

AGM MEETING MINUTES 2024

Wednesday May 1st, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Elmvale Community Hall

33 Queen Street W Elmvale

1. Call to order

2. Executive Introductions

- President (Ryen Oakes)
- Past President (John Seney)
- OMHA/GB Convenor (Cullen Fay)
- Local League Convenor (Brandon Sjerps)
- Treasurer (Mike Kelly)
- Registrar (Sherry Hall)
- Secretary (Lorrienne Dutton)
- Equipment Manager (James Elliot)
- Technical Director (Andrew Priest)
- Tournament Manager (Deb Coughlin).
- Game day Operations (Anthony Lalonde)
- Volunteer Committee manager (Mellissa Peterson)
- Fundraising Manager (LeAnne Dennis)
- Sponsorship & Publicity (Carrie Jesseau)

3. Approval of minutes from AGM 2023

Motion: Ryen Oakes

Second: Carrie Jesseau

Result: Carried

President's address and reporting on activities of the Association from 2023-2024

President (Ryen Oakes)

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome and thank everyone for joining us tonight.

Attendance is always better when the Leafs are not playing.

To start with, I really want to thank our coaches, trainers, managers, on ice volunteers and others who have worked so hard this past year to make the experience for our kids so memorable. The amount of time and energy that goes into running a hockey team, creating practice plans, planning/scheduling games, managing team events, booking tournaments, while rewarding, is also time consuming, and exhausting. So, THANK YOU for stepping up.

The role of president was described to me as "you are involved in everything, but not directly responsible for anything". I don't personally approach the responsibility piece like that. I believe in owning your decisions, both good and bad. I do try my best to be available for anything and everything whether it is attending a player or coach discipline meeting, or

answering question through email, being involved in team selection, or approving finances, and even handing out awards, or giving speeches at team celebrations. There are higher level association items too that I am active in, one of which is amalgamation discussions, which I'm sure some of you may have questions on later. Overall though, I am just fortunate that the team I get to be a part of supporting is so amazing. And the most important thing I want to do tonight is thank them.

These people really do keep the show running.

To use a hockey analogy, I first want to thank some of veterans who will be finished (at least in their current roles) this season.

Most of you know John Seney as he is almost always at the rink, and is one of the easiest guys to talk to and very approachable. He also epitomizes integrity and has been a great mentor for me in taking on this role. In addition to that, he is a friend and someone I trust. Thanks Johnny. Next up, three long time executive members, James, Lorianne and Melissa. They will tell you in their reports what their roles are comprised of, but they will never say how much they have given to EMHA over the years. Thank you all very much. We will miss your presence on the executive for sure, and for whoever takes over the Fall Fair dance going forward, please make sure you talk to Melissa. She did a fantastic job at organizing and running it year after year. Our rookies are next. These five really stepped up this year and gave countless hours to make sure the season went smoothly. Deborah, who ran our tournaments and absolutely set the bar extremely high for that position. Carrie who has really taken the reins on the sponsorship role, and for those of you who have ever had to contact people for money or support, it can be a grueling task. LeAnne who was helping long before she ever took on a role, but who bailed us out mid season on the fundraising manager role, Brandon, who is our local league director and made sure that group was looked after with all they needed. And, also a big thank you to Andrew, our technical director who was quite literally on the ice every day in September making sure pre skates were staffed and coaches were named. Thank you all very much.

Next is our core group of players under contract, who just keep coming back year after year and making huge contributions. Cullen, who handles all things rep, while also helping the executive with his experience on so many different issues and topics we have to decide on. Knowing the pathways so well and what OMHA requires is instrumental in smooth operations. Mike, who takes care of all the financial parts, and does a great job at it. In addition to that, Mike is the best on our team at updating the Rules of Operation and trying to make sure we keep our documents up to date. Anthony is our game day operations manager and does all things scheduling. What Anthony also did this year, which I think went amazingly well, was the skate sharpening room. That was all him from ordering the equipment to setting up the room to training people. To me, this is one of the best additions to Elmvale minor hockey in years. And lastly, I want to thank Sherry, who probably does the work of three people and could easily win volunteer of the year every season. Oh and she also manages a team, and runs her other son all over Ontario for games and practices. She is busy almost all year, and does an amazing job in a thankless role.

I am really looking forward to next season. I think we have a lot to build on going forward. I truly believe people love being a part of this association and really want to keep it going, and I will do my part in that.

Past President (John Seney)

This year as Past President I had the opportunity to facilitate and assist with the transition of the President's duties and responsibilities over to Ryen Oakes. Once again I would like to thank Ryen for taking on the role and the many challenges that go along with it.

I would also like to recognize and thank EMHA Executive members before you this evening. The hard work, dedication and the unbelievable amount of volunteer hours that go into each positions' roles is truly appreciated. I wish nothing but continued success for EMHA and hope everyone enjoys their summer break.

OMHA Rep Convenor Report(Cullen Fay)

It was another eventful year for EMHA both on and off the ice. My role as OMHA Rep was an active one, with my work including talks of amalgamation, work on GBMHL league structures and a continued tinkering of the OMHA Playoff structure. Our Rep regular season structure included a re-grouping after Christmas which allowed for more competitive games to finish the season. Teams were organized into 3 Tiers for the playoffs based on their level of competitiveness. Overall, we again had some really good success, including OMHA Tournament appearances from 3 of our Rep teams.

In the end we had our U13 B Rep team and our U18 D Rep teams as the GBMHL Finalists and OMHA tournament participants, our U18 B Rep team winning the GBMHL Tier 1 Championship and winning the OMHA Championship in Kingston - a wonderful accomplishment for our association.

Once again, I want to thank all of the executive members and parents for their efforts to provide hockey to our kids this year. As always, it takes a lot of effort and communication, but hopefully in the end it is all worth it to see our kids out there playing a game they love.

I have completed the 2nd year of my 2 year term, and hope to continue to fight for small town hockey organizations like ours at the league and OMHA level. 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 all my fellow executive members for all they have done for Elmvale Minor Hockey this year, and especially those that will be leaving their positions this year. Thanks to all of those families now leaving our organization for all your many years of dedication to Elmvale Minor Hockey.

Local League Convenor (Brandon Sjerps)

Welcome everyone and thanks for attending. Throughout the season I attend monthly meetings with the league to discuss various topics pertaining to league such as season structure, playoffs,

rules and regulations and any other topics that may come up during the season acting as a liaison between EMHA and the league.

Our local league had various degrees of success this year,

U5 our youngest group got a feel for some skills and drills.

U7 we had four teams which was great to see, lots of skills and development.

U8 were able to get into some games and develop quite nicely preparing them for next season.

U9 finished second in the full ice portion of the season.

U11 teams competed well throughout the year, with team two winning the championship in their bracket.

U13 teams played well all year and into the playoffs, team two earning a championship series.

U15 played well all year, which paid off with a playoff consolation win.

U18 played some tough competition all season but played well just falling short of advancing in the playoffs.

Thank you to all the members of our organization for for another great season of hockey in Elmvale.

Registrar (Sherry Hall)

Please find my director's report below. I will also share it with you through google in case you need it in another format.

Sherry

During this past season, my role as registrar involved attending monthly executive meetings, setting up online registration, registering our teams with OMHA and reconciling the number of teams we roster, collecting and gathering registration information and communicating this information with our treasurer, volunteer manager, and fundraising manager. I also ensure each participant and bench staff have all required documentation on their Hockey Canada profile, roster teams, provide permission to skates and NRP's to players looking to tryout for AAA, AA, and A centers, transfer players, and request travel permits for each team for exhibition games and all tournaments.

As part of the 2023/2024 hockey season, EMHA continued with our online registration system and provided families the option of paying by e-transfer, cheque, or credit card. Online registration will continue for the upcoming season and is scheduled to open on May 15th.

This year, Elmvale Minor Hockey had 241 families who registered their children to participate in our programming, which is up from the 219 families we had in 2022/2023 and the 176 families we had in 2021/2022. EMHA had 8 participants in our preschool program, 55 players in U7, 18 registered in U8, 30 players in U9, 54 registered in U11, 50 players in U13, 46 registered in U15, and 59 players in U18 for a total of 320 members. This number is up from the 293 members we had in 2022-2023 and the 243 registrations in 2021-2022. It is our hope that our registration numbers will continue to be in the high 200's in the upcoming season.

Our programming offered opportunities for preschool, 4 U7 teams, 2 U8 teams, 2 U9 teams, 4 U11 teams, 3 U13 teams, 3 U15 teams, and 4 U18 teams for a total of 23 groups/teams, which is 1 team more than last year. We rostered 1 MD team, 4 Rep B teams, 3 Rep D teams, and 15 local league teams.

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

My position is currently available to anyone interested in becoming involved as part of the executive of EMHA. If you are interested in my position, but not comfortable taking it on without experience, I am happy to have someone shadow me for the next two years to become familiar with the role prior to the next time the registrar role becomes open to a new volunteer.

Secretary (Lorrianne Dutton)

This is my Eleventh and last year as Secretary and it has been another exciting and eventful year.

Our executive meetings were held the fourth Thursday of each month and each meeting ran on average for 3-4 hour

Again this year I organized our year end banquet from purchasing the trophies and esso awards to ordering the food and drinks. A big thanks to all the volunteers who made the night a success.

Being on the executive I am able to get a firsthand experience on what it takes to run an organization like EMHA. I am always impressed with the level of commitment that each executive member and parent volunteer gave this year. It truly is the work of the volunteers that make an organization like this successful.

Equipment Manager (James Elliot)

Good Evening everyone and thank you for taking the time to be here tonight. The position of Executive Equipment Manager is a job I have undertaken for the past ten years. I have seen a lot of changes in this time with the organization getting better and better with every year. There were some challenges, especially with Covid, however I am proud to be a part of an amazing organization from the players, coaching staffs, parents and wonderful people on the entire executive. Which despite the many obstacles always was able to keep hometown hockey alive well. The duties of Equipment Manager are to purchase, organize and distribute jerseys socks and equipment (when needed) as well as pucks and first aid kits to every team. It can be a very time consuming job especially at the beginning and end of the season. Whoever is taking over the job should enjoy a hands on and often an odour filled experience. I have very much enjoyed my time with this executive and will be eagerly watching from the stands cheering on our coyotes. Go Yotes Go

Technical Director (Andrew Priest)

Congratulations to all EMHA players on another great season.

This past season I was provided with 10 hrs of ice for various development skates. This was a combination of various age groups at the beginning of the season along with the mandatory three hours of body contact training for the U15 age group. There were also two goalie clinics provided throughout the course of the year in addition to the 10 hrs of development.

Once our ice schedule becomes available for the 2024-2025 season, EMHA will be arranging many more development clinics. EMHA is also planning to host a D1 coaches course in August 2024 (Final date TBD) at the Midland Arena. Our coaches once again did a great job with our players on the ice. I would like to thank all the coaches, trainers and managers that stepped up and volunteered their time. Without you our players wouldn't have stepped on the ice. Coach evaluations are a great way to have yourself or your players heard. These evaluations are a great way to assist coaches with becoming a better coach and helps EMHA in the coaching selection process. If you have not already done so, please take the time to fill out an evaluation on the website. Exit interviews will be handled via phone call, this allows for myself to relay important feedback from parents to coaches. As well coaches, please ensure you have all your sweaters and equipment to return.

Moving forward as we prepare for our 2024-2025 season; we have already conducted our rep coaching interviews and your rep coaches for this season will be as follows;

U9MD - Jon Popple

U11B – Graham Archer

U13B – Brandon Godin U15B – Matthew Prucha U18B – Andrew Priest

I would like to remind everyone that coaching applications will remain open for our Rep D and local league teams up until August.. If you are interested in coaching any of these teams, please fill out an application on our website. I also stipulated in one of my coaching posts that if suitable candidates can be found for U9 and below a coaching position can be granted in order for that person to have ample time to prepare.

I plan on offering more development based clinics, including goalie clinics in the upcoming year. Typically finding ice time at our home arena is very difficult. Wasaga Beach will be an option I will be looking at to ensure all of our age groups are getting the adequate skill development they need. This will likely incur an additional cost but I will have more details as we get closer to the

Tournament Manager (Deb Coughlin)

Tournament Highlights

Brian English Memorial Tournament

We increased # of teams participating to 12 rep and 8 LL due to high interest
EMHA had 1 rep team and 2 LL teams participate

We raised \$200 with a raffle at the tournament. \$100 was given to a Referee for increasing his referee level 4. We will also be giving a \$100 to future referee this summer. Jack English requested any money raised and donated to be done on behalf of the Brian English Foundation.

I am proposing next year to

- add U15 Rep B Tier 1
- 8 teams per division, which will be a total of 24 teams an increase of 4 teams from this past year.

Orr Lake Golf Hat Trick Tournament

This year we ran our Orr lake Golf Hat Trick Tournament with 6 teams per divisions U11/U13/U15 all local league teams.

EMHA Had 5 teams participate for a savings of \$4750.00
We provided inflatable mini stick rink and golf game upstairs

I am proposing next year we

- Increase to 8 teams per division, which will be a total of 24 teams an increase of 6 teams from this past year.

U9 Coyote Cup

Our second Annual Coyote Cup this year hosted 8 U9 MD teams

EMHA had one team participating

Thank you to the sponsors Bluemoon Marina and Ritchie's Feed N Needs. They gave our participants some great sign in prizes, and a mini stick rink to enjoy.
Edge Factor also participated in the Springwater room with their Faces of the Future Tour.

I am proposing next year

- We make this a U9 Local League

Maple Syrup Country Tournament

The very popular Maple Syrup Country Tournament ran with 28 teams 8 teams in each division of U11/U13/U15 rep B and one Division of 4 in U13Rep D

EMHA had 3 teams participating for a savings of \$3000

This year I added a division due to complications with First entry Rep B, C, D misunderstanding upon registration. I did not want to leave teams without a tournament therefore opened up a division for U13 Rep D. Thankfully with Wasaga arena opening we were able to manage ice time as well as include a Skills competition for the players which was a huge success. I owe a big thank you to Mike Kelly and his crew for doing a fantastic job putting it on.

I would like to recognize Shelby Greenlaw, Simcoe Fence Company, the Lions Club and Heart of Business for their Support in the Maple Syrup tournament contributing to the Inflatable mini stick rink and the player sign in prizes as well as the skills competition prizes.

I am proposing next year

- Change divisions to U9MD, U11Rep B/ U13 Rep B

By making some changes to our tournament formats for the 2024/25 season

- we have added the U9 Local League to our home tournament list
- increased number of teams participating
- increased tournament fees

This year we were able to provide each team with a player cinch bag with various donations, from OYAP, the County, and Motivationz fitness

Foodland generously donated a case of Gatorade for each team in the first three tournaments and then SM Skillforce donated for the Gatorade for last tournament and for the year end Banquet.

I would like thank all the volunteers who helped make these tournaments run smoothly, especially Jenn Morrow and Travis Bellisle for organizing Timekeepers and referees.

It has been a great first year running the tournaments for EMHA. I will continue to work at making them better and have more opportunity for player to enjoy a great tournament while creating life long memories.

I am looking to add volunteers to the tournament committee. If you have any interest in being a part of our committee and would like to find out more details please find Carolyn or myself after and we would be happy to discuss further. I have also put a sign up sheet at the entrance for you to add your name and I can reach out to you later.

NAME BARS

As some of you might have heard after years of anticipation, we're finally introducing name bars to our hockey jerseys! This has been a much-discussed topic, and I'm pleased to announce that we're taking action to make it happen.

While it might seem like a straightforward task, ensuring that all our jerseys are ready for game time requires team communication and organization. With our busy tryout schedule and the fast turnaround for games, we're going to need a dedicated team of volunteers to make this initiative a success.

That's where all of you come in. We're looking for a group of 2-4 volunteers to help with the name bars.

If you're interested in being part of this group you can find me after the meeting or sign up on the sheet at the entrance.

Game day Operations (Anthony Lalonde)

The 2023/2024 season presented both challenges and triumphs for this position. We successfully implemented several key initiatives, navigated enrollment growth, and secured additional ice time for our teams.

Key Achievements:

Restored Skate Sharpening:

Reopening the on-site skate sharpening room provided a valuable service for players and coaches. A big thank you goes to our dedicated volunteers, especially Jess Garinger, who ensured its smooth operation.

Enhanced Staffing:

We saw a significant increase in available referees and timekeepers thanks to the tireless efforts of our schedulers, Travis Bellislie and Jennifer Morrow. Their dedication is truly appreciated.

Expanded Ice Availability:

Faced with enrollment growth and limited ice time at Springwater, we partnered with Wasaga Stars Arena to secure late-night ice slots (9:30 PM - 11:00 PM) for our U18 Rep teams. We are also grateful to Springwater and particularly Jake Burford for contacting us whenever they had extra ice time available. .

Looking Ahead:

Sustainable Ice Solutions:

We remain committed to securing additional ice time for the upcoming season, but recognize prime-time slots may be limited in other arenas. We will continue to explore financially feasible solutions.

Improved Skate Sharpening:

The skate sharpening room will continue operation next season. To offer a more consistent service, we are implementing a volunteer sign-up process at the beginning of the year.

Team Appreciation:

We are thrilled to welcome back Travis and Jenn as our referee and timekeeper schedulers, and look forward to expanding our skate sharpening volunteer team.

Thank you for a successful season. We look forward to building upon these achievements and delivering an even more exciting season next year.

Volunteer Committee manager (Mellissa Peterson)

My name is Melissa Peterson and this was my fourth year serving as Volunteer Manager. During my four years I have had the privilege to work with so many other volunteers of our membership. Of course, there wouldn't be EMHA without the volunteers!

My role is to coordinate volunteers for our many events over the hockey season including the Fall Fair Dance, Golf Tournament, home tournaments and this year our Saginaw Spirit Event.

If anyone is interested in joining the Executive, this is a great way to get involved.

Another role I have here with EMHA is our annual Fall Fair Dance held every Thanksgiving weekend. I have been the ringleader of the dance for over 10 years now. This year's event is already underway, as most of it will be complete before hockey season even starts. I would love someone to learn the ropes and get involved with our largest fundraising event of the year.

Fundraising Manager (LeAnne Dennis)

First thank you to all the volunteers who make the fundraising initiatives such a success. This past season we had the:

- May 2023 Golf Tournament \$4,131
- Oct 2023 Fall Dance \$16,842
- Cash Calendar \$13,790

Thanks to Jenn Brewer for running our Golf Tournament last May and the many volunteers who helped. I

Happy to announce that we are once again running an EMHA Golf tournament, and have a great planning committee this year. The tournament is Sat May 25th at Orr Lake. Posters are available on the table at the back, social media links have been shared – and registration can be done through Orr Lake Golf website. So if you have not yet done so please register!

The Cash Calendar was a success once again and our winners were very happy!

Thanks again Melissa and volunteers for bringing together another great Kicx Dance!

We are very excited to announce that we will be adding Bingo to our list of volunteer opportunities and list of fundraising initiatives in December 2024. Stay tuned for these details late fall.

We are always looking for people to help out and bring their expertise, so if you are willing to be part of the fundraising team we would love to have you. Have a great summer!

Sponsorship & Publicity (Carrie Jesseau)

After many years of being involved at the team level, this was my first year being part of the executive. To see from a different perspective the amount of time put in by everyone to keep the association running as smooth as possible is truly eye opening.

Over this past season I....

Attended all of our monthly executive meetings

Secured team sponsors for all the teams. We had 13 returning team sponsors and 4 new team sponsors. Tim Hortons again sponsored jerseys and socks for our Pre-School and U7 teams. Sourced a new photographer for the organization's pictures back in October.

Distributed the photos to each team.

Delivered team photo plaques to each sponsor from their respective team along with Christmas cards signed by the players thanking them for their sponsorship.

Received the written articles from all the teams which I then submitted for publishing to the Springwater News after ensuring their sponsors were noted with a thank you. Thanks to help from LeAnne, she added the articles to our social media pages.

Secured SwoopFiber to sponsor our EMHA banquet that was held last week. The banquet has not had a sponsor in previous years. SwoopFiber has already committed to association and team sponsorships next season

For next season, I have compiled a 'sponsorship opportunity' list to present to past and potential sponsors when approaching them for 2024-2025 sponsorship. The list includes all the sponsorship areas we have available. There are new sponsorship 'packages,' which include multiple items, as well as individual à la carte sponsorships if they would like to sponsor only one area. Having the full list of items to present upfront to the businesses approached will give them the choice to donate as much as they are willing in a one-time ask, hopefully eliminating businesses being approached multiple times throughout the season from different areas.

I enjoyed my first year in this role and am very much looking forward to seeing what next season brings.

Mike Kelly

4. Financial report from 2024-2025 season and projected financial position for 2022-2023 (see attached PDF)

- Copy of EMHA financials for the past year were provided to all present
- Mike went through the financial statement by line and explained pertinent information
- Question brought forth from floor
 - Rick Hales asked about the Name bars and if they are mandatory.
 - Deb Coughlin explained that this year will be a trial run for the name bars. They will be mandatory for all players from U7-U18 if passed in the budget
 - They will be sewn on at the beginning of the season and removed at the end
 - Cost is a one time fee of \$40 for the name bar
 - Following year members must pay \$5.00 to sew on & \$2 to take off for a grand total of \$14.00 per season
 - It will require a committee to help organize the name bars and distribute to each team

- Chad Moreau asked if the \$40.00 was a one time fee- Mike said yes and that next year name bars would only be \$14.00
 - To help with team numbers there is an Incentive to save \$25.00 if members register early
- Mike made a motion to pass the 2024-2025 budget as stated
 - Second: Ryen Oakes
 - Passed

5. Notice of proposed By Law Changes AGM 2024

Notice of Motion 1

Submitted By: EMHA Executive

By-Law #: 9.2 (k)

Current Wording:

Equipment Manager - Elected - two (2) year term

Proposed Wording:

Director – Risk Management & Equipment – Elected – two (2) year term

Rationale:

Additional responsibilities have been placed within the role. The new name more accurately reflects the responsibilities of the position.

Additional Responsibilities Added to the ROO at the March 26th meeting were as follows:

Appendix A Duties/Responsibilities: Risk Management/Equipment Director

(A) Eligibility: All nominated person(s) should have knowledge and practical experience in risk management and liabilities.

(B) Duties to add to current role:

(v) Implement and enforce all OMHA management programs;

(vi) Responsible to handle all complaints and potential disciplinary issues and report to the board of directors.

(vii) Ensure all injury reports are completed properly and promptly obtain, direct and follow up with such reports as required. Maintain necessary records and copies.

(viii) Assist as requested with the implementation of approved Risk Management Policies and Programs.

Motion to accept the 2024 ByLaw Changes presented and contained in the above Paragraph

Second:

Result: Carried

Notice of Motion 2

Submitted By: EMHA Executive

By-Law #: 11.1 (a)

Current Wording:

The Elected Directors shall be the President, Treasurer, Secretary, OMHA/Georgian Bay Convenor, Local League Convenor, Sponsor/Publicity Manager, Director – Game Day Operations, Registrar, Equipment Manager, Fundraising Manager, Tournament Manager, Volunteer Committee Manager and Technical Director.

Proposed Wording:

The Elected Directors shall be the President, Treasurer, Secretary, OMHA/Georgian Bay Convenor, Local League Convenor, Sponsor/Publicity Manager, Director – Game Day Operations, Registrar, Director – Risk Management & Equipment, Fundraising Manager, Tournament Manager, Volunteer Committee Manager and Technical Director.

Rationale:

Housekeeping to related to the new name proposed in Notice of Motion 1. Not necessary if Motion 1 does not pass.

Motion to accept the 2024 ByLaw Changes presented and contained in the above Paragraph

Second:

Result: Carried

Notice of Motion 3

Submitted By: EMHA Executive

By-Law #: 5, 6, & 7 (All Subsections)

Current Wording:

5. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

5.1 There shall be two (2) classes of Membership in the Association:

- a) Active Membership;
- b) Parent/Guardian Membership;

6. TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY

6.1 Terms and Eligibility:

- a) Active Membership: Active Members shall include all elected or appointed Directors or officials, and all volunteers, convenors, coaches, managers and trainers appointed for the current season, and all registered players who are at least 18 years of age. Members in good standing in this classification will be allowed one vote per person.
- b) Parent/Guardian Membership: Parent/Guardian members shall include all parents and or legal guardians of registered players in good standing where the registered player is under the age of eighteen (18) years. Each Parent/Guardian member of a registered player shall be entitled to vote and may attend membership meetings and, by invitation, meetings of the Board and Committees of the Association.
- c) Honorary Membership: Honorary Membership may be granted to an individual who has rendered extraordinary and distinguished service to the Association. Individuals may be nominated to be Honorary Members by any Member of the Association and the granting of Honorary Membership must be confirmed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors annually.

6.2 Membership List: The registrar will maintain a list of all active Members and Parent/Guardian Members using the Hockey Canada Registry. Such list of Members shall be used to determine eligibility to attend and vote at any Meeting of the Membership.

6.3 Membership Year: Unless otherwise determined by the Board, every Membership shall commence on or after September 1 in each year, and shall lapse and terminate on the 31st day of August next following the date on which such Membership commenced.

6.4 Termination:

- a) Membership in the Association shall not be transferable and shall terminate upon a Member's resignation or death.
- b) Members may resign from the Association by submitting a resignation in writing addressed to the Secretary who in turn notifies the appropriate Board members.
- c) Members in good standing shall be those admitted to Membership and who have paid all required membership fees to the Association. Members whose Membership fees are in arrears for a period of three (3) months shall be suspended from Membership and not permitted to vote, make nominations or hold office in the Association. The Secretary shall inform those concerned of this suspension in writing.
- d) Members whose conduct is considered by the Board to be contrary to the stated Code of Conduct and the purposes of the Association shall be asked by the Board to explain or justify their actions. If these Members are unwilling or unable to do so, they shall be asked by the Board to resign from the Association. If they do not resign, the Board shall give proper notice of motion, to be considered at the next Board meeting, requesting the expulsion of these Members. A copy of this motion shall be communicated to the Members concerned within a reasonable period of time for that person to make a

written response. If a response is made, it shall be circulated with the notice of motion.

Approval of such a motion shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority in a ballot conducted at the meeting. The Members concerned shall be invited to attend the meeting and to explain their positions before the vote is taken.

6.5 Membership Fees: Registration fees shall be established annually by the Budget Committee and resolved by the Board. Fees for any unexpired term of membership are normally not refundable, but the Board of Directors may, in its sole discretion, grant a request for such a refund in extenuating circumstances.

6.6 Right to Vote: All Active Members and Parent/Guardian Members in good standing shall be entitled to notice of and to vote at all Meetings of Members of the Association.

6.7 Record Date: Individuals, who are Members of the Association at least 35 days in advance of any General Meeting of the Members of the Association, are entitled to notice of and to vote at such General Meeting of Members. Any individual who is not a Member at least 35 days in advance of a General Meeting is not entitled to notice of or to vote at such General Meeting for which the record date has been established.

7. MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP

7.1 Annual General Meeting of Members: The Annual General Meeting shall be held each year before the 30th day of May, at a time, place and day determined by the Board, for the transaction of at least the following business, to be set out in the agenda of such Annual General Meeting:

- a) Approval of the agenda;
- b) Approval of the minutes of the previous Meeting of the Membership;
- c) Receiving reports of the activities of the Association during the preceding year from all directors of the Board and Standing Committees;
- d) Receiving information regarding the planned activities of the Association for the current year;
- e) Receiving and approving the report of the treasurer of the Association from the previous year and a projected financial position for the current year;
- f) Consideration of any proposed amendments to the By-laws of the Association;
- g) Transaction of any business which relates to the business of the Meeting referred to above, and notice and particulars of which are received by the Secretary in writing on or before 6:00 p.m. on April 15, immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting;
- h) Election of the new Board directors.

7.2 General and Special Membership Meetings: The President may call a General Membership Meeting at any time. Members may call a Special Membership Meeting or General Membership Meeting at any time providing the reason for such a meeting is in writing and on the signatures of thirty (30) voting members, and at least 21 days prior to the requested date of said meeting. The business to be transacted at a General and Special meeting of the membership shall be limited to that specified in the notice calling the General and Special Meeting.

7.3 Board of Directors and Team Officials Meetings: Regular meetings between Team Officials and Board of Directors will take with a director, team Officials are Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Managers and Trainers.

7.4 Notice:

a) Annual General Meeting: Notice of the Annual General Meeting to be held within the last ten (10) days of March in each year, shall set out the agenda, including particulars of any other business to come before the Meeting. The time and the place of the Meeting, and such notice shall be delivered to all Members. Such notice shall be posted on the EMHA website and in all Association Arenas at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the

Meeting.

b) Additional General Meetings of the Membership: Notice of any Additional General Meetings of the Membership shall be delivered to all Members of the Association. Such notice shall be posted in all Association Arenas within at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the Meeting.

c) Error or Omission in Notice: No inadvertent error or omission in giving notice of any Annual General Meeting or Additional General Meeting of Membership or any adjourned Meeting, whether Annual or General, shall invalidate such a Meeting or make void any proceedings taken at such Meeting and any Member may at any time waive notice of any such Meeting and may ratify, approve and confirm any or all actions or proceedings taken at any such Meeting.

7.5 Quorum: A quorum for an Annual General Meeting or General Meeting shall be a minimum of 15 Members eligible to vote and present in person. No business shall be transacted in the absence of a quorum except to take measures to obtain a quorum, to establish the time to which to adjourn, or to take a recess.

7.6 Voting Procedures:

a) A majority of votes cast by Members entitled to vote, unless otherwise required by the Corporations Act or by the By-laws of the Association, shall decide every question proposed for consideration at Meetings of the Membership;

b) The Chair presiding at a Meeting of the Membership shall have a vote only in the event of a tie vote;

c) At the Meetings of the Membership, every question shall be decided by a show of hands, unless a specific count or unless a secret ballot is required by the Chair or requested by any Member entitled to vote. Whenever a vote by show of hands has been taken upon a question, unless a specific count or secret ballot is requested or required, a declaration by the Chair that a resolution has been carried or lost by a particular majority and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the Meeting is conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of votes recorded in favour of or against the motion.

7.7 No Proxies: Proxies will not be permitted. Members must be present in person at Additional General Meetings and Annual General Meetings of the Membership in order to exercise their voting rights in relation to matters coming before an Additional General Meeting or an Annual General Meeting of the Membership.

7.8 Adjournments: Any Meeting of the Members of the Association may be adjourned at any time and from time to time and such business may be transacted at such adjourned Meeting(s) as might have been transacted at the original Meeting(s) from which such adjournment took place. No notice shall be required of any such adjourned Meeting other than to those Members present in person at the adjourned Meeting. Such adjournment may be made notwithstanding that no quorum is present.

7.9 Chair: In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, the Members entitled to vote and present at any Meeting of the Membership shall choose another Director as Chair and, if no Director is present or if all the Directors present decline to act as Chair, the Members present shall choose any Member present to be Chair.

Proposed Wording:

5 Membership

5.1 Parent / Guardian Membership

5.1.a Includes all parents and guardians of rostered players (under the age of 18) that are in good standing.

5.1.b Term of membership is from September 1st until August 31st.

5.2 Active Membership

5.2.a Includes all rostered coaches, trainers, managers that do not qualify as Parent / Guardian Members.

5.2.b Includes all elected or appointed members of the board of directors that do not qualify as Parent / Guardian Members.

5.2.c Includes all rostered players who are 18 years of age or older.

5.2.d Term of membership is from September 1st until August 31st.

5.3 Honorary Membership

5.3.a Includes all persons who are not Parent/Guardian or Active Members who have been granted Honorary Membership by majority vote at any Annual General Meeting or Board of Director Meeting.

5.3.b Nominations for consideration can be submitted to the Secretary at any point throughout the year.

5.4.c Term of membership is from September 1st until August 31st, but automatically renews each year.

5.4.d Membership can only be revoked via a majority vote at any Annual General Meeting or Board of Director Meeting.

5.4.e Honorary Members have no voting rights at any Annual General Meeting, Special Membership Meeting.

5.4 Termination of Membership

5.4.a Membership in the Association shall not be transferable and shall terminate upon a Member's resignation or death.

5.4.b Members may resign from the Association by submitting a resignation in writing addressed to the Secretary who in turn notifies the appropriate Board members.

5.4.c Members whose conduct is considered by the Board to be contrary to the stated Code of Conduct and the purposes of the Association shall be asked by the Board to explain or justify their actions. If these Members are unwilling or unable to do so, they shall be asked by the Board to resign from the Association. If they do not resign, the Board shall give proper notice of motion, to be considered at the next Board meeting, requesting the expulsion of these Members. A copy of this motion shall be communicated to the Members concerned within a reasonable period of time for that person to make a written response. If a response is made, it shall be circulated with the notice of motion.

Approval of such a motion shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority in a ballot conducted at the meeting. The Members concerned shall be invited

to attend the meeting and to explain their positions before the vote is taken.

5.5 Other Membership Considerations

5.5.a The registrar shall compile and maintain a list of all members.

5.5.b Good Standing shall be defined as those admitted to Membership and who have paid all required membership fees to the Association. Members whose Membership fees are in arrears for a period of three (3) months shall be suspended from Membership and not permitted to vote, make nominations or hold office in the Association. The Secretary shall inform those concerned of this suspension in writing.

5.5.c Individuals, who are Members of the Association at least 30 days in advance of any AGM or Special Membership Meeting, are entitled to notice of such Meeting and to vote at such meeting provided they meet the criteria set out for that particular meeting. Individuals who have not been a member for at least 30 days is not entitled to vote regardless of whether or not they meet the criteria set out for the meeting. The exception to this rule would be during the first 30 days of the membership year if a Special Meeting is called members do not have to meet the 30 day requirement to vote, but will still have to meet the meeting's criteria.

6. Membership Meetings

6.1 Collective Membership Policies

6.1.a Error or Omission in Notice: No inadvertent error or omission in giving notice of any Annual General Meeting shall invalidate such a Meeting or make void any proceedings taken at such Meeting and any Member may at any time waive notice of any such Meeting and may ratify, approve and confirm any or all actions or proceedings taken at any such Meeting.

6.1.b Unless otherwise stated, voting majority required for a motion to pass is 50.01%.

6.1.c Every motion shall be decided by a show of hands, unless a specific count or unless a secret ballot is required by the Chair or requested by any Member entitled to vote. Whenever a vote by show of hands has been taken upon a question, unless a specific count or secret ballot is requested or required, a declaration by the Chair that a resolution has been carried or lost by a particular majority and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the Meeting is conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of votes recorded in favour of or against the motion.

6.1.d No proxies are permitted. Members must be present in order to exercise their right to vote.

6.1.e Any Meeting may be adjourned at any time and from time to time and such business may be transacted at such adjourned Meeting(s) as might have been transacted at the original Meeting(s) from which such adjournment took place. No notice shall be required of any such adjourned Meeting other than to those Members present in person at the

adjourned Meeting. Such adjournment may be made notwithstanding that no quorum is present.

6.1.f In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, the Members entitled to vote and present at any Meeting of the Membership shall choose another Director as Chair and, if no Director is present or if all the Directors present decline to act as Chair, the Members present shall choose any Member present to be Chair.

6.1.g The President or Chair of a meeting reserves the right to require pre-registration in order to attend and vote at meetings. Notice of the requirement to register is to be communicated at least 14 days in advance of the meeting and registration must be open for a minimum of 7 days.

6.2 Annual General Meetings

6.2.a Must be held in May

6.2.b 30 days minimum notice of date, time, and location required. Notice must be posted to the website.

6.2.c 10 days minimum notice required of the agenda. The agenda must be posted to the website.

6.2.d Notices of motion must be submitted using the proper form 20 days prior to the AGM scheduled date.

6.2.e Agenda shall include (at minimum)

- > Approval of Agenda

- > Approval of the minutes of the previous AGM

- > Receiving information reports from all the board of directors.

- > Receiving & Approving the current year Financial Report from the Treasurer

- > Receiving & Approving the Budget Report for the following year from the Treasurer

- > Consideration of any proposed amendments to the By-Laws of the Association.

- > Any other business, provided 20 days notice to the secretary was given.

- > Election of the new Board directors.

6.1.f Eligible votes include 1 per Parent/Guardian Member, and 1 per Active Member.

6.1.h Quorum requires 15 eligible voting members in attendance.

6.3 Special Membership Meetings

6.3.a Special Membership meetings should be reserved for business that is significant in nature and/or will materially modify programming and/or the direction of the association.

6.3.b The President may call a Special Membership Meeting at any time provided 30 days notice is given.

6.3.c Any member may request a Special Membership Meeting be called at any time provided the reason for such a meeting is in writing and contains a minimum of 30 signatures of current members. If requested, the

President shall call the Special Membership Meeting within 45 days of the request being received. 30 days notice is still required.

6.3.d Notice of date, time, location, minimum quorum requirement and reason for meeting shall be posted to the website at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

6.3.e Eligible votes include 1 per Rostered player, and 1 per active member who is not a rostered player.

6.3.f Families must designate who will vote for each rostered player. Should there be a disagreement the parent residing at the primary address according to the HCR shall be deemed the eligible voter.

6.2.g Quorum will be established by the Board of Directors based on the business being conducted but cannot exceed 75% of the eligible votes. This is required to be part of the notice given to members.

6.2.j Voting majority required for a motion to pass is 66%.

Rationale:

Add clarity surrounding membership and membership meetings, as well as eligible votes. The most significant change relates to Special Membership Meetings which will have different voting eligibility & quorum requirements from AGM. Significant changes should require significant interest. This also allows us flexibility and can be set in motion without the need to pass things through an AGM setting which is annual and not necessarily time sensitive.

Motion to accept the 2024 ByLaw Changes presented and contained in the above Paragraph

Second:

Result: Carried

6. General Discussions and New Business

- Amalgamation was discussed at great lengths and many questions brought forth
 - Before discussions can start there are a variety of topics to discuss at a future meeting
 - Who will make up the executive
 - Financial impact with having a new association
 - Elmvale would keep their Local League teams as is only rep would move to a new Center.
 - Discussion as to amalgamate with Wasaga Beach instead of Midland/Penetang
 - EMHA has a strong membership and could stay as is with Rep B & LL
- Discussion surrounding LL teams and league issues
 - Some organizations in the league tier their teams to have one strong LL team. It was decided that Elmvale will stay with a balanced teams.
 - Brandon Sjerps explained that Georgian bay is changing their format for Local league next year. They will start tiering teams the second half of the season which will make playoffs more competitive

7. Election of new Elmvale Minor Hockey

Executive positions

- Registrar - Sherry Hall (acclaimed)
- OMHA / Georgian Bay Convenor - Cullen Fay (acclaimed)
- Secretary- LeAnne Dennis (Acclaimed)
- Fundraising Manager- Jennifer Price (Acclaimed)
- Volunteer Manager- Candice Aubrey (acclaimed)
- Equipment Manager / Risk Officer- Tye King (acclaimed)

8. Draw for 4 families to receive \$250 off

Registration

- Brandon Godin
- Brandi Odin
- Carley Pearson
- Rosa Casalnuovo

9. Doug McConnell winner: Deborah Coughlin

10. Closing remarks

11. Motion to adjourn made by Ryen Oakes

- Second: Adam Kuypers
- Passed