



East Gwillimbury Minor Hockey Association

Annual General Meeting

June 17, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order/Introductions

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm by Rick McGlone

Introductions of the Executive, Staff and Guests:

Attendees: (see Appendix 1)

10 - EGMHA Executive/Staff

35 - Members in good standing

Noted that Adam Carter, Referee in Chief is not attending as he has stepped down from the position due to conflicting work priorities.

Review of Meeting Logistics for the MS Teams platform conducted by Jen Mackey

Adoption of Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes from the 2023 AGM made by Jen Mackey, seconded by Sherri Annis
Motion carried.

Financials

Presented by: Jen Mackey

It is quite a bit of work to prepare information for audits and we over past couple years lost our administrator and then a treasurer, no concerns on funds not being distributed properly as we have two to sign requirement, but the work in preparing information for audit has been delayed.

Audit Report, working with our new Auditor Phil D'Sousa on getting caught up with our audits. The 2020-21 report has now been finalizing, the 2021-22 is draft – just waiting on one final bank report to be received but both reports have show to have a clean audit result. We are working on finalizing the 2021-22 and conducting the 2022-23 audits.

2023/24 Season Highlights/Success Stories

Presented by: Ed Vetere

Awards



Presented by: Ed Vetere

Player Awards

Kenny Clarke Award was presented to Briar Barron (UYMHA U18 AA)

Allan Case Award was presented to Evan Neuendorf (U13 LL)

Allen Albright Award was presented to Aiden Noordhuis (U9 HL)

Coach of the Year Awards

Local League – Glen McLellan (U11 & U13)

House League – Jeff Weiss (U7)

Spirit Awards

Volunteer – Chris Johnstone (U8 MD)

Referee Awards

Ref of the Year – Ryan Dupuis

Most Promising – Lucas Senay

Most Dedicated – Luke Lawlor

Additionally we had three officials also participate in the OHF Championships this year:

- Luke Lawlor – Referee for U15A OHFs in Orillia
- Nolan Barkey – Lineperson for U18AA OHFs in Markham
- Adam Carter – Referee for U18AA OHFs in Markham

Alumni Success

Owen Cartwright was drafted in round 3, overall 61st in the OHL draft to the Mississauga Steelheads

Amelia Wilkinson signed with the Barrie Junior Sharks and committed to the University of Connecticut when she finishes high school.

Sam Bennett is currently in middle of the Stanley Cup Playoffs with the Florida Panthers

Executive Reports

Rick McGlone - President

Registration Trends

Reviewed the registration numbers:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>HL</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>HL</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rep</u>	<u>HL</u>
2004	680	286	394	2005	681	286	395	2006	663	305	358
2007	655	305	350	2008	609	303	306	2009	597	304	293
2010	533	283	250	2011	472	183	289	2012	488	185	303
2013	503	188	315	2014	513	156	357	2015	509	177	332
2016	482	132	350	2017	508	145	363	2018	528	130	398
2019	522	149	373	2020	428	n/a	n/a	2021	401	139	262



2022 437 116 321 **2023** 464 192 272

As you can see on the on the graph here, we've had some ups and downs. Obviously with COVID we took a real hit, and I'm surprised that we actually had that many kids, but we're on the uptick now. So hopefully that trend will continue. We have a lot of programs in place, some of which I'll touch on later, but trying to attract new players, kids who have perhaps never considered hockey in the past. So, as you can see on the graph, we are at 464 registrants this year, which is up 30 from last year. I think that on some of things that need to be mentioned here is that with the Upper York pilot, we got back some kids that were playing another centers, playing AA and other places, but we're still experiencing a little bit of a drop off with our U8 and U9 HL numbers. Some of those kids left to explore the new league that is available outside of Hockey Canada for that age group, but overall, the trend is on the uptick, and we hope to keep things going in the right direction.

Brad Russell – Player and Coach Development

We continued our goaltender clinics on Saturday mornings with Dwayne Crocker from the Goalie School. He was very well liked and the clinics were very well attended this year, which was which was excellent.

For Sunday morning skating sessions we brought in skating instructor Alexa Matveev, she was a national figure skating champion for Canada to run power skating clinics.

For our coaches, we had Chris Di Piero come out from CEP mindset, mental performance and leadership coaches. Again, very well received by our coaches. We also procured ice hockey systems memberships for coaches, which provided practice planning tools and videos to watch of drills to run.

For checking clinics, we partnered with Upper York to ensure consistency with GMHA and EGMHA.

Moving forward, we have decided to hire a IP Instructor, Joe McTamney will be running that program on Saturdays for us next season. He's a professional hockey coach and also runs GMHA's IP program as well. We are looking to again ensure consistency across the board so that our kids have the same opportunity as the Georgina kids rolling into Rep programming at U10 and above. This will also serve as coach training.

Jeff Mackey – VP Rep

EGMHA had 2 MD teams (U8 and U9), U10 and up participated in Rep hockey with the Upper York Admirals Pilot. U8 numbers were low, so borrowed some players from GMHA to run the U8MD team.

So in the overall there was 429 Upper York players that EG represented 45% of those overall players. When you further break it down into AA, 62% of those were EG residents, for A players



35% were EG and then between the B, the double B and the C team that we iced again 35% were EG residents.

Several of the Upper York teams saw success early on in, in some of the early bird tournaments.

There were 25 total teams between the different all the age groups and the different levels we had the U15 AA win the York Simcoe championship.

Three teams (U10A, U14 BB and U15 AA) qualified for the OMHA championships, where U15 AA finished the highest as a semi-finalist.

Going forward we are finalizing teams now for U16 and below, and will be working on the Upper York ByLaws and the merge will go to an official vote in EGMHA and GMHA this Fall.

Sherri Annis - LL Update

EGMHA had 9 teams in the Simcoe Region Local League this year.

- 2 U11, 2 U13, 2 U15, 1 U16, 2 U18

We had many teams advance to the SRLL Playoff Rounds

- U11#1 won the Group B Consolation C Finals
- U13 #1 won the Group B Consolation Finals
- U15 #1 were Group 2 Championship Finalists
- U18 #1 were Group 1 Championship Finalists

U18 #1 had two tournament championship wins

- Max Partlo Memorial
- Hank Borgatti Black and Gold Classic

Celebrated the aging out U18 LL players with a graduating game in March

Jen Mackey – HL Update

House League was challenging to run this year as we didn't a volunteer to fill the Director of House League position, thanks to Sherri Annis who helped me get the program up an running. Thank you to the families for their patience while we sorted things out. .

EGMHA had 10 teams in the House League Program this year

- Two U6 teams
- Four U7 teams
- Four U8/U9 merged teams

Held extra power skating sessions for players on Sunday mornings.

Had an exciting Championship weekend and fun House League Banquet.



Big thanks as well to all the Convenors Coaches, Trainers and Parent Volunteers.

Rick McGlone – Fundraising

Tournaments

Hosted three tournaments this year. In total, the tournaments combined raised \$18,955.

Friendship Jamboree

- U8MD teams participated in the tournament which raised \$2,960
- Ran smoothly, no challenges reported

Winter Classic

- 53 Teams participated
- U9 MD, U11 to U18 HL/LL participated in the tournament which raised \$7,215
- Timing coinciding with high school final exams, issues with finding timekeepers during day Friday

Dunsmuir Memorial

- Total of 57 teams, U10 A to U18 A, also including U13 AA division participated in the tournament which raised \$8,780
- Timing coinciding with Super Bowl Sunday needed to ensure wrapped up earlier on Sunday

McGregor's Meat Fundraisers

Ran four campaigns (May, August, November and February) and raised \$6,559 funds were used to help offset season costs and provide development to our players and coaches. Next campaign will be in August 2024. Huge thanks to Cathy and Eric Kopsala who continue to volunteer their time to run this very successful fundraiser throughout the year for us.

Rick McGlone – EGMHA Community Involvement

We tried to step up our community engagement this year and I think that anybody who visited our booths would see that we're working hard to get kids involved in hockey. This past summer we participated in Mount Albert Sports Day, we tried to run some skills sessions with the ball hockey, that was well attended, we met a lot of people that had no idea that there was hockey in EG, these were mainly a lot of new residents to the Mount Albert area.

We also attended the EG Skating Club Santa Skate, Santa Clause is a good friend to EGMHA and spent time with some of our young Timbit players who were in for pictures that day.

Then I want to thank Jen Mackey for organizing our Family Day event, where we sponsored the public skating and we had a booth. It was very well attended and we had the lineups waiting to get our tattoos and waiting to win some prizes. We were able to liquidate a lot of our leftover merchandise that has been hanging around the office for a couple of years, so it was a good



start to getting our branding out in the community. So I want to thank again everybody who came up for that.

Anyone interested in helping out with any of these activities, please consider volunteering as our Director of Events, it would be great to have someone dedicated to this role.

Stephen Thiele – Equipment and Apparel

Our fallen apparel online sale went well.

We posted this year for a new vendor, as the contract had expired with LS brands, we received about 8 bids and we interviewed 3 companies and we focused on getting more local companies to help us out and we ultimately chose to go with Big League Gear out of Bradford. They have a local storefront and they are going to give us 24/7 online access to allow us to purchase stuff for the families year round, we are looking forward to this new partnership.

Rick McGlone gave thanks to our sponsors this season and also thanked all coaches, volunteers and parents for a great season, including the following convenors:

- U6 – Allison DeWinter
- U7 – Jeff Weiss
- U9 – Ryan Dupuis
- LL15 – Lori Snowden

Constitution and ByLaw Amendments

Presented by: Jen Mackey

Two sets of amendments to go through, first set were put forward by member Michael Mendes

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 1

Moved by: EGMHA member – Michael Mendes

Seconded by Danielle Rosa

Rationale for change: not provided

Existing Policy

6.4 To be eligible to run for President, the individual must have served at least one full term on the Executive in the immediate past three terms;

Proposed Revision:

6.4 To be eligible to run for President, the individual must have served at least one full term on the Executive **in any previous term**;

DEFEATED – Motion failed to get 75% support to carry

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 2

Moved by: EGMHA member – Michael Mendes



Existing Policy:

1.3 All sources of EGMHA income except for the amounts designated as 'annual dues' and tournament income shall be deposited in an account known as the EGMHA's 'general fund' from which all normal operating expenses shall be paid, e.g. ...ice fee, insurance fees, OMHA fees, administration costs, equipment repairs/purchases etc.

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Not voted on as this is a minor House Keeping change that doesn't require a vote, will be incorporated in revisions after the AGM

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 3

Moved by: EGMHA member – Michael Mendes

Seconded by: Ben Sangster

Existing Policy:

1.4 Tournament income shall be deposited in an account known as the Dunsmuir Tournament account.

Proposed Revision

1.4 Tournament income from the Dunsmuir Tournament shall be deposited in an account known as the Dunsmuir Tournament account.

After discussion that the changes to come with the new accountant would address this, the motion was **WITHDRAWN**.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 4

Moved by: EGMHA member – Michael Mendes

Rationale for change: not provided

Proposed Addition:

1.x Tournament income from any other tournament shall be deposited in the General Fund account.

Existing Policy:

1.5 Amounts designated as 'annual dues' shall be deposited in an account known as the EGMHA's 'contingency fund' which shall be partitioned as follows:

(a) All monies will go towards the operational contingency fund first until it reaches the required minimum level equal to 10% of revenues. Thereafter, all funds are divided as follows:

(b) 80% of monies towards the Association Fund, which may be used to benefit the Association and its members as a whole



(c) 20% of monies towards the operational contingency fund, which may be allocated at the discretion of the following year's executive

Proposed Revision:

1.5 Amounts designated as 'annual dues' shall be deposited in an accounts known as the EGMHA's **Restricted 'Association and Operating Contingency Funds'** which shall be partitioned as follows:

- (a) A minimum of 5% of all monies will go towards an invested GIC **Reserve Fund**, until it reaches the required **maximum of half a year's revenue**. Thereafter, all funds are divided as follows:
- (b) 80% of monies towards the **Restricted Association Fund**, which may be used **with member approval for rink, office and facilities improvements, special events and other approved activities**.
- (c) 20% of monies towards the **Restricted Operating Fund**, which may be **used by the Board to fund equipment purchases, trophy upgrades, computers, software, or any item for which the cost exceeds any current year benefit and should not be funded out of current year registration fees**. The Operating Fund can also be used as a source of operating funds should the General account funds be insufficient for day-to-day cash flow needs.

After discussion that the changes to come, the motion was also **WITHDRAWN**.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 5

Moved by: EGMHA member – Michael Mendes

Rationale for change: not provided

Existing Policy:

3.3 The Executive Committee shall determine the amount required for annual registration fees with foremost consideration given to EGMHA's aims and objectives as well as an amount up to the equivalent of ten percent (10%) of player registration fees shall constitute Annual Dues for deposit to the Contingency Fund. This allocation towards contingency shall be determined on an annual basis.

Proposed Revision:

3.3 The Executive Committee shall determine the amount required for annual registration fees **to ensure the statement of operations are balanced each year** with foremost consideration given to EGMHA's aims and objectives as well as an amount up to the equivalent of ten percent (10%) of player registration fees shall constitute **'Annual Dues'** for deposit to the **Restricted 'Association and Operating Funds'**.

After discussion that the changes to come, the motion was also **WITHDRAWN**.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 6

Moved by: EGMHA member – Michael Mendes

Seconded by: Mel Howard

Rationale for change: not provided



Proposed Addition:

7.x or 8.x All monthly Executive meeting Agendas and Minutes will be posted on the EGMHA Website and E-Blasted to the Association Members

Motion amended by Mel Howard and agreed to by Michael Mendes to read:

7.x or 8.x All monthly Executive meeting Agendas and Minutes will be posted on the EGMHA in PDF format.

MOTION CARRIED

ONCA AMENDMENTS

Presented by - Jen Mackey

Seconded by – Stephen Thiele

Link to amendments - [Proposed Revisions to EGMHA Constitution_v11-1.pdf](#)

Changes are required to comply with the Ontario Non Profit Corporation Act. Had a change in their legislation that required all organizations by October of 2024 to comply with the new ONCA bylaw and articles that they require under legislation.

We've gone through all the requirements and one of the things we realized when we were going through the ONCA requirements, is that our Constitution is actually bylaws and our bylaws in our Constitution are actually policies. Your Constitution is actually the articles that are filed. What would have been our previous letter of patent and now what's going to be our articles of amendment are going to be submitted to the government of Ministry of Government and Consumer Services

Under ONCA your article talk about how your organization is structured and what you're voting membership is.

Then we also are proposing a series of bylaws that ONCA requires us to have that are more corporate, and our day to day operations are governed by a General Operating Policy.

These changes are in line with what Newmarket Minor Hockey has recently passed. It's modeled very similarly under theirs, and following the guidance provided by ONCA.

There's a couple distinctions in the new Articles, ByLaws and Policies from our current one Constitution/ByLaw document, with the new General Operating Policy your Executive Board can now make changes that are operationally makes sense with how your organization evolves.

The ByLaws though still have to go to a membership vote if you want to change any there, a membership vote is required.

MOTION to AMEND to comply with ONCA CARRIED

What to Expect Next Season



Presented by: Rick McGlone

Upper York Admiral Spring evaluations (tryouts) were completed on Sunday for U10 to U16 for AA, A and B/BB. With the amalgamation we have successfully been able to roster AA, A and B/BB teams at each age group

Development skates to run in September prior to tryouts for U18. September tryouts for U8/U9 MD and U18 AA,A,B/BB. Early October tryouts for U7 Select (numbers pending).

Planning to run all three tournaments again next season and new one in the Spring:

- Friendship Jamboree (U8 MD teams)
- Winter Classic (U9MD, U9-U18 HL/LL teams)
- Dunsmuir Memorial Tournament (U10-U18 A teams)
- Spring Fling (A and B/BB teams)

EGMHA will be running Ball Hockey at Mount Albert Sports Day, please come by and visit.

Regular season programming is planned to begin in September.

New Competitive Player Pathway Program in YSMHL for U7, U8 and U9 Select teams, we hope to field teams in all three divisions.

In the fall will be running the Bauer First Shift Program.

OMHA has proposed all teams will be scored using iPads via GameSheet Inc. Live scoring and updates will be available for Rep and Local League (where there is WiFi access)

New draft selection process for U9 to U18 divisions will run next season.

U9 to U13 divisions will participate in an Interlock House League with Georgina Minor Hockey, surveying U15 to U18 divisions to see what their preference is, whether they want to try the Interlock or stay with Simcoe Region Local League.

New Sponsorship program with KidSpired will be implemented.

Moving into our second year of our two-year pilot with Georgina Minor Hockey to develop the Upper York Admirals. Will keep working towards completing the requirements to bring the Upper York Admirals pilot project to a permanent amalgamation membership vote in Fall 2024

Slight increase in some division for Registration as Ice costs with the Town have gone up, but U11 to U13 are lower due to the Interlock House League option. Once again will have \$100 discount for third family member playing. There is an increase of the late fee to \$100. Visit the EGMHA website if there are families that need assistance, also noted that the Town of EG Youth and Community fund is currently open for members that may need assistance playing hockey.



Coach applications for HL and LL are available on the EGMHA website.

Election of 2024-25 Executive

Presented by Rick McGlone

Positions up for election for **two-year** term:

Operations

- Stephen Thiele nominated Jen Mackey
- Michael Mendes nominated Ed Vetere

Both candidates accepted nomination and both said a few words about why they were well suited for the role.

Some technology issues, to adjust people were directed to text or email Stacey Barron directly with their vote.

Final Tally – Jen Mackey with 26 votes, Ed Vetere with 6 votes.

Jen Mackey elected as the Director of Operations.

Secretary – Jen Mackey nominated Stephen Thiele, nomination accepted. No other nominations received - ACCLAIMED

Director of Player and Coach Development – Jeff Mackey nominated Brad Russell, nomination accepted. No other nominations received - ACCLAIMED

Director of Local League – Brad Russell nominated Sherri Annis, nomination accepted. No other nominations received - ACCLAIMED

Director of Communications – Jen Mackey nominated Mel Howard, nomination accepted. No other nominations received – ACCLAIMED

Director of Events – no incumbent at this time. No Nominations received, will remain vacant.

Positions up for re-election for **one-year** term:

Director of House League – no incumbent at this time. No Nominations received, will remain vacant.

Director of Equipment – no incumbent at this time. No other nominations received, will remain vacant.

Noted that these positions all still have roles that need to be filled, they are currently be covered by Executive members, even if you can't fill the position, if you could even volunteer to help them, it would be appreciated.



Questions and Answers

Question: With our numbers so low last year and local loop, what are we doing to address that this upcoming season?

- We are working with the Upper Admirals Group that we participate on the board to make sure that we're not draining our numbers by having teams that you know would decimate our local league. It's tough because the OMHA directive, if you will, is that we provide, the highest level hockey available to each and every player that wants it. So we do have a little juxtaposed thing there where we have to offer them these opportunities, but if the opportunities end up decimating our programming at locally and House League, then obviously we have to step back from that. We ever want to have to turn kids away. So part of what we are doing to build those numbers is reaching out to people through our community engagement to try and bring more kids in.

Question: There were updates throughout the meeting about how many players were playing in Upper York from EG and some of the successes, are you saying they may have been over zealous with the number of Upper York teams run?

- So we have a little bit of flexibility in the number of teams that are iced in Upper York but in the first year we didn't want to hold anybody back from rep hockey opportunities. I don't feel comfortable stating here that that we're not going to have double B teams at certain ages. I'm hoping that we're like minded with Georgina and that we examine the impact, if any, on our local programming when making those decisions.

I would also say to parents going forward, would be to please make sure that you're putting your kids in hockey, that where they're going be successful and and enjoy it. I think that, sometimes we lose sight of what the kids are looking for, which is just fun playing hockey. I'm never happy about putting kids in a position where they get hammered and I think that I share that feeling with the President of Georgina. We spoken about it several times and we're looking to make sure that we don't make the same mistakes, learn from what we did last year.

Question: Is there an opportunity to include non-contact divisions in the Dunsmuir Tournament, many kids in those divisions want to play a home tournament?

- Due to challenges with ice availability, it would be challenging to add more divisions to the current Dunsmuir tournament weekend but we could look at perhaps adding a second weekend to that tournament but that will severely impact our House League programming. The new Spring Fling in April though will have non-contact divisions, we are hoping our home teams enter this one even though it isn't mandatory like the Dunsmuir is for A teams.

Question: Can we track or do we know how many kids that were on teams last year, didn't try out for teams this year?



- We don't currently have that information but it's something the coaches would likely know. We could ask the Upper York Administrator if this is something she tracks.

New Business

None

Adjournment

Rick thanked everyone for attending and their input.

Jen Mackey thanked Rick McGlone for his leadership this season.

Motion to adjourn made by Mel Howard. Seconded by Sherri Annis - Motion CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Signatures – confirming meeting minutes (once approved by membership)

Rick McGlone, EGMHA President

Stephen Thiele, EGMHA Secretary

2024 EGMHA AGM Attendance List

Name of person attending	Role in Meeting
Rick McGlone	EGMHA Executive
Brad Russell	EGMHA Executive
Ed Vetere	EGMHA Executive
Jeff Mackey	EGMHA Executive
Jen Mackey	EGMHA Executive
Stephen Thiele	EGMHA Executive
Sherri Annis	EGMHA Executive
Andy Anderson	EGMHA Executive
Stacey Barron	EGMHA Staff
Sheri Riddell	EGMHA Staff
Ben Sangster	Member
Briar Barron	Member
Catherine Naccarato	Member
Danielle Rosa	Member
Danny Zavaglia	Member
Erik Weide	Member
Gemma Amyotte	Member
Ivan Barron	Member
Jason Somers	Member
Jason Stewart	Member
Jen MacKenzie	Member
Jill Daniels	Member
Joe Castaldi	Member

Name of person attending	Role in Meeting
Kathy Russell	Member
Kevin Miles	Member
Lindsay McCafferty	Member
Martin Hunter	Member
Mary Ann Welsh	Member
Matthew Billings	Member
May Lam	Member
Melodie Howard	Member
Michael Greig	Member
Michael Mendes	Member
Mike Ramsay	Member
Nada Bimbilov	Member
Pernille Jensen	Member
Phil Keall	Member
Richard Canniff	Member
Shelley Clark	Member
Stephanie Bloye-Turner	Member
Tracy Stewart	Member
Tralee Lawlor	Member
Wayne Clark	Member
Wendy DiGiovanni	Member
Wesley Barber	Member