

AGM AGENDA
Thursday May 6 at 6:30 pm
Via zoom Online

1. Call to order at 6:07 pm
2. Review and motion to accept May 2020 AGM meeting minutes
Motion: John Seney
Second: Angela Birch
Result: Carried
3. Executive Introductions
 - Tina Robertson - President
 - Cullen Fay - OMHA Convenor
 - John Seney - Local League Convenor
 - Registrar - Sherry Hall
 - Secretary - Lorrienne Dutton
 - Game day operations - Mike Kelly
 - Equipment Manager - James Elliot
 - Technical Director - James Elliot
 - Tournament Manager - Ryen Oakes
 - Fundraising Manager - Trista Belanger
 - Sponsors & Publicity - Angela Birch
 - Volunteer committee Manager - Mellissa Leonard Peterson
4. Presidents address and reporting on activities of the Association from 2020-2021

President Report - Tina Robertson

I believe we have all just lived through a very special and definitely different year of hockey, COVID 19 has certainly made things more challenging but as usual this association has stepped up and made the best of a difficult situation . The 2020-2021 seasons was only made Possible by the dedication of its players, parents, volunteers and executive. While some Centres were forced to cancel their season with all the new regulations to the game and process, the Elmvale Coyotes rose to the occasion and did what had to be done to get the kids on the ice. The players themselves sacrificed many things they saw as normal but were just happy to be out playing the game they loved. It was a short season but I believe it was still a season where the kids learned many things about hockey and life skills which has always been EMHA's mission.

We were able to work with the township and bring about a safe process for everyone to play the game and use the facilities safely. I believe the kids enjoyed the 3 on 3 formats and were able to get as much out of the program as possible. I want to thank all the coaches and screeners that helped out to make it as successful as possible, without your time and effort we could not have done it successfully.

EMHA has always been successful in running a financially stable association due to our fundraisers, last year most of those fundraisers were cancelled, after approaching Springwater Council and discussing different options an agreement was made to adjust Ice costs last year which made it possible for EMHA to balance our budget, we owe a big thank you to Springwater for their assistance in making our season a successful one.

As always the executive is already looking towards the next season, with the guidance of the

OMHA and OHF we have started planning for the 2021-22 season, things will look different again with later tryouts and tournament style playoffs but with any luck games and practices will be able to continue as we know them. Fingers crossed and masks on!!

This is my final year as the EMHA President and I want to thank everyone for such an interesting experience, I have learned so much more than I ever expected to those many, many years ago when my son first picked up a hockey stick, I was not born into this sport but certainly feel at home here now.

Thank you again and as always GO Coyotes

OMHA Convenor - Cullen Fay

It was an eventful year for EMHA both on and off the ice. My role as OMHA Rep was not very active this season due to us playing strictly house league, but I was happy to be a small part of getting things organized for hockey during COVID.

I want to thank all of the executive members for their efforts to provide hockey to our kids this year. It took a lot of effort and communication, but was all worth it to be able to be on the ice for at least part of the season.

I look forward to continuing my position and what the upcoming season will bring. There will continue to be league changes and I look forward to helping EMHA implement a program and schedule that will benefit all of our young hockey players.

Finally, I want to thank Tina for all she has done as president - it has not been an easy go for her with so many unexpected challenges, and she has handled things wonderfully. Thanks for all your many years of dedication to Elmvale Minor Hockey.

Local League Convenor - John Seney

Officially there are no details to report from the LL Convenor position over the past year due to the limited hockey opportunity we had however I am very proud of EMHA, it's members and the players for putting together a shortened but engaging hockey season. I felt that as a whole, the organization made the most of what could be done based on the limitations placed on us because of Covid restrictions. Going forward, we are hopeful and planning to have a full year of EMHA hockey season and I look forward to seeing everyone at the rink again soon.

Registrar's Report - Sherry Hall

To begin the 2020/2021 hockey season, EMHA transitioned to online registration, with the opportunity for families to pay by e-transfer, as well as cash or cheque. Online registration worked extremely well and gave members the chance to register their players from the comfort of their own home, at a time that was convenient for them. We will be continuing with online registration again this year.

While the 2020/2021 hockey season looked very different from a typical year, Elmvale Minor Hockey had 193 families who registered their children to participate in our programming. Due to Covid and many of our previous players still in the local area, we offered a U21 program as well (which was cut short due to rising Covid cases and a stay at home order). We had 34 players in U7, 36 players in U9, 47 registered in U11, 43 players in U13, 38 players in U15, 46 players registered in U18, and 10 players in U21 for a total of 254 members. While this was down from our previous 310 registrations in 2019-2020, given the circumstances of covid restrictions and the programming we were able to offer, we were pleased with the number of players we had

registered. We were unable to provide a preschool program this year, but look forward to welcoming our youngest players back to the ice in the upcoming season.

Our programming was limited to offering practices and house league games (made up of teams of a maximum of ten players) this year as a result of OMHA return to play guidelines. We rostered 4 U7 teams, 4 U9 teams, 5 U11 teams, 4 U13 teams, 4 U15 teams, 5 U18 teams, and 1 U21 team.

We look forward to opening up our online registration on June 15th and are excited to welcome our members back to EMHA for what will hopefully be a 'regular' hockey season. Information regarding the registration process, fees, volunteering requirements, as well as fundraising information will be updated on our website, under the 'registration' tab shortly.

Director - Game Day Operations - Mike Kelly

The 2020/2021 Season was challenging on many fronts. I personally wanted to thank everybody that made our abbreviated season possible. A few of the highlights from this season were:

Worked with Springwater to facilitate practice and game play.

Implemented internal health screening application.

Secured on and off-ice officials.

Also want to thank 2 volunteers who have helped me in my position over the past several years.

Derek Prescott - Scheduler of Referees

Denine Dempster - Scheduler of Timekeepers & Gatekeepers

Secretary - Lorriane Dutton

Despite covid we continued to have our regular monthly meetings every fourth Thursday of the month. We held our AGM via zoom last year in July due to the pandemic. The 2019-2020 awards banquet was held at the Elmvale Ball diamonds in September due to social distancing. Part of my duties as secretary is to organize the banquet and order the Esso awards and trophies for the winners.

Tournament Directors Report - Ryen Oakes

Not much to report this year for Tournaments due to Covid.

I continued to attend the executive meetings and support where I could with coaching interviews etc. Hopefully the upcoming season will be a little more eventful for all associations with respect to tournaments and hockey in general.

Volunteer Manager 2020/2021 Report - Melissa Peterson

This was my first season as acting Volunteer Manager for EMHA, and my first year on the Executive. Although, I am not new to the EMHA volunteer role, as I have run our annual KICX dance for several years. The Dance was just not possible this past season, but I do look forward to its return in the coming years.

My roll this season was to coordinate volunteers as required for various EMHA events. In October we had to arrange for Covid Screening Checks and this required volunteers to check in each team at the door prior to ice times. This was new to all of us, but after a few weeks it became habit for the players, and much smoother check ins at the door.

We are planning our annual golf tournament this summer, tentatively book for the end of June, where we will be looking to fill some volunteer rolls again. The tournament will have a bit of a different spin this year, but like everything else these days, we will just roll with the punches

and get to it. If you are looking to be added to my volunteer list for the golf tournament, or would like more info on helping with the dance please feel free to contact me anytime. I look forward to the upcoming season, and hope you all have a great summer.

EMHA Sponsorship and Publicity Report - Angela Birch

While it is normally the role of the Sponsorship and Publicity Director to establish team sponsorship for all teams within Elmvale Minor Hockey, this became problematic in 2020-2021 due to the nature of the Covid-19 pandemic. An executive decision was made to refrain from asking local business for sponsorship funds for a number of reasons. Firstly, it was felt that many of our local businesses were not in a financial position to donate funds as they were addressing their own financial challenges. In addition, we were not able to outline what we could offer to our sponsors as we were unable to play games or have spectators that would provide exposure to these businesses and our team structure, when we could play, was far different from the tiered structure of representative, alternate entry, and local league we had offered in the past. Despite this, we did receive a regular sponsorship donation from one sponsor, CEC Services, for which we extend our gratitude. While this presented a challenge for Elmvale Minor Hockey, one step taken to address this loss was to approach Springwater Council with a delegation to request a decrease in ice rental fees for the season. This delegation was prepared by a few executive members and presented to council at a virtual meeting. The motion was passed and Elmvale Minor Hockey received a reduced rental rate that was in line with what would normally be the cost of "non-prime" youth hourly rental fees. This equated to a \$135.22 plus tax per rental hour consistent charge which normally fluctuates based on time of use. The annual picture night did not take place during this season and we hope to resume this tradition for the 2021-2022 season. We also hope to have a more regular season structure and to return to the partnership with our local businesses that has been so successful in the past. If you are a business owner interested in sponsoring a team within our organization, please reach out at any time as we welcome new sponsors as part of our EMHA family. I will not be continuing in this role for the coming season. I do have a Google Drive collection of files that will be shared with my successor and I will be happy to assist and answer any questions for anyone considering taking on this important role.

Equipment Manager - James Elliot

To say that it was a different season last year is an understatement. Normally the locker room would start the season with team being assigned lockers to use throughout the season. With protocols in place and limited access to the lockers it was decided to hand out jerseys to be used for the duration of our in house schedule. This in conjunction with a quick shut down has left several jerseys uncollected. There will be a date setup to drop these off once restrictions allows. It was, and continues to be a challenge at all levels of this organization to make hockey available to our kids. Many thanks to the executive members for all your hard work, coaches volunteers and parents for all your time and efforts. See you at the rink. I hope

Technical Director - Brian Anderson

This past season proved to be a challenge for everyone within the EMHA and I'd like to thank everyone here for the continued support while work through this. With Health unit restrictions in place, EMHA was forced to be creative in regards to how we got our players back on the ice. I feel the tiered groups for practices and combined groups for games worked extremely well and everyone appeared to be having fun. Unfortunately due to our restrictions we didn't have the ability to run extra development sessions for players or goalies, but hopefully this will change in the coming season. With these restrictions, we were

tasked with having to find several extra coaches and trainers to run all the different groups. I would like to thank all the coaches and trainers that stepped up and volunteered their time. Without you our players wouldn't have stepped on the ice.

Moving forward as we prepare for our 2021-2022 season, we have already conducted our rep coaching interviews and your rep coaches for this season will be as follows;

U11 – Darryl Van Loosen

U13 – Ryen Oakes

U15 – Kevin Fay

U18 – Jeff Moreau

I would like to remind everyone that coaching applications will remain open for AE and local league teams until the end of August. If you are interested in coaching any of these teams, please fill out an application on our website.

Fundraising Manager- Trista Anderson

As we all know this year proved to be difficult. First, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and understanding. The Calendar was our main fundraiser this year and because of you, it was a success. Please know that as soon as we are out of the Stay At Home Order, there will be additional dates arranged for pickup of the winning Gift Certificates. Those dates will be posted on our Facebook Page. This year we also raised money for the organization through your purchases of our apparel and again we thank you for your support. Unfortunately, we were not able to utilize our other fundraising efforts as we usually do. The Fall Fair Dance, Golf Tournament and Colts Night, were all fundraisers that we were not able to run. Although we are sure that the Fall Fair Dance, will not run this coming year, we are planning on having our Golf Tournament this summer. We will be looking for volunteers to help make this the most successful Golf Tournament we have had. Again, I would like to thank everyone for your patience and understanding.

5. Nancy went through the Financial report from 2020-2021 season and discussed the Projected financial position for 2021-2022

Review and motion to accept Budget for the 2021-2022

Motion: Tamara Tschop McLaren

Second: Sherry Hall

Result: Carried

7. General Discussions and New Business

- Sherry spoke in regards to registration for the upcoming season
 - Online registration should be open on June 15th - will post updates on website
 - Georgian bay minor hockey has decided to eliminate gate fees
 - In the past we budgeted \$24000 dollars to pay for refs & timekeepers. In order to recoup the cost our registration will increase for next season
 - Registration Cost for this season will be as follows
 - Preschool - \$250.00
 - U7 - \$500.00
 - U9 - \$800.00
 - U11 - U18 - \$850.00
 - Calendar, rep fees & tryout fees will be posted on website
 - Each member will be required to work approx. 10 volunteer hours or could opt to buyout for \$150.00

- Cullen spoke in regards to rep teams for next year
 - No rep teams for U9 only U11-U18
 - Tryouts for AAA, AA & A will start in the fall which will make our tryouts start in late September
 - Spoke in regards to OMHA moving in a more meaningful format for Playoffs

8. Election of new Elmvale Minor Hockey Executive positions

- President - John Seney (Acclaimed)
- Operations(Referee in chief) - Anthony Lalonde (Acclaimed)
- Sponsors & publicity - Jennifer Brewer (Acclaimed)
- Treasurer - Mike Kelly (Acclaimed)
- Technical Director -Brian Anderson (Acclaimed)
- Local league Convenor - Ryen Oakes (Acclaimed)
- Tournament director - Kevin Fay (Acclaimed)

9. Doug McConnell volunteer award

Nominees: Tina Robertson, Angela Birch, Trista Belanger, Nancy Sweeny

Awarded to: Trista Belanger

10. Tina's farewell

As of this AGM, our current EMHA president, Tina Robertson, will be stepping down from her integral role with our organization. After years spent managing volunteers and our booth fundraising, Tina took on the role of president four years ago. In her two terms she has faced significant challenges with many changes to youth programming from OMHA as well as our current Covid-19 frustration, all in addition to the day-to-day challenges faced with leading such an involved and complex organization. Her thorough communication, humour, and overall dedication to her role and to Elmvale Minor Hockey Association as a whole have been a remarkable example of the truly selfless volunteerism that makes our small-town community thrive even through adversity. We are grateful to Tina and know that she will spend the next year as past president, ensuring that our new president has everything they need to be successful going forward. Tina, we thank you for all of your time and energy in making the last four years of EMHA's function successful. Our organization is stronger having had you at the helm.

11. Eileen Reynolds award was given to Nancy Sweeny

12. Closing remarks from Tina Robertson

13. Motion to adjourn: James Elliot

Second: Ryan Oakes

Carried