

Georgian Shores Minor Hockey Association

Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday May 13, 2025 @ 7:00pm**

Meadford & St. Vincent Community Centre, Large Hall, Meaford, Ontario



## Minutes

### 1. Call to Order

- Mark Cronin 7:06 pm

### 2. Quorum report - 24 members, including at least 6 directors

(Morgan Hewgill, Greg Betts, Jason Bouwman, Mark Cronin, Sarah Clarke, Steve Burgess, Brittany Sheridan, Mark Woodhouse, Luba Ward, Scott Eagles, Kelly Kirkpatrick, Patrick Strutt, Andrea Traynor, Brady Carbert, Angela & Chris Parrish, Caitlyn Hewgill, Josh Lindsay, April Cargo, Pat Clancy, Jonathan Noble, Holly Brown, Nicole Gallinger, Scott Hustwitt)

### 3. Approval of Agenda

- Greg Betts approved the agenda. Seconded by Brittany Sheridan. Voted all in favour.

### 4. Approval of Minutes from the 2024 AGM

- Approved by Morgan Hewgill. Seconded by Caitlyn Hewgill. Voted all in favour.

### 5. Committee Reports

- a. U9 & Below - Kelly Kirkpatrick
  - U5/7 was a large group, over 40 players
  - League scheduled games this season for U7
  - U7 must play cross ice for the upcoming season
  - U8 had a great year
  - U9 had a strong team and a good season, won the Lefroy Tournament, Home Tournament and the Year End Tournament
- b. Georgian Bay Triangle Local League - Steve Burgess
  - Split season went well
  - 10/10 split next season
  - U11 LL1 & 2 seeded next to each other and had a great season
  - U11 Select attended 2 tournaments this season
  - U13 1 & 2 did well once reseeded
  - U15 LL won Silver Stick and Home Tournament and finished 3rd in A pool
  - U18 LL went well for the season
- c. Georgian Bay Minor Hockey League - Mark Woodhouse
  - 4 rep teams in Region 5 this season
  - Lots of great player development
  - U11 Tier 3 Champions - first for Georgian Shores MHA
  - U15 attended OMHA Championship tournament
  - We will remain in Region 5 for next season

- d. Tournaments - Patrick Strutt
  - Hosted 5 Home Tournaments - Fall Classic, Michael Cramp, U8 Jamboree, Mike Hammond and Battle of the Belt for U18
  - Income was \$62050, Expenses \$42 022.17, Profit \$20 027.83
  - Same tournaments again next season, but the U18 will be incorporated into the Fall Classic and Mike Hammond
  - Next Season:
    - Fall Classic - Nov 7 - 9 2025 U11/13/15/18 Rep
    - Michael Cramp - Jan 31 2026
    - U8 - Feb 1 2026
    - Mike Hammond - March 6-8, 2026 U11/13/15/18 LL
- e. Registration - Andrea Traynor
  - 222 players, 73 Bench Staff for the 2024/25 season
  - VSC needs to be completed
  - Registration is open
- f. Sponsorship Committee - Mark Cronin & Scott Eagles
  - Thank you to all of our sponsors
  - The Legion, Thornbury Rotary and Blake Hewgill Electric purchased 3 sets of Remembrance Day jerseys for the Fall Classic Tournament
  - Eagles Weed Care purchased socks for the players to match the Remembrance Day jerseys

## 6. Planned activities for the association for the 2025/26 season

- a. Banquet Committee
  - Need a person from each team to join the committee
  - Hoping to do the same set up for next season
- b. Fundraising Committee
  - Need a person from each team to join the committee
- c. Tournament Committee
  - Need a person from each team to join the committee if teams would like to participate in a FREE Home Tournament
  - Hockey Day will be Nov 29, 2025 and will need volunteers
  - Need to see some new faces as volunteers and not always the same people

## 7. Treasury Report and Budget

- a) Receiving and approving of the Treasurers 2024/25 Report
  - Year end balance of \$24 414.65, \$20 000 is from Tournament Profit
  - Account balances were provided on the back of the budget
    - General Account \$128 190.26
    - Lottery Account \$23 073.71
    - Europe Account \$1896.08
    - VISA Account \$1002.27
  - All monies earned with lottery license must filter through the lottery account
  - OMHA fees increased this year now include GameSheet Inc fees, increasing again for next season approx \$11/player

- Motion to accept the report was made by Greg Betts, seconded by Brittany Sheridan. Voted all in favour.

b) 2025/26 Budget

- Proposed net loss of \$29 720
- Budget supports a registration of 1 preschool, 24 U7, 21 U8, 13 U9, 37 U11, 43 U13, 32 U15, 35 U18, at a 90% return rate
- Increased registration rates by \$50/player
- Rep fees to be collected from 3 teams U11/13/15, \$1400/team
- Tournaments are booked and therefore includes a \$60 000 revenue and \$45 000 expenses
- Sponsorships and Donations are uncertain and so there is \$0 revenue
- Player & Goalie Clinics to continue
- Hockey Day continues
- Purchase another iPad for next season
- Tune Up Camp to take place and charging for Evaluations
- Sportspay expenses is to be closer to \$0 each season, as members are now responsible for the fees
- Motion to accept the budget for the 2025/26 season was made by Luba Ward and seconded by Patrick Clancy. Voted all in favour.

## 8. Proposed amendments to the By-laws of the association

- Sarah Clarke motioned to make the following changes to Bylaws 8.1b & c, 9.2 and 11.6 as stated below:

**Section 8.1 b) currently reads:**

**8.1 b)** Number of Directors;

The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board, which consists of eleven (11) elected Directors.

**Change to read:**

8.1 b) Number of Directors;

The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board, which consists of **twelve (12)** elected Directors.

**Section 8.1 c) currently reads:**

**8.1 c)** Term of Office;

i) The term of the following directors shall be two year terms: President, Vice President, Registrar, Local League Hockey Director, and Director of U9 and Below Programming and Director at Large. These Positions will begin and end term on even calendar years. The Term of the following directors shall be two year terms: Tournament Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Representative Hockey Director and Director at Large. These positions will begin and end term on odd calendar years.

ii) The term of all incumbent Directors at the date of adoption of this Bylaw shall expire and terminate by special resolution of the Board following the Annual General Meeting prior to May 31st that follows said meeting.

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ii) The term of all incumbent Directors at the date of adoption of this Bylaw shall expire and terminate by special resolution of the Board following the Annual General Meeting prior to May 31st that follows said meeting.

**Section 9.2 currently reads:**

**9.2 Board Positions:**

The Board shall consist of the following;

- a) President - Elected – two (2) year term
- b) Vice President - Elected – two (2) year term
- c) Treasurer - Elected – two (2) year term
- d) Secretary - Elected – two (2) year term
- e) Representative Hockey Director - Elected – two (2) year term
- f) Local League Hockey Director - Elected – two (2) year term
- g) Registrar – Elected - two (2) year term
- h) Director of U9 and Below Programming– Elected – two (2) year term
- i) Director at Large – Elected – two (2) year term
- j) Director at Large – Elected – two (2) year term
- k) Tournament Director –Elected- two(2) year term

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- f) Local League Hockey Director - Elected – two (2) year term
- g) Registrar – Elected - two (2) year term
- h) Director of U9 and Below Programming– Elected – two (2) year term
- i) Director at Large – Elected – two (2) year term
- j) Director at Large – Elected – two (2) year term
- k) Tournament Director –Elected- two(2) year term
- l) Communications Director - Elected - two(2) year term**

**Section 11.6 c) currently reads:**

Responsibilities of Directors

c) Treasurer;

The Treasurer shall:

- i. endure adherence to and implementation of financial Policies in the financial administration of the Association;
- ii. present a financial report from the previous year and a projected financial position for the current year to the Membership at the Annual General Meeting;
- iii. evaluate, review and recommend financial policy to the Executive Committee and to the Board;
- iv. chair the Budget Committee;
- v. ensure that all necessary and appropriate insurance has been purchased;
- vi. carry out duties assigned by the Board, the Executive Committee or the President.

**Change to read:**

Responsibilities of Directors

c) Treasurer;

The Treasurer shall:

- i. be a non-voting, paid position**
- ii. endure adherence to and implementation of financial Policies in the financial administration of the Association;
- iii. present a financial report from the previous year and a projected financial position for the current year to the Membership at the Annual General Meeting;
- iv. evaluate, review and recommend financial policy to the Executive Committee and to the Board;
- v. chair the Budget Committee;
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**I) Communications Director;**

**The Communications Director shall:**

- i. maintain the Georgian Shores Website**
- ii. maintain all social media platforms (Instagram and Facebook) with the sole purpose to communicate to the membership and celebrate the teams and players of Georgian Shores Minor Hockey Association**
- iii. endure adherence to the OMHA Social Media Policy and Guidelines**

- Seconded by Jason Bouwman. Voted all in favour.

## **9. Appointment of the Time Keeper Scheduler, Ice Scheduler, Ref Scheduler, Equipment Manager, Head Trainer**

- Time Keeper Scheduler - Jess MacInnes-Wiley will continue in the roll
- Ice Scheduler - Jason Bouwman will continue in the roll
- Referee Scheduler - Remains open at this time
- Equipment Manager - Stacey Osmond will continue in the roll
- Head Trainer - Remains open at this time

## **10. Election of the new Executive**

### **Treasurer**

Jason Bouwman nominated Sarah Clarke for Treasurer.  
Seconded by Mark Woodhouse  
Sarah Clarke accepted the nomination.

All in favour of Sarah Clarke as Treasurer.  
This will be a two year position.

### **Secretary**

Sarah Clarke nominated Nicole Gallinger for Secretary.  
Seconded by Andrea Traynor.  
Nicole Gallinger accepted the nomination.

All in favour of Nicole Gallinger as Secretary.  
This will be a two year position.

### **Representative League Hockey Director**

Caitlyn Hewgill nominated Pat Clancy as Representative League Hockey Director.  
Seconded by Angela Parrish.  
Pat Clancy accepted the nomination.

All in favour of Pat Clancy as Representative League Hockey Director  
This will be a two year position.

### **Tournament Director**

Sarah Clarke nominated Patrick Strutt for Tournament Director.  
Seconded by Morgan Hewgill.  
Patrick Strutt accepted the nomination.

All in favour of Patrick Strutt as Tournament Director.  
This will be a two year position.

### **Director at Large - Scott Eagle is seeking re-election**

Sarah Clarke nominated Scott Eagles for Director at Large.  
Seconded by Greg Betts.  
Scott Eagles accepted the nomination.

All in favour of Scott Eagles as Director at Large.  
This will be a two year position.

### **Director at Large**

Scott Eagles nominated Scott Hustwitt for Director at Large.  
Seconded by Mark Woodhouse.  
Scott Hustwitt accepted the nomination.

All in favour of Scott Hustwitt as Director at Large.  
This will be a one year position.

### **Communications Director**

Sarah Clarke nominated Keith Hargreaves for Communication Director.

Seconded by Jason Bouwman.

Keith Hargreaves accepted the nomination via email.

All in favour of Keith Hargreaves as Communications Director.

This will be a two year position.

## **11. Open Forum**

- a. Future Planning
  - Goalie Training - younger and older sessions with a person from Owen Sound who runs an independent goalie school/clinics
  - Body Checking - hoping to have the same person back this season, but for more sessions
  - Skills Sessions - hoping to work with the Apple Kings again
- b. Percentage of non-resident players
  - Executive needs to watch the situation and deal with it as it arises
  - Aware that ice is subsidized by the taxpayers of the municipalities
  - OMHA will be attempting to pass new ruling at their AGM in June with regards to roster sizes for the 26/27 season
    - a. Rep teams will be a minimum of 15 players
    - b. LL teams will be a minimum of 11 players
- c. Fall vs Spring Tryouts
  - South Grey and GS are the only centres offering Fall tryouts
  - Spring Tryouts remain an option for future years
- d. Hockeyville
  - Brittany Sheridan to get more information about what the town of Meaford would like to accomplish with \$250 000
- e. Georgian Shores Apparel
  - Could we possibly seek out a new provider? It was a difficult season with communication and order completions

## **12. Adjournment**

AGM adjourned at 9:13pm by Sarah Clarke & Jason Bouwman