

Springfield Hockey Association Annual General Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, July 16th, 2013
7:00 – 9:00 PM

Meeting Location: Radisson Hotel, Kitchener

Meeting Chair: Ashley Hardman

Recorder: Rachael Forgeron

1.0 Attendance and Apologies

Bronwyn Hurlburt - Wallabies	Heather Friedel – Wallabies
Ashley Mansfield - Wallabies	Karen Creighton - Storm
Sabrina Kahrim - Storm	Jane McWilliams – Storm
Crystal Johnson - Heat	Ruth Hibbard – Waterloo
Janine LaMarre – Waterloo	Jessica Mackie – Storm
Sarah Mackie - Storm	Alexis Mackie – Storm
Jessana Wartman - Storm	Eliza Lowden - Storm
Monika Oswald - Wallabies	Amanda Rees – Wizards
Jillian Dobbin - Wizards	Kerrie Gray – Storm
Danica McLead - Storm	Ashley Campbell – Storm
Devon Cressman - Storm	Erin Pritchard – Storm
Shaylene Nancekiven - Wizards	Caitlin Harvey – Wizards
Natiely Lai - Wizards	Canelle Patterson – Wizards
Courtney Skey - Hocks	Katelyn Murray – Classics
Shannon Remers - Classics	Kathy Costigan – Classics
Michelle Richardson – Crush	Christina Gittings – Crush
Jackie Kozlowski - Wizards	Logan Mercier - Storm
Heather Lowe - Storm	Alyssa Vink – Wilmot
Charmaine Quigley	Michelle Grynberg – Strikers
Marta Jolly – Strikers	

2.0 Discussion of 2012 AGM (*minutes are missing*)

We are working off of the agenda, not the minutes from last year's AGM.

From last year, the things that came forward were club fees, business from the 2011 AGM, reports, finances, season wrap up, elections and wrap up.

Charmaine – non-playing umpires are diminishing. We need more playing umpires to compensate.

Jane – would like to discuss increasing the pay for umpires.

Janine – get minutes out 28 days after the meetings.

3.0 Executive Reports

Secretary – Rachael Forgeron

Thank you everyone for a great season and a fun final tournament! I have thoroughly enjoyed acting as your secretary and would like to thank the entire executive for their hard work.

-Motion Ruth, Second Michelle

Treasurer – Fran Lasowski

Our finances are in good shape. I had a great season playing and meeting new people.

-Motion Christine, Second Janine

Match Secretary – Christine Hesch

I would like to congratulate all of the teams on a season well played. I know each team faced different problems but were able to pull together on the field to make for a very exciting and fun season. Final standings came down to the last few games and the fight for a spot in the A pool was fierce. The league trophy this year goes to St. Catherine's Crush who showed amazing team play and tenacity through out the season with a season record of 10-4-2 only allowing 11 goals in their net all season.

Thanks to all teams reporting scores on time and for me not having to enforce the playing regulations and taking points away. According to playing regulations 4.2 all score cards are to be submitted to me at the end of the week in which the game was played.

There were times when I had to refer to them to deal with discrepancies and luckily I did have those cards in my possession. Having them handed to me in a mitt full at the end of the season was rather pointless. I also want to thank Janine for keeping our standings updated on the Springfield website throughout the season.

Our final tournament was a huge success thanks to the teamwork of our executive where we all took on different and numerous roles when some of us had to go for x-rays. This year the A pool trophy goes to the Crush. And the B pool trophy goes to the Kitchener Klassics who were undefeated all day.

I had a great season playing despite the almost broken face and enjoyed getting biweekly updates from all the teams on how they were doing throughout the season. I am already looking forward to next season.

Respectfully submitted, Christine

-Motion Bronwyn, Second Jane

Umpiring Chairperson – Courtney Bennett

Congratulations to all the teams who had a win at the tournament. It's been an especially long season for me and I am looking forward to a summer break. This position is up for nomination and when I took on this role I did not receive a binder. So this year I have put something together for the future executive member with as much as I could.

Respectfully submitted, Courtney

-Motion Shannon, Second Heather

Vice President – Roisin McManus

We had a very busy season as usual. The executive received many emails from teams this year and we have all had to wear many hats throughout the season, specifically during the final tournament. Thank you to Ashley and the rest of the executive who allowed the tournament to run smoothly. It was a great day. I have enjoyed my time on the

executive as VP as well as Match Secretary and feel that I had the opportunity to get to know many of you better because of it.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy off-season and I look forward to seeing you again next year.

Respectfully submitted, Roisin

-Motion Amanda, Second Marta

President – Ashley Hardman

Thank you all for what has been an exciting and eventful season! Although I am sad to see the season come to an end, I'm sure we are all in need of some rest (and healing!) time. Firstly, some "thank you's":

1. To my fellow executive members who have worked diligently on their duties throughout the season. While the work of ALL executive members is greatly appreciated, I do want to take this opportunity to congratulate both Christine (Match Secretary) and Fran (Treasurer) who are new to their roles this year and who have done an outstanding job!
2. To Janine for your ongoing support of the league by maintaining the Springfield website year-to-year. This is an amazing resource for all of us and we are grateful for your dedication to keeping it current.
3. To all those who provided assistance at the final tournament; Heather for supplying the tent and table for umpires, Jane for picking up the air-horn, Janine for coaching/assisting with umpire coverage as needed.
4. To the membership for your willingness to assist and accommodate each other to work through challenges this season brought about; in particular with rescheduling games due to the continuous bad weather, providing player umpires on bye nights, offering yours fields on away games, etc. I think I can speak on behalf of the league when I say that that these efforts are appreciated and help to make the season more enjoyable for everyone.

This season has shed light on some new and also some recurring, issues that arise as a result of this being a self-sustaining league in all aspects. Coaches are players, players are umpires, executive and council members are also members of their respective teams, and so on. It is a difficult task at times to weigh, and to act in, the best interests of all parties. However I hope this year's executive, as promised at the beginning of the season, has been open and responsive to your feedback and served in the best interest of the league.

On that note, I want to take this opportunity to encourage you all to consider running for election for one of the four open spots on the executive for the 2014 season; I think there is personal growth, and growth for the league, to be gained by those who haven't yet "taken their turn" so-to-speak. In my opinion, fresh eyes and ideas are always of benefit; and I can speak directly to the profound perspective that is gained from having to wear multiple hats in this league, and not only the one hat you like the best. Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your President for the 2013 season!

Respectfully submitted: Ashley Hardman

-Motion Erin, Second Michelle

4.0 Club Reports (*mandatory*)

Cambridge

Cambridge Storm had a fabulous season with most of the team returning from last year, plus a couple who had taken a couple of years off for school or work. We had a lot of fun on the field and saw continuous improvement over the season, not only on our team but with others in the league too. We continue to be impressed with the high quality of play and level of competitive spirit within the league. Thank you to the exec for your work to make the season happen. Good luck, and thank you, to those who step up tonight to fill in vacant seats on the exec. You are very important to all of us as a league. A special thank you to the umpires, playing and non-playing, who gave their time and skills to be such an important part of the game. Hopefully, we, as a league, can get more control over our players' poor attitudes towards umpires in some cases. We need to gain and retain umpires rather than pushing them away. See you all next year!

Respectfully submitted,
Jane McWilliams

Waterloo

It is hard to believe that the season has come and gone. We as a club struggled with numbers this year and that did impact our games as we played many with little or no subs. However the girls learned and all had a good time. The rec program was also very small this year, which I think was due to the teacher's political action in the winter. We hope that this improves for next year.

We ran a turf tournament this year and although it was not as large as was hoped we did field three programs and the interest is there to try again next summer.

Big plans for the fall are the KW Schoolgirls Invitation on September 14-15 and we are looking for umpires who need practice and assessment. We are looking at doing a small indoor program this year and depending on interest look into a league but that is still in the planning stages at this time.

Thanks to the executive this year as I know it was difficult to get things done due to missing information. Hopefully the issues which were discovered this year will be documented and solutions will be put in place to ensure they do not happen again.

Have a great winter and see you in February 2014!

Respectfully submitted
Ruth Hibbard

St. Catharines Crush

Thank you to the league on behalf of The Crush for another exciting season! We overcame a couple of challenges as a team this year—getting a late start and missing a couple of veteran players—but we are excited to have found a new and budding young goalie to bring up through the ranks, and were grateful for the opportunity to host the Ruth Shankland Memorial Tournament on our home turf at Ridley! We're most proud of the strides our team made this season in terms of attitude and cohesiveness both on and off the field. Congratulations to all on a successful 2013 season! Ride the wave. ☺

Respectfully submitted, St. Catharines Crush

Hamilton Hocks

We had our ups and downs of the season with field and lining difficulties to gathering enough players to play some of our games. All in all we had a fun season and missed out on playing in the A pool due to a 3-way tie with the Heat and the Wizards. Congratulations to the Crush and the Klassics as the champions of the A and B pools. We look forward to seeing you all again on the field next season.

Hamilton Strikers

It was a challenging season for us this year having a lot of talent on our team but not always being able to have everyone present. Towards the end of the season we lost a couple of players, for vacation but that's not to say we didn't do well. We came out strong and were pleased at how well our team developed over the season. We look forward to an even stronger and better team next year and with fewer injuries.

Respectfully Submitted,
Strikers.

Wilmot Ligers

We were very pleased with our performance this season. We had a lot of interest this season with many young players we even had a grade 8 player so we are looking forward to growing as a team and are excited for next season.

Hespeler Heat

I would like to congratulate everyone on a close season. We had a great season and good tournament. We had only one sub and were very exhausted at the end. Congrats to all the winners.

Hespler Heat

Kitchener Klassics

The Klassixs were happy to end the season on a high note. This season was once again fantastic. Thank you to the executives for all your efforts.

Look forward to seeing everyone again next season.

Respectfully Submitted,
Klassics

-Motion Charmaine, Second Kerrie

5.0 2013 Finances

5.1 Financial Update / Projection for 2014

Financial statement included in minutes.

We have run a surplus in the account mostly due to the fund raising. We did increase the club fee, thinking we were going to run a deficit this year. However we came in under budget, so we have a surplus. Ridley came in \$500 under budget, almost exactly the same as Resurrection. We were unable to get therapists this year. These two things brought us in \$1000 under budget.

We had more player umpires this year, reducing the umpires' mileage.

5.2 Motion—Graduated Increase to Team Registration Fees

Motion: Springfield team membership fees, currently set at \$20 per team per season, will be increased to \$140 per team per season. This increase will be graduated over three consecutive years, increasing by \$40 per team per season (effective retroactively in 2013). Therefore: Springfield team registration fees will be set at: \$60 in the 2013 season, \$100 in the 2014 season, and \$140 in the 2015 season and each season thereafter.

Note: As a result of the increase in team registration fees, no *league* fundraising will take place during the three seasons in which the fee graduation takes place; and until such time as league fundraising is deemed to be necessary by the league Treasurer, Executive and Springfield council.

Discussion:

Fran:

When we did our projections for this, we thought Ridley would cost us a lot more. We projected this for three years; this could last longer as long as we do not lose teams.

Jane:

Would it be possible to use the surplus for umpires at the final tournament?

Fran:

Agrees that that is a good possibility. I will work that into the budget for next year, since that will change the financial statements.

Charmaine:

Awards are getting filled up; we do need new boards. We could think about using the funds to purchase new awards for next year. Roughly estimating \$400.

Voting on Motion for Membership Fees:

Motion Passed Unanimously

6.0 2013 Season Wrap-Up

6.1 General Feedback

Marta:

Can we ask umpires to submit green cards as well as yellow/red?

Janine:

Could update the playing regulations to reflect change.

The friendly tournament was disappointing in terms of turnout. We need to make use of that tournament for practice for umpires

Eliza:

Reporting it might discourage umpires

Jane:

The umpires need to be more respected as the authority on the field.

Ruth:

The big issue is that we have no one who is running a team as a coach. We have many players, not coaches and must recognize that we all must change our behavior. No certified coaches on the teams. If we can't manage our own athletes nothing will change. We all need to be able to police ourselves.

Officials should not be young, they should be experienced umpires.

Ashley:

We will lose teams if we mandate having a certified coach. It will be an ongoing issue, but the executive team will continue to act. Umpires should be encouraged to deal with bad behaviour on the field.

Christina:

Was Ruth's suggestion to have a coach or player coach? Would not be too difficult for someone on the team to have some intro level of coaching certification.

Ruth:

For insurance purposes, we should have someone there who is a certified coach.

Shannon:

I felt that the behavior on the field was better after the discussion at the June meeting. I also think that debriefing has been occurring to some degree. There have been positives, and it is important to note that.

Shaylene:

In terms of new umpires and dangerous play – how should that be addressed? What can be done on the field?

Ashley:

There is certainly a responsibility of the umpires to control the play. It is important to select trained umpires for difficult games.

Janine:

It should never come to the point that it is dangerous. Back off, and let the new umpire gain experience.

Courtney:

This is a recreational league; let's all focus on fair play before the league starts next year.

Ashley:

Lots of emails come up after the fact, there are policies in the Regulations that aren't being used. It is difficult to deal with issues after they have already happened. Unless we are prepared to be proactive next year this discussion will happen.

Courtney Sky:

This league is dangerous, and we are putting ourselves at risk of liability. There are criminal charges that can be laid. Teams should have coaches and CPR training.

Christina:

Umpires should make examples right away next year with cards.

Could there be an incentive for coaches/umpires across the league as a whole?

Ashley:

Certified umpires on my team pay less as an example. It could be difficult to implement across the league.

Jane:

We do have this discussion every meeting. I would continue to encourage members of teams to come to council meetings.

Janine:

This topic is well discussed, let's move on!

6.2 AWARDS

Charmaine:

League Results

Season Play:

Crush
Storm
Ligers
Strikers
Heat
Wizards
Hocks
Klassics
Wallabies

Ruth Shankland Memorial Tournament:

Pool A:

1st - Crush

2nd - Ligers

3rd - Storm

4th - Heat

5th - Strikers

Pool B:

6th - Klassics

7th - Wizards

8th -Hocks
9th – Wallabies

Wilma Major Award for Coaching:
Heather Lowe

Diane Huneault Award for Volunteer Administration
Ashley Hardman

Team Recognition:
Strikers: Michelle G
Storm: Jessica Lawson
Klassics: Shannon
Wallabies: Bronwyn
Wizards: Shaylene
Crush: Michelle Richardson
Hocks: Emily Brown

Congratulations to all recipients!

7.0 2014 Executive Elections

7.1 President

Nominations for President: Roisin (Jane); declined. Ashley (Christina); accepted.
Ashley

7.2 Vice President

Nominations for VP: Christina Gittings (Michelle); accepted. Roisin (Heather); accepted.
Roisin

7.3 Secretary

Rachael (Christina); accepted.
Rachael

7.4 Umpire Chair

Nomination for UC: Heather Lowe (Sabrina); accepted. Marta (Roisin); accepted. Bronwyn (Ruth); accepted.
Marta

8.0 2014 Tournament Bids

8.1 Friendly Tournament

Jane:
Should we continue to hold it?

Courtney S:
Six Nations would like to host it in memorial of a Six Nations player.

Eliza:

We could maintain format of tournament, but hosting it in honour of a league player may increase it's meaning and participation.

Could host a BBQ/Potluck at the tournament? Strike committees for responsibilities.

8.2 Ruth Shankland Memorial Tournament Six Nations

Ridley College

Woodside (turf)

9.0 2014 Meeting Dates

Wednesday, February 5th:

Wednesday, April 9th

Monday, June 9th

10.0 Any Other Business

Janine:

We need to discuss a few cosmetic changes for the Constitution.

Courtney:

Six Nations runs recreational nights on turf! Ask Roisin for info.

Roisin/Marta:

Can we play regular season games on turf?

Janine:

May have to have a November meeting?

11.0 Adjournment

-Motion: Shannon Second: Christina