

# Langley Minor Hockey Association

## 2022 Annual General Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2022 @ 7:00PM | Virtually via Zoom

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### **Voting Board Members in Attendance**

Danny Franco, Brandon Spearman, Shelley Rosner, Natalee Letawsky, Dave Duffill, Ted Whitfield, Les Torok, Mike Parkinson, Grant Wilkins, Todd McLaren, Tanya McLachlan, Jenn Day

### **Call to Order**

The President of LMHA (Danny Franco) called the 2022 Annual General Meeting to order at 7:03pm, 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 Coordinator, 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 32 members were present, meeting quorum and allowing the meeting to proceed.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion to approve Agenda, as presented.

Moved by Brandon Spearman, seconded by Todd McLaren.

Opposed? None. MOTION CARRIED.

### **Approval of the 2021 AGM Minutes**

Motion to approve 2021 AGM Minutes, as presented.

Moved by Brandon Spearman, seconded by Todd McLaren.

Opposed? None. MOTION CARRIED.

### **Members Question and Answer Period**

Members were given the opportunity to put questions forward prior to the AGM. These questions were shared with the room and answered by various members of the Board.

### **President's Report – Danny Franco**

- Last AGM was in November 2021. This year it was moved back to April and our intent is to have our AGM at the end of the season March-April. This allows new board members to learn their new roles and have the full off-season to prepare for the new season. It also helps with planning.
- Eliminated the Executive Director position in March 2022. Replacing it with a new and improved Development Plan that involves all players. We would like to extend a thank-you to Whitney, our past Executive Director for all her efforts and work both on and off the ice this past season.

- Part 1 - New Operations Coordinator, Alex Guiney. We are very excited about this hire and look forward to working with Alex as we move to Part 2. Please review Alex's full bio on our website as he has an extensive and impressive resume.
- Part 2 - on-ice programs for players and coaches. As answered earlier, we are in the early stages of these changes, and as soon as we have established our season plan, it will be communicated to our members in detail.
- Accomplishments - acknowledged the following teams for their achievements.
  - League Winners, Final Four Qualifiers, Playoff Champs, President's Series Winner, Team Achievement Awards, Langley Cup Champions
- LMHA is in communication with the TOL in trying to have more ice for our players. With the TOL Elections in October, we already have had preliminary discussions with possible new members of their Council regarding ice demands.
- This Board is aware of the constant and continued challenges of new Leagues and Academies and "outlaw" leagues. We are confident and hopeful that in revamping our Development Plan, we can persuade some families to stay and play in our Association but more, provide improved development opportunities for those within our Association.
- Very fortunate to have the members we currently have on our board. Since November we have all worked together and have made decisions and planning as a group. The collective approach to planning and decision making will continue all this off-season to the start of next season.
- Thank you to Marc and Roberta Mercier for their work in developing our on-ice officials. Not an easy job and difficult in keeping and training new officials with the ever changing hockey climate..
- Thank you to all our Coaches, Managers, and team staff for all their time and dedication to keep the kids playing hockey!

#### **LMHA VP Operations – Parly**

- Thank you to all our board members. We are still looking for a few more members, so please feel free to reach out with questions or interest anytime.
- Acknowledged that last years season roll-out came with many challenges and the board has taken a hard look and is committed to making improvements.
- Overview on the new Operations Coordinator position.
- Excited about the New Development plans and looks forward to sharing more with the membership as plans firm up and the season gets closer.

#### **LMHA HR & Risk Report – Todd McLaren**

- Thanks to everyone for their patience with the ever-changing dynamic of the provincial health orders. LMHA abided by all provincial health orders. The LMHA board balanced the requests of the rinks, parents, and legal requirements.
- Discipline Situations this Season:
  - Team level discipline – 9
  - Mediation – 12
  - Formal investigation – 7
  - BC Hockey reports under 11.4 complaint – 4
  - BC Hockey Ombudsman – 1 review
  - Vaccine screening issues – lots
  - Legal and insurance issues with BC Hockey/Hockey Canada
- Successes from a Risk perspective:
  - Team level discipline guideline implementation
  - Kept our players on the ice as much as possible
  - Worked closely with our rinks with COVID protocols and inturn strengthened our relationships.

- Junior Hockey committee – building relationships with our Junior Hockey teams in Langley for more opportunities for our players.

#### **LMHA Administration Report – Shelley Rosner**

- This season we hosted 2 tournaments plus the Langley Cup. All were well attended and successful! Gil Martin was in November, our U13 A1 & A2 tournament that hosted 16 teams and supported Pucks as their charity of choice. And our Jean Adams Memorial Tournament, U6-U9, hosted 44 teams and supported the Kidney Foundation as their charity! Both had amazing energy and huge community support and sponsorship. Looking forward to running both again next season!
- We had three LMHA Giants Nights over the course of the season and launched our LMHA Bar Down Ale... all adding revenue to our bottom line. We will continue to look for ways to increase revenue to keep registration fees down.
- For the 2020-21 season, LMHA hosted 60 teams with 898 players. A huge thank you to all our head coaches, assistant coaches, managers, safety people, on-ice helpers, treasurers, and parents for another successful season! And of course, our amazing Board! First season we have had a full board in a while.
- Total Registrants: 898 (60 teams total):
  - U6 - 4 teams
  - U7 - 6 teams
  - U8 - 4 teams
  - U9 - 5 teams
  - U11 - 4 REP teams and 7 HOUSE teams
  - U13 - 5 REP teams and 6 HOUSE teams
  - U15 - 3 REP teams and 5 HOUSE teams
  - U18 - 2 REP teams and 7 HOUSE teams
  - U21 - 2 HOUSE teams
- Registration for the 2022/23 season opens May 15, 2022.

#### **LMHA Financial Report – Natalee Letawsky**

- Slightly More Money on-hand due to increased fundraising efforts & tournament revenue
- Giants Nights (3)
- Pucks & Kidney Foundation - Tournament Charities
- Going another year without replacing jerseys
- Not increasing registration fees this season!
- LMHA contributed over \$180,000 from Jordon Owens Memorial Tournaments over the last 18 years of hosting. They have presented LMHA with a beautiful plaque to commemorate our support and contributions over the years.

#### **Election of Directors**

Election of Directors - LMHA welcomes Danny Franco, “Parky” Parkinson, Natalee Letawsky, Ryan Steffans, Ted Whitfield & Todd McLaren to the Board/back to the Board. All were voted in by acclamation. We still have two vacant positions on the board. If any member is interested, please reach out to Todd McLaren.

#### **New Business**

None.

#### **Closing Remarks & Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the 2022 LMHA AGM @ 8:08pm.

Moved by Todd McLaren, seconded by Shelley Rosner.

Opposed? None. MOTION CARRIED.