

# **Springfield Hockey Association**

## **Annual General Meeting**

Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014  
7:00 – 9:00 PM

**Meeting Location:**Sobeys Ancaster, 977 Golf Links Road, L9K 1K1

**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 Kahrin - Storm	Jane McWilliams – Storm
Ruth Hibbard – Waterloo	Michelle Grynberg – Srikers
Janine LaMarre – Waterloo	Jessica Mackie – Storm
Sarah Mackie - Storm	Alexis Mackie – Storm
JessanaWartman - Storm	Eliza Lowden - Storm
Monika Oswald - Wallabies	Amanda Rees – Wizards
Jillian Dobbin - Wizards	Kerrie Gray – Storm
DanicaMcLead - Storm	Ashley Campbell – Storm
Devon Cressman - Storm	Erin Pritchard – Storm
ShayleneNancekiven - Wizards	Caitlin Harvey – Wizards
Roisin McManus – Vice President	Chanelle Patterson – Wizards
Marta Jolly – Match Secretary	Katelyn Murray – Classics
Shannon Remers - Classics	Kathy Costigan – Classics
Michelle Richardson – Crush	Charmaine Quigley
Jackie Kozlowski - Wizards	Logan Mercier – Storm
Fran Lasowski – Treasurer	Ashley Hardman – President
Rachael Forgeron – Secretary	

### **2.0 Discussion of 2013 AGM**

Agenda\*

Chanelle Patterson\*

Strikers\*

(Motion: Michelle, Second: Shaylene)

### **3.0 Executive Reports**

*Secretary – Rachael Forgeron*

Hello everyone, thank you for the proxies. Please be sure to sign the attendance sheet, and to make a mark for mileage. Thank you everyone for a great season and a great final tournament. Thank you to the entire executive for their hard work. Please take a cookie.

(Motion: Jeanette, Second: Ruth)

*Treasurer – Fran Lasowski*

It has been a great year and I'm certainly sad to see the season come to an end. We finished the year in a good financial position I will present later today. Thank you to everyone for being prompt this year with their money. A reminder that next year the team fee will be \$140 (and this is due at the February meeting).

Respectfully submitted, Fran

(Motion: Michelle, Second: Alyssa)

*Match Secretary – Christine Hesch*

It has been a fun term these last two years serving our league as match secretary and getting to work with all the dedicated executive members. I have enjoyed hearing from all the teams about their successes each week. This year I will not steal Charmaine's presentation, as I don't know who won as I am writing this before I leave for Turkey. Sorry I missed the closing tournament again.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Hesch

(Motion: Janine, Second: Jill)

*Umpiring Chairperson – Marta Jolly*

Good evening every one. First I would like to congratulate the winners of both pools. I'd like to thank the executive for their hard work and long standing dedication to the league. It's been a pleasure working with you. I am really hoping that this new and returning executive can be as diligent as this group of ladies.

For me, my workload came on as strong as the winter weather did. It felt like everything came on fast and just kept piling on. I took the challenge head on and I'm happy to say I'm still standing. Even though I had to do the schedule four times. I was able to get all teams' 11-12 games covered.

The tournament saw 9 umpires on the schedule but circumstances drew 2 player umpires into the mix. Thank you to Ruth and Bronwyn for stepping in. I would like to thank the A pool for the opportunity to stress me out even further right at the end there!! All kidding aside, that was actually quite the drawn out process.

So needless to say, I am grateful this season is done but I do look forward to the next season and any challenges it may bring.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marta Jolly

(Motion: Jeanette, Second: Janine)

*Vice President – Roisin McManus yes*

This year our season began

(Motion: Michelle, Second: Emily)

*President – Ashley Hardman*

Thank you all for what has been an intense and exciting season, right down to the very last second!!! Although I am sad to see the season come to an end, I'm sure the rest and healing time is welcomed by all.

We had numerous cancellations and postponements due to weather this year; teams really pulled together to accommodate one in another in order to make the most of every spare available moment in the season. My most sincere THANK YOU TO ALL TEAMS, on behalf of the Executive, for your flexibility when needed, and for working together to problem solve effectively.

This season has once again afforded me the opportunity to work with, and get to know, some pretty amazing people. I can't honestly thank the Executive team enough for their continued hard work and dedication to their positions. We're all from different on-field teams, but I feel privileged to have been a part of this amazing off-field team as well! I want to extend an additional THANK YOU to those individuals among the league who have taken the time to show support through positive feedback to both myself and the executive over the last couple of seasons. It is not always a common tendency to take the time to let someone know you feel they've done a good job or that you appreciate their efforts, when their primary role is often seen as to negate challenges. However it did not go unnoticed and was greatly appreciated.

I have learned a great deal from the opportunity to take on a leadership role for the past several years, not only for my own team, but especially from my time served on the Executive for the league and I will value these experiences as I distance myself from both of these roles next year. I stated last year and will reiterate, that I think there is tremendous personal growth, as well as growth for the league to be gained by those by who next take the reigns. Fresh eyes and ideas, in my opinion, are essential to meet the challenge of moving the league forward (while recognizing the impact of traditions of the past), and I know there are many of you out there with great ideas to share. Please consider taking advantage of the opportunity to make a positive contribution, to what is already an awesome league to be a part of. 😊

And here's to another awesome season!

Respectfully submitted: Ashley Hardman

(Motion: Michelle, Second: Bronwyn)

#### **4.0 Club Reports (\*mandatory\*)**

##### *Cambridge*

Cambridge Storm really enjoyed another successful season, although we've decided we need to work on turf a little more! Thank you to the exec for all of their hard work to make this season work so smoothly. See you next year!!

##### *Waterloo*

This year we had a lot of things going on in the club. First there was a change in leadership on the Wizard squad – thanks to Jillian and Shay for stepping up and running the squad. Secondly Bronwyn took over the lead role for the Wallabies as well as ran the recreational program. Thanks to her for doing that. Janine was able to run a few umpiring clinics and her knowledge that she passes on to the new umpires is invaluable for the league. The rec

program is always looking for exhibition games so if you have players who want to play a game on Wednesday nights please let us know. To supply the rec program with competition we organized the WWFHC invitational tournament. This is the second year of running it and it was a great success. The number of teams doubled from last year and it was great to see old faces out and playing once again. We hope to do this again next summer, and hope that the Pan-American Games do not create conflicts for this event. As a league it was too bad that a team had to drop out and therefore there were holes in the schedule. It was nice to see that there was great competition and that there is not a huge difference between the teams as a whole. This means that we are a strong program. Wishing you all the best in the off-season. We will be trying to coordinate an umpiring clinic close to the start of school to help with building that pool up for the high school season. Practice, coaching and assessments are given at the KW Schoolgirls Invitations, which will be September 13, and 14. Please let either Janine or I know if you have anyone interested in gaining more experience.

Regards,  
Ruth Hibbard  
Club Coordinator.

#### *St. Catharines Crush*

Thanks to all teams and umpires on behalf of the Crush for another exciting season! The competition this year was incredible, as evidenced by the tight race throughout the season and 1-goal differential that separated a 4-way tie at the final tournament! It doesn't get any better than that. We enjoyed the experience of a full day tournament on turf, although a bit of a shock to our collective cardiovascular system (!), and hope to get together for a few indoor turf practices and pick up games in the off season. Congrats to all on another great season!!!

Respectfully submitted,  
St. Catharines Crush

#### *Hamilton Hocks*

It's been a great year and we were happy to be back at Hillfield. Though we had a few postponed games early in the season, we were pleased that we were able to make them up and finish strong. We're hoping to have many players back next year and look forward to yet another great season.

Respectfully submitted, Hocks

#### *Hamilton Strikers*

This was quite a different season for the Strikers. We kind of knew from the beginning that with the loss of key players, as well as injured players it was going to be a tough season to get through. Our previous goalie was claimed by another team – no hard feelings. Over half of the games we either played short or with no subs. However, we had an awesome showing at the end. We're extremely proud of our ladies for keeping it together, Thank you to the executives, umpires and teams for another successful season. See you next year!

Respectfully submitted,

Strikers

*Wilmot Ligers*

We had a very good season although it started rough trying to find player umpires. We are thinking about changing our name since we lost our jerseys!

Respectfully Submitted,

Alyssa

*Hespeler Heat*

Happy to be here!

*Kitchener Classics*

It was a very fun and competitive season and the closing tournament showed that!!

We would like to express our sympathies to Shannon Remers and Kristin Diebel for the loss of their father – he was a terrific man and will be missed.

We are very happy for Courtney Turner and her “upcoming arrival” Little Harlow is very excited too.

We wish everyone a terrific off-season and we look forward to next year!

Respectfully Submitted,

Klassics

(Motion: Charmaine, Second: Jessana)

## **5.0 2013 Finances**

### **5.1 Financial Update / Projection for 2015**

While we finished up again in a strong position, and were able to use some of the reserve, our financial projections were quite different than expected. On the revenue side, we received some additional funding from defaulted team bonds and an additional team registration. On the expense side, umpire mileage was significantly higher than expected, likely due to a new approach to paying it out. The field cost for the final tournament was more than initially expected, however this was offset by the savings from the therapists and umpires. I expect the league to close out the year with just over \$4,300 in the account. I believe this continues to give us the flexibility to cover some of the umpire costs next year in the final tournament and we can be open to other suggestions as they may arise.

May look to bump up league supplement for umpires at final tournament.

Bond cashed was Six Nation's \$100 registration.

## **6.0 2013 Season Wrap-Up**

### **6.1 General Feedback**

Shaylene: Don't bring scoreboard home until tournament is done, good to declare winner at tournament.

Ashley: Supported decision on behalf of committee; teams travelling from away with prior commitments.

Fran: Next year look to run "final" in A Pool instead of B Pool.  
Janine: Have done a playoff for A in the past.  
Marta: Feedback from umpires to have four green cards equal a suspension.  
Ashley: Changes to Constitution need to be brought forward as motions at a council meeting.  
Ruth: Need to look at revising number of bye nights. Take Pan Am Games into account next year.  
Michelle: Impressed at how accommodating teams were for rescheduling games, i.e. double headers and locations.  
Ashley: Thank you for positive feedback, agree with teams' flexibility this year.

## 6.2 AWARDS

Charmaine:

League Standings:

St. Catharines

Final Tournament:

A Pool: St. Catharines Crush

B Pool: Hamilton Hocks

*Wilma Major Award for Coaching:* Jessica Lawson

*Diane Huneault Award for Volunteer Administration:* Christine Hesch

## 7.0 2014 Executive Elections

7.1 President

Jane McWilliams

7.2 Vice President

Michelle Grynberg

7.3 Treasurer

Fran Lasowski

7.4 Match Secretary

Jessana Wartman

## 8.0 2014 Tournament Bids

8.1 Friendly Tournament

Six Nations - Courtney will look into availability

8.2 Ruth Shankland Memorial Tournament

Ridley College St. Catharines

Woodside Park, Kitchener

## 9.0 2015 Meeting Dates

Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>

AGM: No later than Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>

**10.0 Any Other Business**

**11.0 Adjournment**

(Motion: Michelle, Second: Heather)