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AGM MINUTES  
Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
6:30PM – Tony Rose  
Start time 6:33 PM

## 1. President Opening Remarks- Rick

Rick introduced the executive to the membership in attendance and also noted that Michelle Bridge, the Regional Director from OMHA was here tonight for any support required.

Rick proceeded to review the some of the highlights for the upcoming year and mentioning items from the current season.

- This fall AA, A and BB will be playing in York Simcoe Minor Hockey League. - -
- Select teams will be playing in Tri-County
- By Law Updates being reviewed
- Hosting 2 tournaments this coming season, Fall Classic for Rep & Ray Hunt for House League
- This year after the new board is nominated, we will be asking for non-voting convenors to join committees (tournaments, etc.)
- Rick advised that this is his last year serving on the Board and will not be running for re-election next year. He said he wants to help with a smooth transition over the year.

## 2. Minutes of 2023 AGM- Rick

3. Motion to approve first Mike Gonzalez second Andrew Murray. All in favor

**Motion Carried**

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## 4. VP Admin – Financial Report – Terry

OMH Financials – April opening balance \$127,962.57 Expenses over \$1 million in total. Majority expenses is the ice cost in town and development skates.

### *REPORT:*

*Based on 897 participants*

*Opening Balance April 2023 \$128, 000*

*April 2024 balance \$50,000*

*There is approx. \$125,000 in the account*

*Key Points: collected \$7,500 in sponsorships, consignment sale raised \$2,065.00, and tournament revenue is approximately \$5,000.*

Revenue – registration payments coming in, rep fees to offset the ice time used in the season, tournament registrations. Total income \$1,021,336.61. Will be doing a complete audit on complete items.

### **Question: Alison Deluca – will this be shared?**

oRick: Yes there are minutes being taken and can be shared.

We will be using QuickBooks going forward, that will be more detailed

**Question:** In bill payments – are they more itemized? Terry – yes as it's in an excel sheet, we have everything tracked.

Terry thanked Jessica and Jenny for support. Social media was a hit on all platforms to get more members out to meetings etc. Terry welcomed Kristyna as our new administrator and want to thank Lisa Eng for her service the past few years. Rick mentioned that Terry is not running for the board again. He has current involvement as

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GM for the Orangeville Blitz and will continue to support for the Orangeville Flyers and other local minor sports organizations.

## 5. VP of House League Report – Jeff

Thanked development directors for their work.

**Review of last year:** Our Development program was a tremendous success last year, reaching all levels of hockey and receiving positive feedback from players and parents alike. Due to lack of interest/possibility of late notice we had to cancel the Ray Hunt Tournament.

We have already posted for the RH Tournament. Keep your eyes out as we will need volunteers to ensure this year's RH Tournament runs without any issues. We experienced limited issues within our House league, thanks to the diligence and support of our membership.

- **Plans for 2024/2025:** We are continuing our partnership with Centre Wellington and Erin, enhancing hockey experience for all involved. Noted important dates for the upcoming season: September 14 – prep skates to gear up for the new season. September 21 & 22 – grading sessions ensuring fair team placements. Ray Hunt Tournament will be on December 8 & 9 – welcoming U11, U13, U15 and U21 age groups with a special division for select teams.
- **Introducing a select program** for U13, U15 age groups, partnering with TriCounty's ALL/AHL (advanced local league) initiative which offers a more competitive and enhanced recreational experience, bridging the gap between HL and Rep programming.
- The ALL/AHL program starts October 5<sup>th</sup>, featuring 24 regular season games with pre-scheduled practices and tournaments. There will be a championship that will be held by Tri County in April.
- There will be new jersey colors and improved sizing options in place this season. Early registration is encouraged to help us allocate coaching staff effectively across all age groups. Documentation for all volunteers will need VSC checks would like to do almost after this meeting, if elected. Terry – OHF has taken on responsibility of VSC.

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If you have a current one from 3-year period, there is a form online to fill out. If not, there is another form to fill out and send to the OPP to have it completed. More information is posted on our website and on OMHA website.

Questions: OHF – supporters who do development on teams will have to need VSC forms? While going through process – will need a Hockey Canada number, which will be hard. Terry – they will have to do these forms before stepping on the ice. The executive will be helping volunteers. Michelle – rosters will not be approved, etc as insurance is strict, VSC checks will HAVE to be completed before anything is done.

HCR accounts can be created online by volunteers. Terry to have an HCR set up. Jeff presented the new house league logo.

## 6. VP Rep Report – Justin, Jamie, Jacqueline

Tryouts & Development: OMH offered prep ice for members run by OMH volunteers & external Hockey Development groups.

- 4 sessions per age category and grouped by like skill when possible; Body contact/checking clinics refresher clinics were offered for U14/15 Players.
- Tryouts included first two skates led by Energy Hockey and included Home/Away Exhibition games where possible.
- Goalie evaluations led by Blue Ice Goaltending with additional external goalie evaluators to support evaluation process and grading.
- Tryouts completed for U10 – U18 AA, A & BB Programming along with our U9 & Below which included U9MD team, U8MD team and for the first time a U7 Select program for the 2023/2024 season. OMH Supported/Rostered 23 teams that were finalized following Spring/Fall Tryouts.

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U10-U18 teams played Early Bird Tournaments, up to 4 exhibition games, practices and implemented dryland programming in September prior to Season Start beginning of October

***Seasonal Highlights:*** Fall Classic was successful, money was put towards development for our players, U10-U18 completed tryouts in spring of 2023 and fall tryouts for U9, U8, U7 and BB teams, new development programming for all teams was launched, teams initiated revised Tri-County playoff format in February, New development programs on Tuesday and Friday nights – player and goalies skills nights. We introduced a new BB and select programming.

***Development Team Update:*** DC Hockey provided additional sessions in October for our U9 and below programming. Tuesday nights we had Tyler Randell work with many of our players during his skills and drills sessions along with defensive clinics at Tony Rose Arena Rink B. While on Tony Rose A there was full team development that took place with Capital Hockey – Kenny Sousa which helped teams and coaches work through the systematic parts of the game with Kenny's support. Goalie Training clinics took place on Tuesday nights hosted by Blue Ice Elite Goalie Development, sessions saw up to 32 goalies participate each session. Friday nights included continued development programming for our U9, U8, U7 teams along where we also combined efforts with our HL teams and Players. Craig – there is a lot of room for improvement, but very successful overall. A lot of house league goalies move up to A, A goalies move to AA and more. Had over 10,000 skaters this development season. Thanked Blue Ice, Tyler Randell, Kenny Sousa for helping our athletes work hard and improve throughout the season. Goal is to have 4 sessions, 1 session a month for 4 months for teams.

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## **Questions:**

*Allison DeLuca – is there a breakdown that is allocated per team? How much did a team take vs another team. **Mike:** Budgeted for \$750. All teams had equal amount for team development. House league got 4 sessions, rep 2 sessions.*

***Allison** commented – extra development was hard to register as it filled up fast. Any suggestions or ideas on fixing this? **Mike** – working on registration options going forward. **Craig** – sign ups were a huge learning curve. He mentioned that they tried their best to control repetitive sign ups, moving frequent participants to a wait list to give someone else a chance. Going forward, sign up will be through Spordle, so that way it's a consistent time. **Jessica** noted that this was extra service provided only for Orangeville Minor Hockey members and paid by individuals, not the league.*

***Jaime Raymond** – Really nice to see executive at the arena to watch, but did notice that people would register for it, and not show up? How can we track this better?*

***Craig** – a lot of people did pay and did not show and we need to work on this going forward, to have someone else be able to fill the spot. **Kristyna** – discussed prepayment instead of waiting for e-transfers. **Justin** – if there are any ideas or suggestions to please let us know on how we can track this easier and best.*

***Question, Josh Stott** – what about allocating 10 spots per team? Answer – it is more of an individual opportunity than a team opportunity.*

***Allison DeLuca** – do you share the coaches plans?– This should be done during parent meetings. We will be sitting down with coaches and reviewing their seasonal plans, and if needed, we may discuss a change in direction. We are ensuring that teams have parent liaisons to hear the voice of parents and be an in between to accomplish things.*

***Mike** – Mentioned that he has told coaches if they would like extra development, to contact them if they need assistance.*

***Question Jessica Menard** – can you designate a certain ice for AA, A, BB, cycle through them so that the same 30 players don't always get the spot? Answer – working on registration as this was a learning curve.*

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**Question Melissa Lackey** – are we holding coach accountable for development? Who is picking them? Who is giving them guidance? Justin – will be providing guidance and assisting to be more involved with teams and parents.

**Ian Budgell** – There is a strong appetite for development. Has there been any thought or ideas about coaches looking for extra ice time, development, etc. is there a solution that we can look towards. Justin – Terry planning on helping on coach development, what training would look like, ensuring coaches and bench staff are certified. Check ins are also to identify challenges that they have and require assistance for anything. Have asked coaches to be on the ice with the development guys for them to also learn.

Terry is part of coach development certification program. There was a team that had high level experience of coaching to provide training for coaches and bench staff.

**Jaime** – suggestion do the same training for managers of the teams. Are there check ins, to submit budgets, etc. Justin – we did ask that they provide budgets so that the executive can review and we will be doing mid-season meetings to review the coaches and managers seasonal plans.

**Allison DeLuca** – A feedback from all the teams. To have someone designated to provide feedback etc from parents can it also be anonymous? Justin – parent liaison would be the position for this. For complaints, there are other associations charging for complaints to the executive through online website submissions. If it is a serious complaint, we need more information from the person to move forward with this.

**Krystina** - that is the job of the parent liaison to help mediate with the complaints, or suggestions. Will be following up to teams about budgets, rosters, etc.

**Jamie Raymond** – comment that she had spoken with Justin and Jacqueline about issues and they were helpful and assisted them on a quick basis.

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*James – goalie development could it be part of fees? How much would the cost be?*

*Michelle, some associations build it into their fees. Mike/Craig goalie fees will be approx. \$25 this season.*

## **2024/2025 New Season Plans:**

### **Spring Tryouts 2024:**

- Completion of our U10 – U18 AA, A & BB/Select Tryouts (20 teams)
- Starting April OMH offered Prep Skates/Clinics led by Tyler Randall Elite Hockey

Training and OMH volunteers:

- 4 hours per age (two groups) of Prep Ice for players & goalies.
- Over 360 tryout registrations plus NRP's
- 9 Sessions of Body Contact Clinics to U14 & U15 aged players supported.

### **OMHA/League Information:**

- OMH will offer AA, A along with a mix of BB non-contact programming and an Advanced Local League (Select) programming.
- This upcoming season team ice may start the last week of August as we initiate our “development phase” of our seasonal structure.
- Seasonal Structure details will be released by York Simcoe Minor Hockey Association in the coming weeks.
- September will be development phase for all teams with regular season starting as of October 1st 2024
- During the Development Phase (September) teams will be able to participate in an Early Bird Tournament along with exhibitions games (number to be determined by OMHA in the coming weeks)

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**Fall Tryouts:** Coach applications will re-open Mid July, with coach selection to follow. Prep skates will open September 3<sup>rd</sup>, as per OMHA pathway considerations and tryouts will begin the week of September 9<sup>th</sup>. Tryouts to include U7-U9 programming. U8 U9 coaches applications were opened with coaches who are already applying for these teams.

**York Simcoe Pilot Program 2024/2025** Some highlights: There are regular president meetings throughout the season, monthly programming detail meetings throughout the season. There will be U18 All-Star games which is new at all levels (AAA, AA, A), OHF hosting opportunities.

Team re-classifications to happen before the season starts and there is a coach/manager game schedule meeting to schedule games at the end of August. Should a game be cancelled (not due to weather) it is considered a forfeit with a charge of \$1000. Their proposed seasonal structure plan (U10 – U18) has not yet been approved by the OMHA: 30 game unbalanced seasonal structure for regular season, top 8 teams to move into YSMHL championship series round March 1. The remaining teams will participate in the President's cup tournaments. OMHA championship team numbers will be approximately told in November.

Michelle Bridges – because there are more teams moving over to York Simcoe that will shift team entries to the OMHA Championships from Tri County.

**Question: Allison DeLuca** – will someone advise parents if the level is changed? Justin – the coaches should be communicating with the parents about it but will be ensured that it will be communicated through.

**Question: Allison DeLuca** - Pilot program? Is it for OMH or York Simcoe? Who chooses? Justin – needed approval from OMHA, released from Tri County. Executive will reach to the membership for feedback at the end of the season.

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## Looking Ahead for 2024/2025

**Programming Commitments:** U7-U9 will offer tiered MD this season as per the revised OMHA programming. There will be coaching membership planning, seasonal planning, continued development program, certification supports. The executive team will support player meetings, parent liaison meetings, continued development of coach selection and tryout processes. We will be having membership feedback regarding the YSMHL pilot program as we move into the 2025/2026 season.

**Development:** There will be a continuation of clinics for members including goalie clinics for the season and commitment for regular development nights to support planning and scheduling of development ice.

### **Questions:**

*Jaime Raymond – tryouts – a lot of back and forth with other sport conflicts during tryouts. Will there be consideration for helping with conflicts with other sports. Rick: we have a very small window of ice time mandated by OMHA. 7 days to do AA, A, BB. We are competing for ice time with other associations. Justin – it would be great to meet with other sports to try and work together to ensure there are no scheduling conflicts.*

*Melissa Lackey – advised she is on the Northmen executive and a large part of her attendance today was about scheduling. She mentioned that she appreciated that all hockey was cancelled on banquet night. When it comes to spring lacrosse, games are scheduled on weekend and couldn't OMH schedule tryouts based on age groups so that LAX players don't have to miss games and have fines and hockey tryouts could be held around this. Answer: It was explained that OMH was accommodating and that we did change tryouts based on some other sports associations, not just LAX. Agreed that Northmen and OMH should work together for tryout schedules.*

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***Ian Budgell** – There was partial spring and finalized tryouts in the fall? Rick – this was done during covid. Michelle Bridges – regulations have changed which switched it all to fall, then to spring.*

***Carl** – Tryouts start after OMHAs? Michelle Bridges: OMHA gets dates for tryouts for the next season in November.*

*Allison DeLuca -Who makes decision that the centre is a AA centre? Terry – approached 5 years of stats etc and was given a verbal agreement to move down to an A. It's been denied for 2 years in a row. We will have to go back to the table, provide 5 years of data for the OMHA.*

***James Knight** – NRP 25-26 season will they allow players to apply?*

*Heard they will not have cards. Michelle Bridges – NRP will be allowed.*

## By Law changes

Jessica explained that there was a By-Law review committee that developed suggestions for changes to the By-Laws and would be reviewing them with attendees and asking for votes on changes. The current By-Law was read, and the changes, omissions or deletions being suggested were presented.

The By-laws changes that were presented were successfully approved and voted on by attendees, and the final copy will be posted by September on the OMH website.

***Questions: Melanie:** changes last year happened and the By-Law date still read as 2022. Jessica advised that it will be updated on the Website for these current changes and we committed that it will be posted on the website by early September.*

*Question Allison: can the bylaws be sent ahead so that the membership can be reviewed before the AGM? Answer: They will be online.*



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*Question Melanie – why do we not email our membership? Jeff: HCR has a system where the email address when updated isn't updated into the system. Suggested to use a Sportshead app for updates etc. Rick: Understand that there are issues and are working on it. You can subscribe on the website to receive e-mails.*

## 7. Questions

Allison DeLuca– Are there guidelines around what teams should do with leftover funds at the end of the year? Justin – there are rules and guidelines that should be followed. Misstep is that there was not a manager meeting, which we will be having this year. Manager meeting will outline the streaming of the money.

Melissa Lackey – Mentioning of budgets not being seen? Concerning? A parent has asked in the past for a budget from the manager, and the manager has refused.

Executive – contact us so we can have more information regarding this.

Melissa Lackey – Question about the team pages on our website, what are the capabilities? Can we add our own team feeds from social media, sponsors? Rick – yes and there will be a convenor with information on how to upload on the website.

Melanie – Budgets – when it is handed into the league. Who audits them and when do they get audited by? Justin – in terms, we do not have that right now. Justin has been reviewing and asking questions.

Jamie Raymond – ice time – with new teams popping up in Dufferin. How does it work with ice time? Rick – met with the town last week. We have the exact same ice time as last year.

Josh Stott- is there more opportunity to get more ice time? Rick – no, we did not gain more ice time for this year. Looking into having summer ice in Alder Green - we will be inquiring about this with the town.

Allison DeLuca– Vendor management, what is the process for tendering? Justin – in bylaws there is a section of a process.

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Terry – will there be anything such as Live Barn that can be started? Rick – contracts are in place and hoping to have them installed in August. Jeff thanking Justin for making this happen.

Dianne – Will we be integrating goalie development more than once a week? Mike – trying to see when we have March break or more ice. Or any other ice times that are available they will do their best.

Rick – did put his resignation in for the next year for ice scheduling but will help for the new scheduler in the wintertime to move into the role.

## 8. Board Elections

### **VP of House League**

Dianne Guldner nominated Jeff Deason

Lisa Lankhoff second

Jeff – accepts position

### **VP Admin**

Jamie Britt nominated Jessica Laker

Jenny Smith second

Jessica accepts position

### **Rep Directors**

Jacqueline Van Loon nominated Jamie Britt

Second Mike Olivera

Jenny Smith nominated Jacqueline van Loon

Jamie Britt second

Jamie accepts position

Jacqueline accepts position

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## **Development director u9 and below**

Jeff nominates Craig Ingraham

Terry Meyers second

Jamie Britt nominates Mike Olivera

Jacqueline second

Craig accepts position

Mike accepts position

## **Communications director**

Melissa Wilson nominated by Jessica Laker

Second - Mike Olivera

Melissa Wilson accepts position

## **Minor development/select director**

Dayle Boulter nominated by Jeff Deason

second Craig Ingram

Dayle accepts position

## **U5/U7 director**

Justin De Abaitua nominates Mike Gonazales

Jeff Deason seconds

Mike accepts position

## **U9 U11 director**

Jeff Deason nominates Tony Hillier

second by Craig Ingram

Tony accepts position

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## **U13/u15 director**

Jeff Deason nominates John Roche

Rick Stevens seconds

John accepts position

## **U21 director**

Jeff nominates Josh Stott

Justin De Abaitua seconds

Josh accepts position

Motion to adjourn Terry Sheppard. Second by Jenny Smith

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