

Springfield Hockey Association

2014 General Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 3rd, 2014
7:00 – 8:30 PM

Meeting Location: Huron Heights Secondary School, Kitchener/Waterloo

Meeting Chair: Ashley Hardman

Recorder: Rachael Forgeron

1.0 Attendance and Apologies

In Attendance:	
Ashley Hardman – President	Alyshia Iafrate – Crush
Roisin McManus – Vice President	Courtney Skye – Hocks/Six Nations
Christine Hesch – Match Secretary	Christine Parker - Kitchener
Rachael Forgeron – Secretary	Shannon Remers - Kitchener
Fran Lasowski – Treasurer	Ainsley Bearinger - Klassics
Marta Jolly – Umpire Chair	Ruth Hibbard – Waterloo
Crystal Johnson – Heat	Janine La Marre – Waterloo
Emily Erb – Ligers	Kathy Costigan - Kitchener
Emily Buchenauer - Ligers	Jane McWilliams - Storm
Sabrina Kahrim – Cambridge	Shaylene Nancekival – Waterloo
Michelle Gaynberg - Strikers	Bronwyn Flemming - Waterloo
Apologies:	
Charmaine Quigley	

2.0 Executive Reports:

Secretary – Rachael Forgeron

Glad to see everyone again this winter. In an effort for the league to become more paperless and efficient, please submit club reports electronically. We will also accept electronic copies of team rosters, rather than having hard copies mailed out. Please be sure to e-mail me any changes to the contact sheet. Looking forward to the rest of the season.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachael

(Motion: Jane, Second: Janine)

Treasurer – Fran Lasowski

Will be speaking more later in the meeting (during financial update); looking forward to the season. Respectfully Submitted,

Fran

(Motion: Shannon, Second: Alyshia)

Match Secretary –Christine Hesch

At present there is not much to report upon as the match secretary. The preliminary schedule will be handed out at our next meeting in April. Due to the number of teams registered for the season we will be playing a double round robin. If teams are aware in advance of scheduling conflicts due to field availability letting me know prior to our next meeting would be greatly appreciated to help our next meeting run smoother. I will also try to have the preliminary schedule ready for coaches and contacts to look over prior to our next meeting. I look forward to serving the Springfield Hockey Association in my role as match secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Hesch

(Motion: Janine, Second: Shaylene)

Vice President – Roisin McManus

Welcome back everyone. I'm looking forward to the upcoming season and working with the executive once again. Welcome to Marta who has joined the executive this year. Our initial executive meeting went well and it's looking as though we are off to a great start.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roisin

(Motion: Alyshia, Second: Michelle)

Umpiring Chairperson – Marta Jolly

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank council for my election as umpire chair. I hope to bring new ideas to the table and I'm looking forward to working with the other ladies on the executive so that all of Springfield can benefit. At this point my work has been minimal, but I know that will soon change in a few months. I can't wait to get it all started.

Respectfully submitted,
Marta Jolly

(Motion: Shannon, Second: Janine)

President – Ashley Hardman

Things are well underway for the coming 2014 season, which began with the Executive Meeting in December. I am looking forward to a smooth but eventful season, and the continued growth and success of the league with some exciting potential new developments this year. As always we have a jam packed meeting and many topics to cover tonight so I thank you all in advance for your commitment to productive and efficient discussion. Thanks to the executive members whose jobs have already begun and who, as usual, are an awesome team. Looking forward the season ahead!

Respectfully Submitted,
Ashley

(Motion: Shannon, Second: Kathy)

3.0 Club Reports:

Cambridge Storm

Well, here we go again! Cambridge is very excited to get going in 2014! This year, instead of adding a second team, we are going to follow in Waterloo's footsteps and offer a Rec night on Wed's. We want to give the opportunity to play to more women, but meet the needs of those that cannot commit to twice a week travel or those who just want to play for fun. We will run it, hopefully at Southwood (if field is available) or on the Hespeler field off Grand Ridge, depending on which field the City gives us. It will run from Wed, May 7th to Wed June 25th. We will be looking for opportunities for exhibition play in June for any team that's interested. More info still to come (still in baby steps). Looking forward to seeing everyone out on the field!

Respectfully submitted,
Jane McWilliams

Hamilton Hocks

We're still looking for a field, looking forward to the season.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hamilton Hocks

Hamilton Strikers

Hi everyone, I hope you are doing well. There is not much to report at this time in the year. We do, however, want to wish Diana Druiven well on her new journey in Sweden, teaching English and Science. We will work hard to fill in those shoes and we look forward to seeing you all out on the pitch.

Respectfully Submitted
Strikers

Hespeler Heat

I cannot believe it is this time of year again. We will be having a rebuilding year as we will have four players having babies this year. Ashley and Steve welcomed Clara on Jan 30, Crystal and Sheldon are expecting in April, Chantelle and Andrew are expecting in May and Ainsley and Sean are expecting in June. We are hoping some of our veterans will be returning after taking last summer off to travel Europe and some taking summer courses.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hespeler Heat

Kitchener Classics

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on the field.

Respectfully Submitted,
Classics

St. Catharines Crush

As usual, St. Catharines is looking forward to the season ahead. Otherwise, nothing new to report.

Respectfully Submitted,
Crush

Waterloo

The club is starting to get going for the 2014 season. Field permits have been completed, and we have booked July 5 for an exhibition tournament at Woodside Park – more information to come at the next meeting. We have two new people coordinating the Wizards squad- Jill Dobbin and Shaylene Nancekivell. Amanda Rees has stepped down from the organization side as she is planning her wedding for August. Also engaged this winter was Ashley Mansfield with a potential summer wedding. We also welcome new arrivals to the team with Jill Swanton having a little boy at Christmas, Jade Rogers is due in March and Becky Hultalha is due in late spring early summer.
Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth

Wilmot Ligers

Looking forward to the season ahead. We have a young team this year.
Respectfully submitted, Wilmot
(Motion: Jane, Second: Bronwyn)

4.0 Acceptance of June 2013 Meeting Minutes

Accepted with no corrections.
(Motion: Janine, Second: Fran)

5.0 Registration

Fees: \$100 this year according to motion for graduate team registration fee increase passed at February Council Meeting of 2013.

6.0 Update—Turf Fields

Verified according to Springfield Playing Regulations, as turf is an accepted outdoor playing surface according to FIH rules, turf games will be allowed in the Springfield summer season (including final tournament when applicable).

7.0 Finances

There is \$5000 in the account at the moment, although there are some cheques that have not been cashed. There is a \$600 surplus from last year. Will see therapists at this year's tournament, which will allow us to eat into some of our surplus as was the intention last season. Income from player fees may be higher with the addition of a new team. Regardless of final tournament location; costs will be about the same as last year and we will have money left over. Umpire fees will be coming from Springfield; not clubs which is why the tournament budget is especially high.

7.1 Motion to Increase Umpires fees for 2014 Season

Motion passed unanimously

7.2 Motion to Change Wording in playing regulations

Motion passed unanimously

8.0 2014 Season Schedule

8.1 Tournament Dates & Locations

Opening Tournament Discussion:

Six Nations open after May 24th

Possible name change to honour former Six Nations player, including fundraiser for domestic violence.

Ruth: Can we have a league game that day?

Shannon: Concern about time off work on a Saturday.

Ashley: Intention would be to make the day more tournament-like in nature than pick-up.

Courtney: Field is booked off for the entire day.

Ashley: Could be an opportunity for vendors as well.

Council vote to name the opening friendly tournament going forward "The Tashina General Memorial Tournament" and will be a fundraiser to stop domestic violence against women.

Date: Saturday, May 24th 2014, time TBA

Location: Six Nations

Final Tournament

Date: Saturday July 19th, 2014, schedule TBA

Location: Woodside Park, Turf Field, Kitchener

(Vote: Ridley: 3 vs. Woodside 7)

Springfield will partially subsidize umpire costs to offset higher field cost.

8.2 Regular Season Games & Rain Dates

Season Starts: Thursday May 8th

Season End: Thursday, July 17th 2014

No games on Canada Day

1 bye; 1 rain date

9.0 Meeting Dates & Locations

- **Monday, February 3rd**, 7:00pm at Huron Heights Secondary School (K/W)
- **Wednesday, April 9th**, 7:00pm at Hamilton (Location TBD)
- **Monday, June 9th**, 7:00pm at Burlington/Brantford (Location TBD)
- AGM: **Tuesday, July 22nd** at Cambridge

10.0 Umpires

10.1 Complaint and Appeals Process

There are procedures in Playing Regulations for dealing with complaints. These are there for a reason. The Executive will set the standard by following them, if you have a complaint, please reference the Regulations.

Marta: Will send out an email after the first game to ensure that the Executive team is available for help and feedback.

Christine: The scorecards have an umpire rating card on the back. Please hand in the comment cards more quickly to Christine.

10.2 Mileage

Please be sure to send in your mileage.

11.0 2014 Season Deadlines

May 8th is deadline for rosters.
We will be revising deadline sheets.

12.0 FHO Update

Christine: Marta and myself attended the AGM meeting for FHO this year. It was quite lengthy and full of drama. There were reports made regarding finances, coaching, umpiring, high performance hockey and changes in registration to be done on-line. They announced two events the May meltdown and Junior Indoors both which really do not apply to our league. They are looking for volunteers to help out FHO in many capacities and hope people will consider assisting with their areas of expertise. I also inquired about the return of the Maple Leaf tournament and the Masters.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Hesch

Janine: Springfield should be paying a club fee. Janine will look into this for us for insurance purposes.

Marta: Membership is no longer going by 4-digit number.

Ruth: Membership is now in partnership with FHC.

Janine: If you run into problems, don't try it again, email FHO contact.

Ruth: If you are a player/umpire, pick player.

13.0 Any Other Business

13.1 Umpire Clinic in March in St. Catharines

Will be on a weekend in March.

13.2 NCCP Making Ethical Decisions

Saturday, March 15th, see Ruth for more information

14.0 Motion to Adjourn

(Motion: Alyshia, Second: Christine)