



**Halifax Hawks Minor Hockey Association
2025 Annual General Meeting Agenda
Centennial Arena Multipurpose Room
June 18th, 2025 at 7 pm**

Attendance: T. Doyle, M. Fredericks, C. Robinson, S. Maynard, T. DeBarres, J. Grodt, J. Udle, D. Parker, D. Benigno, T. Boyce, B. Boyce, R. Gough, J. Herschorn, C., Gibson, K. McPhee, J. Andrea, C. MacKay, R. Hopkins, A. Gannon, K. Wallace, S. Simpson

Regrets: K. Udle, B. Bowser

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm; a quorum was present.

1. Call to Order – Matt Fredericks
 - Start 7:06pm
2. Roll call for members/closing of credentials – Matt Fredericks
3. Approval of the Agenda – Matt Fredericks
 - First – Steve Maynard
 - Second – Rob Gough
4. Approval of 2024 AGM minutes – Tracy Doyle
 - First – Jo Andrea
 - Second - Jens Grodt
5. Presidents Report – Matt Fredericks
 - Key Points:
 - Financial Review - \$5000 surplus
 - \$768,000 – revenue – registration largest source
 - \$521,000 – Ice fees – Largest expense
 - Loan has been fully repaid – necessary during COVID
 - Budget – will be finalized by new committee by September 2025

- 72 unused sheets of ice last season – due to tournaments, last minute cancellations – Troy has strategies for next year to address unused ice such as leave nights such as Halloween (not used) out of our contract.
 1. Tournament/Jamboree committee – to be formed next year to use ice when teams are away.

Feedback:

- Earlier team selection – so teams can register for early bird tournaments
- Evaluation – more precise scoring system
- Enforce behaviour/ safety protocols
- Limiting friend requests
- Balance teams
- Produce a resource for directors when third party investigations are happening, so everyone understands the process
- Better system for call-ups to competitive teams

Improvements for next year:

- U18C – tiered registration model – games only vs. games and practices
- Expanded community engagement
- New to hockey – hockey 101 and coaching 101

U7 and U9 Programs:

- Good participation – expanding to a fourth hour on Sunday if supported by registration numbers
- Monthly goalie clinics
- Welcome to coaching workshops

Community Engagement/Fundraising:

- Player assistance fund – helped 20 families, 50/50 raffles – good initially but interest fell off later in the year – need to discuss at Board level whether we should continue
- Gear exchange
- Give back weekend in December 2025
- Rawk the Rink
- Golf Tournament – to be updated later

6. Technical Director Report - Tim Boyce

- April Spring Camp - successful
- U13AAA – bidding on provincials?
- PD/Inservice ice – well utilized – Tim has asked for more ice on these days next season

- Ice allocation going down – May decrease practice ice for each team so Tim can run additional development sessions.
- Pre-season camps registration next week.
- U13AAA try-outs will be released next week
- Coach registrations open until end of month – then committee will get together to select coaches
- Bauer First Shift – need volunteers
- Goalie counts – U11 – 11, U13 – 7, U15 – 9, U18 – 12.

Question/Discussion re: Ice Allocation - % goes to minor sports, % is available for public to rent. Now there are many more minor sports associations to share in the allocation, pathways to rent extra ice is very complicated.

7. VP Finance Report – Steve Mayard

- Unused ice – cost was \$18,000 – better than previous years plus reduction in fundraising was about \$40,000
- Increases in costs for ice and officials and increased pay for our full-time employees.
- Straight and modest increase in registration fees – 2.5% to 3%
- New VP Finance – Andrew Gannon
- Question – Why is fundraising down? Rawk the Rink did not raise as much money as in the past, not as many donations
- Association is in a very good financial situation.

Motion: Approve increase in registration fees (2.5%-3%)/final registration fees for the 2025-2026 season:

First: Craig Robinson
Second: Donna Benigno
Motion Passed

Motion: Approve 2024/2025 financial statements as submitted.

First – Rob Gough
Second – Kendal MacPhee
Motion Passed

8. Community Report – as submitted

9. VP Reports:

1. Raylene Hopkins - VP competitive – summarized by Matt Fredericks

- Behaviour issues – Raylene suggested that coaches address behaviour issues promptly to avoid team disruption
2. Jo Andrea - VP recreation – summarized by Matt Fredericks

10. Election of Board – Craig Robinson – see below

Motion to accept the proposed board of directors

First – Rob Gough
Second – Jo Andrea
Motion Passed

11. New initiatives/New Business – Matt Fredericks

- Open registration – July 7, 2025
- Respect in Sport – first year is only new coaches, then all team staff, then expand to include a parent version and a player version – Hockey NS is the pilot for all of Canada.
- Craig applied to Jumpstart for \$25,000 to hold New to Hockey Program with the Mosque
- Bauer First Shift – can register on Hockey NS website – registration open
- Need to update our strategy – Need volunteers
- Need to advertise in schools – next year

Halifax Hawks Minor Hockey Association Proposed Board Membership 2025-2026

| Title | Current |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| President | Matt Fredericks |
| Past President | Craig Robinson |
| Executive Vice President | Raylene Grodt |
| VP Community | Kate Udle |
| | Andrew |
| VP Finance | Gannon |
| VP rec | Jo Andrea |
| VP Competitive | Chris Mackay |
| Equipment | Jens Grodt |
| U7 | Jordan Udle |
| U9 | Rob Gough |
| U11 Rec | John Paul Craig |

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| U11 Comp | Joseph Herschorn |
| U13 Rec | Karin Wallace |
| U13 Comp | Donna Benigno |
| U15 Rec | Barry Bowser |
| U15 Comp | Deb Parker |
| U18 Comp and Rec | Scott Simpson |
| Member at large 1 | Claudette Porter |
| Member at large 2 | Carl Gosine |
| Board Administrator | Tracy Doyle |

| | Action Items | Responsible | Update |
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| 1 | Bauer First Shift – need volunteers – contact Tim if you would like to volunteer | All Association Members | |
| 2 | Update Managers Presentation/Resource with information on how to book ice at the different rinks. | Tracy and Beth | |
| 3 | Create a repository of information regarding disciplinary actions against coaches/team staff | Raylene Hopkins | To be discussed by the Board |
| 4 | Need volunteers to participate on committee re: update strategy for the association | All Board Members | Email Tracy if you are interested |

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm

First – Deb Parker

Second – Karin Wallace

Motion passed.

Next meeting – August 25, 2025 at 6 pm

Strategy Session – August 27, 2025 at 7 pm