriate based on their skill level. It will allow SAWHA to continue to be aligned with the strategic direction providing the opportunity for women

to participate in a structured and competitive experience that builds women's hockey.

- Discussion occurred around:
 - The need to change to 5 tiers--- as SAWHA continues to grow we will need the space to go to 5. Our tiers are getting big making it harder to bring new teams who want to join in.
 - Is this change for optics? No the change is not for optics its to align with the strategic direction to be competitive and provide places for women to play
 - Will teams be consulted on which tier they go in? Yes, they will be consulted before the seeding round.
 - Discussion of number of seeding rounds.

Motion: To move to 5 tiers starting in the 2016-2017 season with one seeding round.

Motion: Approved

14. Next Meeting – TBD

15. Adjournment – 11: 26