

# Smithers Minor Hockey Association

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Date:** May 16, 2023 @ 6:30pm

**Executive Present:** Matt Bruintjes, Sandra Mellace, Nick Murray, Shirley White, Amanda Bruintjes, Darcie Frocklage, Alysia Tashoots, Danielle Nixon, Dan Vinnish, Cait McMillan, Heather Trigiani, Amanda Green, Kirsten Seymour

**Members:** Amy Milne, Bryce Lamoureux, Mika Meyer

**Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Everyone has an opportunity to read last year's minutes.

**Errors and Omissions:** none

**Motion to Accept the Minutes:** Heather, Danielle seconds the motion. All in favour. Carried.

## REPORTS

### President:

- Thank you to everyone for all your hard work and time spent on last season.
- As a small association, Smithers Minor Hockey is doing well with our all programs. Registration is good and all involved.
- NWD AGM was last weekend. Lee Holland is moving on from her current roles into some other roles with BC Hockey. Ryan Storey is stepping in to help for the time being. Janet Hamel is moving on. SMHA does not have any carry over suspensions from last year. The NWD had the highest maltreatment incidents compared to other districts.
- Reneld Starr working with band to get more players involved. Look at ways to work with them. Darcie to get involved.
- September 17, BC Hockey to send some delegates to Smithers for a membership meeting. I will look after getting a place

booked and get the message out to surrounding associations. BC Hockey is looking for feedback.

**Vice President:**

- This past hockey was not much different than past seasons. We did not experience as much discipline.
- We continue to experience some unacceptable behavior with players and parents. We had the appropriate conversations with coaches. Very important to have communication between coaches, executive and division managers.
- I have seen overlap on the document and handbook that I have been working on. Will continue to work on this over the summer.

**Ice Coordinator:**

- Nothing to report.

**Registrar:**

- 37 new athletes this year
- 188 returning
- 33 female returning
- 272 total registrants
- Ready for registration to open on June 1<sup>st</sup>

**Treasurer:**

- Tournament fees will increase next year.
- Need another large fundraiser for next year.
- Referee fees and ice rental fees up.
- Brendan will get \$1000 budget for next year.
- Ice time rental and referee fees increased from last year.
- Net loss of \$36,245 for 2023.

**Motion:** Darcie makes a motion to apply for \$45,000 grant. Heather seconds it. All in favour. Carried.

**Motion:** Alysia makes a motion to accept 2023 financial statements. Danielle seconds it. All in favour. Carried.

**BC Gaming Coordinator:**

- We made over \$3000 for 50/50, tournaments, etc.
- Overall revenue for raffle \$18,447.
- Moving forward keep the raffle going.
- Need to communicate the importance of 50/50 with rep and league games. This help cuts down the cost of ice fees.
- \$61,941 went to ice fees from the gaming account.

**Head Referee:**

- Referee courses usually run in September.
- Looking to focus on new officials for the upcoming season.
- Create a program for training up the younger officials.
- Had a level 3 official from Quebec contact me interested for next season.
- We didn't have to cancel a single game this year.
- I got lots of inhouse games this year. I supplied an official and paid what the official would have been paid in that division. U13//U15 rec.
- I am going to use TeamSnap for scheduling for the upcoming season.

**Equipment Manager:**

- We are going to replace 3 more set of jerseys (Coast Mountain U13, Pro-Tech U13 and U11 Driftwood). June 15 as an order deadline.
- Both Dan and Frank said it's hard to get our color scheme for new style socks. Look into price and lead time.

### **Tournament Coordinator/Statistician:**

- We were able to host every tournament this year for each division and they were all full and needed to be closed off early. We even opened some tournaments to 12 teams as tournaments were an exciting thing after Covid. Going forward, max teams for each tournament will be 8 due to official shortages.
- All games were entered for every tournament and sanctioned game. I feel more and more parents are getting comfortable with scorekeeping. Thank you to everyone who signed up.

### **Head Coach/Technical Director:**

- Nothing to report.

### **Volunteer Coordinator:**

- This season went a lot better than last season. Add the time/score keeping was good. We reduced the amount of invoices that we had to send out.
- We are going to add one credit for U7/U9 Saturday games.

### **Safety and Risk Manager:**

- We lost two first aid bags. One has already been replace and we need to replace one.

### **Female Coordinator:**

- Issue going forward are more females wanting to be more competitive.
- We will host a jamboree so we may need a sponsor. I will reach out to BC Hockey.
- Get some more games going. Communicate skills comp etc to the female program.
- Grace and Lauren would like to see a more competitive program.

**Sponsorship Coordinator:**

- 8 new sponsors this year. Lost Scotia Bank and Sport Chek. The new sponsors sponsored as gold.
- I suggest we adjust the sponsorship handbook. Either two gold sponsors or one platinum and one gold for tournaments.
- I am going to reach out to some more sponsors. Tyee Dental was a new team sponsor.
- Please make sure to send me the tournament coordinators so we can get banners out and then back.

**Election of Officers:**

Board of Directors: 2 year term

President: Matt Bruintjes, acclaimed

Vice President: Vacant

Secretary: Cait McMillan, acclaimed

Officers: 2 year term

Treasurer: Darcie Frocklage

Registrar: Danielle Nixon, acclaimed

Volunteer Coordinator: Heather Trigiani, acclaimed

Director: 2 year term

Ice Coordinator: Kristen Pederson

Head Referee: Dan Vinnish

Equipment Manager: Nick Murray

Head Coach/Technical Director: Brendan Hutchinson

Tournament Coordinator/Statistician: Alysia Tashoots, acclaimed

Safety and Risk Manager: Amanda Green, acclaimed

BC Gaming Coordinator: Shirley White, acclaimed

Sponsorship Coordinator: Kirsten Seymour, acclaimed

Female Coordinator: Amanda Bruintjes

**Appeals Committee for 2022/2023:** Cody Lynch, Mika Meyer, Bryce Lamoureux, Chad Stevens, Amy Milne

**Old Business:**

- Nothing to report.

**New Business:**

- Rupert, Terrace and Kitimat indicated that they would be carding three divisions.
- A-Selects will not run this year.
- Championship host deadline is August 1<sup>st</sup>. I said SMHA would be interested in hosting.
- Propose asking the Town at the Ice Users meeting to see if they can run one rink for another month (April). See what the interest is from the other user groups.

**Motion:** Darcie makes a motion to amend the signing authority at BVCU from Sandra Mellace to Cait McMillan and remove Ted Owens. Danielle seconds it. All in favour. Carried.

**Motion:** Darcie makes a motion to accept the 2023 budget. Kirsten seconds it. All in favour. Carried.

**Motion:** Darcie makes a motion to award the bursary to Tess Wellington. Alysia seconds it. All in favour. Carried.

**Free SMHA hockey bag draw winner - Danielle Nixon**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:15pm**