



Central York Girls Hockey Association Annual General Meeting

July 7, 2022 7:00 pm

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ATTENDEES:

Mark Dubeau, President
Ashley Hogue, Vice President, House League
Chris Buckley, Vice President, Representative
Katie Williams, Vice President, Senior Women/ Minutes taker
Charlotte Hawkswell, Secretary
Sean De-Silva, Sean Martin, Trish Murphy, Robin Whynot

General members:

Melanie Hutchinson	Heather Clarke
Francis Fraser	Bruce Keyes
Pam Margetson	Duncan Vernon
Brad Gallant	Shale McKenzie
Erin Gallant	Jo-Ann Mathon
Kaitlyn Mcknight	Steve Dempsey
Tammy Mcknight	Chris Martin
Mark Mcknight	Dianne Grassie
John Stolys	Megan Nyland
Stacey Franchetto	Natalie Chapelle
Hannah Smith	Kellie Darranger
Matt Smith	Chi Buddey
Christina Giannotti	Tina Finelli
Cheryl Thistle	Chris Purcell
Marge Still	Karla Williams
Rick Clarke	Steven Williams

1. Call to order/Roll Call/Introductions
Mark Dubeau called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. 9 members of the Executive and 32 eligible voting members/representatives attended the meeting.
2. CYGHA Memorial Scholarship Presentation, in memory of Mike Shields, Sarah Stevenson, Dawn Bailey and Sylvia Claydon were introduced by Mark Dubeau and presented by CYGHA VP House league Ashley Hogue to Hannah Smith and VP Rep Chris Buckley to Kaitlyn Mcknight

Sylvia Claydon Rep Volunteer Award was introduced and presented by Mr. Claydon & Chris Buckley to John Stolys

Sylvia Claydon House League Volunteer Award was introduced and presented by Mr. Claydon & Ashley Hogue to Matthew Smith

3. Motion to accept the 2020-2021 Auditor's Report
Be it resolved that the 2020-2021 Auditor's Report be accepted as written.
Moved by Sue Wolfe, Seconded by Mark Dubeau. MOTION is carried.
4. Motion to defer the 2021 – 2022 Auditor's Report
Be it resolved that the 2021-22 Financial & Auditor Reports be posted on the website for review by the membership and acceptance be deferred to the 2023 AGM.
Moved by Sue Wolfe, Seconded by Mark Dubeau. MOTION is carried.
5. Motion to Accept 2021 AGM Minutes
Be it resolved that the 2021 AGM minutes be accepted as written.
Moved by Charlotte Hawkswell & Seconded by Mark Dubeau. MOTION is carried.
6. Association Reports
 - a. President Report – Mark Dubeau
 - i. Silver Stick Tournament Report
 - b. Vice President, House League Report – Ashley Hogue
 - c. Vice President, Rep Report – Chris Buckley
 - d. Vice President, Senior Women Report – Katie Williams
 - i. Panther Pride Tournament
 - e. Team Lead Reports

Call for questions on reports. No questions.

7. Motion to accept Reports
 - a. Motion to accept 2021 – 2022 Association Reports
Be it resolved to accept the 2021- 2022 CYGHA association reports as written.
Moved by Charlotte Hawkswell, Seconded by Mark Dubeau. MOTION is carried.
8. Election of Executive

Current Status - the following are in the 2nd year of their two-year term:

President: Mark Dubeau

VP House League: Ashley Hogue

Directors at Large: Sean DeSilva, Keith Higgins, Sean Martin, Trish Murphy

2022 Executive Positions Open

For the following positions only one person applied. In each instance the applicant was acclaimed.

Vice President Rep – Chris Buckley

Vice President Women's – Joanne Mathon

Secretary – Erin Gallant

Director-at-Large – Robin Whynot

Unfortunately, we did not receive any nominations for Treasurer by the deadline and the current treasurer wishes to resign from their position.

According to section 8.1, the 2021-2022 Executive will fill the position by majority resolution.

Section 8.1: "When an Executive position cannot be elected at an AGM, or when an Executive or Board of Director position becomes vacant, the Executive shall have the power, by majority resolution, to fill any vacancies which may occur in its number"

9. Volunteer Award Presentation

A presentation was made to Katie Williams in honour of her many years of service to CYGHA. See Appendix A

10. Open Forum

- a. Questions & Answers: There were no questions in the open forum

11. Motion to Terminate

Be it resolved that the 2021-22 CYGHA AGM be adjourned.

Moved by Charlotte Hawkswell & Seconded by Mark Dubeau. MOTION is carried.

Appendix A

RECAP OF 26 YEARS VOLUNTEERING WITH THE CYGHA THE IMPORTANCE OF VOLUNTEERING

I started volunteering with the CYGHA in 1996 when my daughter started playing hockey – I was the team trainer.

The following year I was asked to be convenor of the Peewee division - and although I said I had no idea what was involved ... the VP House said ... oh that doesn't matter... I guess we've all heard that before...

The years have passed and this is now my 26th year volunteering with the CYGHA. In those early days all the convenors, directors and executive attended the monthly exec meetings. It wasn't a huge group, but it was a great opportunity to hear what was going on across the association, whether HL or REP. The priorities were recruitment and making our case for ice time with the Towns. Some things haven't changed.

I'd like to think that my contribution as a volunteer has helped the association grow and become one of the best in the province that provides programs and training to support the girls and women in our community to not only play hockey but support the community as a whole.

I've worked hard to build strong relationships with the Town's that contract ice to make them aware of the importance of female hockey in our communities.

I've been VP Women's Division, VP House League, Secretary, and volunteered my time as the administrator when we were between recruiting a new admin person.

My work as a volunteer was approached the same way - how does this help the Association as a whole, whether women's division, house league or rep? It became clear that we needed to recruit more players but also retain these young ladies once they age out.

I worked on establishing a women's division – in 2000, and I presented a plan to the Executive – who were not too enthusiastic about a women's division, even though I tried to make the case that all those young girls we're trying so hard to recruit will one day be young women who still will want to play hockey in their community. The then president reluctantly said ok Katie... I'll give you one year!! I said OK. And here we are 22

years later ... and by the way, that president's 2 daughters both played in the ladies Sunday afternoon hockey for a number of years.

One of the goals of our division is **Retention**, to keep young and not so young ladies involved in hockey, playing, coaching, and especially volunteering in the many projects the Association participates in the community.

We had various versions of a fundamentals program but **Recruitment** was not consistent. If there were parents who had 4-5 year old daughters, they would step up to convene the program, but soon moved on to Novice, leaving a gap. I presented a plan to establish an ongoing fundies program and with the help of the Sylvia Claydon Foundation our SRAA team, especially Christina Kerr, we got the program started in 2008-09 season. The little girls loved having young ladies be their coaches. The program has evolved, gotten better each year with the strong leadership of our VP House, Ashley and on ice coach Tayler, also all the volunteers who make the program fun, build a strong foundation for these young girls as they move on in their hockey career.

Recruitment has now also expanded to First Shift, under the amazing leadership of Keith Higgins and his team of volunteers from U15 and U18 players. Hockey Canada did a feature story on the success of our girls only program in early 2022.

In 2006, the Town of Newmarket asked all the user groups to present to town council our wish lists for the new Magna Centre facility. In addition, to our request for more ice time, I proposed to our exec that we should consider hosting an Annual H/L Tournament. I presented to the Town our plan and we held our first tournament in November 2007 and hosted our 14th tournament in Nov 2021.

In 2017 with the leadership of Bruce Bennett we hosted the first female only national Sledge Hockey Tournament. The IIHF recognized the CYGHA's contribution with a Volunteer award in 2018.

Another program me and the then president Mike Shields worked on is recruiting more female referees. We worked with the ref scheduler to develop a program to train and mentor young ladies to take on the referee roles. With the help of our amazing admin Patty, that soon morphed into our current program that includes time keeper training, run so capably by Dawn Spence and Chris Martin our head referee.

CYGHA was asked to help with the Town of Newmarket's Home Town Hockey - in 2016. I coordinated all the volunteers and BBQ, but sadly found out that CYGHA was not included in the grants that Scotiabank provided to the other minor hockey associations as part of the event. So again, with our then President Mike Shields, he and I began a followup with the President of Scotiabank to draw his attention to the inequity and why CYGHA should also receive the \$5K the other minor hockey associations received. Scotiabank agreed and we received our funding.

This past year with the help of Mark Dubeau and Steve Dempsey our Trillium Grant application of \$98K was approved. The funding supports operating expenses, but we made the case that in order to continue to provide development programs for H/L and our high-performance programs our Association met the criteria to receive the funding.

Although I've used the word I in outlining the many programs I've helped build for the Association, the reality is that there are countless volunteers who were and continue to be involved. The importance of volunteering has had a huge impact on my life and I hope also to grow the CYGHA into one of the best Associations in the province..

Our Mission statement reads: The CYGHA's Mission is to provide the best recreational sport experience for female hockey players of all ages in York Region. But we also try to ensure that our members are provided with a sense of supporting the community we live in and the benefits of giving back to our community through volunteering and participating in local events.

I truly hope we continue to communicate that importance to all our members. The league's strong commitment to providing volunteer opportunities that includes mentoring and training, is so important.

When Patty sends out emails asking to help out at events or league activities, please consider it and sign up.... the many programs we run are dependent on everyone helping out.

Katie Williams