

TASA Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes
Tuesday, June 11th, 2024 @ 6:30 PM
St. Margaret's Centre, Meeting Room 1 and 2

Welcome and Introductions

Mary-Lou introduced the executive members in attendance and welcomed all to the 2023-2024 TASA AGM. Executive reports can be found on the website.

AGM Agenda

The agenda as presented (Sheldon MacKinnon/Matt Slaunwhite) was approved by all.

AGM Minutes 2023-2024

The minutes from the 2023-2024 meeting were approved (Sonya Rogers/Raya Hackett) as presented.

Awards Presented

The following awards were presented:

Competitive Coach of the Year: Chad Nicholas

Competitive Manager of the Year: Robin Jewers

Recreation Coach of the Year: Steve Connick

Recreation Manager of the Year: Tanya Killam

Under-9 Coach of the Year: Richard O'Fegan

Under-9 Manager of the Year: Karen Carey

Trevor Butler Award: Tyler Cranston

Trevor Butler Award: Jacob Richard

Dan Dyer Volunteer of the Year: Bernie Cormier

Pearson Richardson Volunteer of the Year: Richard Grant

JM Blais Official of the Year: Christian Gee

Most Improved Official: Trevor Baillie

Special recognition was given to Ainslie Walker and Kevin Baillie, who will not be returning to the TASA Board after many years of service.

Financial Annual Report

Sonya Rogers, VP of Finance, presented the annual financial report. No questions were asked by the membership.

By-Laws: As posted to the TASA Website

Motion 1

Motion to revise Section 3, Activities of the Society to include Metro Minor League. The bylaw will read: The activities of the society are to be carried on within the boundaries of TASA as prescribed and changed from time to time by the Hockey Nova Scotia Minor Council and the activities shall be consistent with the rulings of the Central Minor Hockey Federation and the Metro Minor Hockey League. Motion in Favor. All approved.

Motion 2

Motion to add Goalie Coordinator to Section 9. Bylaw Respecting Officers and Committees. Suggested description: at least 5 year's experience in high level hockey management; experience in all aspects of the game of hockey is an expectation; experience in planning and executing development programs; strong communication and organizational skills. Motion in Favor. All approved.

Motion 3

Motion to update position titles, prerequisites/qualifications and separate voting and non-voting positions into section 9a and 9b. The suggested revision will include 9a as the voting positions of the association and 9b as the non-voting, appointed positions. Motion in Favor. All approved.

Motion 4

If motion 3 passes, motion to update the descriptions of the Vice-President of Development, Director of Hockey Development and Goalie Coordinator to Section 11; Bylaw respecting Powers and Duties of the TASA Executive. Suggested revision: The Vice-President of Development will ensure TASA stays current on development opportunities offered by Hockey Nova Scotia and Hockey Canada. Collaborate with coaches requiring help with developing practice plans. They will work in conjunction with the Director of Hockey Development and Goalie Coordinator to identify areas of improvement in all levels of hockey.

The Director of Hockey Development is responsible for planning and executing a program for hockey development, coach mentorship and long-term hockey development for TASA. The Goalie Coordinator is responsible for planning and executing a program for goalie development, goalie coach mentorship and long-term goalie development for TASA. Motion in Favor. All approved.

Motion 5

Motion to revise Section 24: By-law respecting Election of Officers. Motion for wording to be updated from providing notice to Secretary to provide notice to the Nominating Committee. Suggested revision: the membership may nominate individuals for Executive positions by providing notice to the nominating committee not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the annual meeting. Motion in Favor. All approved.

Season Highlights

Matt Slaunwhite presented a power point with highlights from the season. This included congratulations to former and current players and officials who have been recognized for their dedication and success in our sport. As well as TASA being named the \$100,000 winner of the Kruger Big Assist, the association also received a donation from the Hammonds Plains Fire Department in the amount of \$10,000 which will be used to construct a cage in the rink for storage.

New Executive

Mary-Lou presented the executive for the 2024-2025 season and welcomed Sheldon to the role of President.

President – Sheldon MacKinnon

Past President – Mary-Lou Paetznick

Exec Vice-President – Karen Paplinskie

Competitive Vice-President – Matthew Slaunwhite

Recreation Vice-President – Joselyn Legge

Under-9 Vice President – Karen Carey

Under-7 Vice President – Steve Connick

Finance Vice-President – Sonya Rogers
Equipment Manager – Bernie Cormier
Communications Manager – Laura Robichaud

The following members will complete their 2-year team which expires in 2025.

Risk VP – Cory Withrow
Certification Coordinator – Ron Jewers
Fundraising Coordinator – Chuck Linney

New Business

As there was no new business, Sheldon asked if anyone had any questions.

Members inquired about TASA holding a recreation tournament as well as the competitive tournament. Mary-Lou will check with the rink to inquire about ice. The policy for SMC is that all user groups are allocated one weekend/ice time a season to hold a tournament.

Member raised question on the prize money from the Kruger Big Assist and if it could offset registration fees. It was explained that we have specific guidelines on how the money can be spent. Some ways that we plan to use the money will be to introduce a Come-Try Hockey program for players who could not normally register, the Victor Shea Player Assistance Program, fee development for our players, Diversity and Inclusion, etc. When we have a better understanding of program, we will send a communication to the members.

Motion to adjourn the meeting (Bernie Cormier/Mary-Lou Paetznick) was approved by all.