

Langley Minor Hockey Association

2023 Annual General Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2023 @ 7:00PM | Virtually via Zoom

Voting Board Members in Attendance: Shelley Rosner, Jenn Day, Danny Franco, Parky, Kim Wright, Les Torok, Natalee Letawsky, Dana Bis, Grant Wilkins, Brandon Spearman, Tanya McLachlan, Ryan Steffans, Todd McLaren, Ted Whitfield, Dave Duffill

Call to Order

The President of LMHA (Danny Franco) called the 2023 Annual General Meeting to order at 7:15pm held virtually via the Zoom platform.

Opening Remarks and Introductions

Once Quorum was met, Danny began the meeting by introducing himself and the board members in attendance on the call, as well as our Administrator, Jennifer Kingwell and Operations Manager, Alex Guiney.

Review of Standing Rules

The President deferred to Jennifer Kingwell to review the standing rules of the meeting and initiate a test vote.

Establishment of Quorum

The President confirmed that the Notice of Meeting was served in accordance with the LMHA Bylaws. Our Administrator confirmed that 33 members were present, meeting quorum and allowing the meeting to proceed.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve Agenda, as presented.

Moved by Shelley Rosner, seconded by Todd McLaren
Opposed? None. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of the 2022 AGM Minutes

Motion to approve 2022 AGM Minutes, as presented.

Moved by Todd McLaren, seconded by Ryan Steffans.
Opposed? None. MOTION CARRIED.

Members Question and Answer Period

Members were given the opportunity to put questions forward prior to the AGM. There was only one question which was shared with the room and answered by Alex Guiney.

Updated LMHA Constitution & Bylaws

The Board of Directors put forward some changes to the LMHA Constitution & Bylaws to include adjustments to 7.4, 8.17, 9.5, 9.9 as well as several grammar, punctuation, and formatting changes for ease of reading. Danny reviewed the main adjustments, as provided by way of the black line version to the membership and opened to the floor for any discussion.

Motion to approve the amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of Langley Minor Hockey Association, as presented.

Moved by Grant Wilkins, second by Natalee Letawsky.
Opposed? One. MOTION CARRIED.

President's Report – Danny Franco

- Development is moving into our second full season with our continued Development Plan. Next season will include more components and initiatives for both C and Rep streams. We are aware of the ongoing challenges of new league, academies and outlaw leagues and we are committed to providing extensive development and, more importantly, excellent value for families.
- Touched on the new rink complex that the new TOL council has promised. LMHA is involved in regular conversations with Eric Woodward and the planning team regarding the new proposed facility at LEC. While it is still a few years away, we can be excited about three new sheets of ice and a new home for our Association.
- LMHA is continually looking for new volunteers to work with our Board. Our Board members work very hard, not just during the season but through-out the whole year to be fully prepared for September. These Board roles are time consuming but rewarding and fun.
- Lastly, a big thank you to our Coaches, Managers and team officials for all of the time put in to allow our kids to play hockey.

LMHA VP Operations – Parky

- Thanked Alex Guiney – coming up on 1-year with LMHA. Been a great addition!
- Summer camps were discussed and announced – registration will launch with season registration.
- Ice contracts are being finalized for 23/24 season.
- Conducted and are reviewing coach & development surveys.
- A1 Coach applications have been received and interviews and appointments are under way.
- Been revamping the Rep Evaluation program to standardize the process across all divisions.
- Rep evaluations/evaluators are in the process of being booked.

LMHA Operations Manager – Alex Guiney

- This past season's development program – reviews have been incredibly positive.
- Working on enhancing LMHA development programming and increasing opportunities at all levels.
- Under 11 & Under 9 "invite only" development program pilot was a success. LMHA is hoping to add more like this in the coming season.

LMHA HR & Risk Report – Todd McLaren

- Dealt with multiple formal investigations, team level discipline, mediations and suspensions.
- Involved in Coach vetting and background checks including Coach certification follow-up.
- Referenced several BC Hockey Legal and Insurance correspondence.
- Working with our Referee-in-Chief program budget and programming, including ref assignor.
- In conjunction with the Equipment Manager, attended meetings and presentations from suppliers.
- Attended meetings with Langley Township Mayor and city planners on the new rink facility.
- Junior Hockey Committee Chair, attending meetings to promote next level hockey for our players.
- Tracked injuries, return to play and any insurance implications.
- Working on some off-season initiatives including team parent liaison program, in-person coach meeting, referee concern reporting process, policy and guideline review and possible updates.

LMHA Administration Report – Shelley Rosner

- Thank you to our admin team, especially Jennifer Kingwell who is integral to the success of LMHA.
- Total Registrants for 2022-23: 949
- 61 teams total: U6-9 - 21 teams, U11-U21 C – 26 teams, U11-U18 A – 14 teams
- LMHA hosted many events this season including....

- Gill Martin Tournament (U13) which supported PuCKs as their charity of choice.
 - Annual Santa Skate.
 - Langley Cup Tournament (U11-U18).
 - Jean Adams Memorial Tournament (U6-U9) which supported the BC Kidney Foundation as their charity of choice.
 - 2023 Graduating Player Game.
 - Two LMHA Giants 50/50 Nights.
 - In addition, two PCAHA scholarship games & U13 Tier 4 Final Four.
- LMHA will be looking to hire on a PT Events Coordinator to assist with the planning and oversight of these events, with the expectation that we will elevate our existing events and allow LMHA to host more functions going forward. This is an important role as each of these events represent LMHA and generate revenue to support our bottom line.
 - LMHA continues to look for ways to increase revenue to add additional programming and keep registration fees down.
 - Registration for 2023/24 season set to launch on May 15, 2023, with the website going live at the start of May. There have been many changes to the registration policies and deadlines, so members are encouraged to review carefully. No increases to registration fees for this coming season.
 - Next season LMHA is excited to welcome our 50th Anniversary Season! There are lots of special plans in the works to commemorate our 50 years including some updates to our association logo and jerseys. Trying to rally as many LMHA Alumni as we can find. @50yearsofLMHA
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LMHA Financial Report – Natalee Letawsky

- Review of Annual Financial Statement.
- For the sixth consecutive year, utilized the services of SM Accounting Group, a local, external CPA firm. SMAG will prepare our financial statements for the year end, March 31, 2023.
- Back to seeing an increase in our registration numbers.
- Working hard to keep the cost of our programme as affordable as possible for every child that wants to play hockey.
- Financially LMHA is continuing in positive direction. Successful Giants nights & tournaments.
- LMHA has been accumulating funds for our Jersey Replacement Programme. The anticipated life span for a jersey is three-to-five-years. Under normal operating circumstances, we would have been replacing jerseys either of the last two seasons; however, with a couple of 'lighter usage' years in the mix, jerseys lasted longer than expected. LMHA plans to replace jerseys in the very near future.
- Holding registration fees for another year.

Election of Directors for the 2023-24 Season

Election of Directors - LMHA welcomes Brandon Spearman, Dana Bis, Dave Duffill, Grant Wilkins, Jenn Day, Kim Wright, Les Torok, Shelley Rosner & Tanya McLachlan. As there were the same number of candidates as positions, all were appointed by way of acclamation. Congratulations!

New Business

None.

Closing Remarks & Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the 2023 LMHA AGM @ 7:57pm.

Moved by Brandon Spearman, seconded by Todd McLaren.

Opposed? None. MOTION CARRIED.