

Springfield Hockey Association

2014 General Meeting Minutes

Monday February 9th, 2015
7:00 – 9:00 PM

Meeting Location: Sobeys, 977 Golf Links Rd., Ancaster.

Meeting Chair: Jane McWilliams

Recorder:

1.0 Attendance and Apologies

In Attendance:	
Jane McWilliams – President	Shaylene Nancekivell – Waterloo
Michelle Grynberg – Vice President	Janine La Marre – Waterloo
Jessana Wartman – Match Secretary	Bronwyn Fleming - Waterloo
Fran Lasowski – Treasurer	Ruth Hibbard - Waterloo
Marta Jolly – Umpire Chair	Emily Erb – Ligers
Kylie Banki – Hocks	Alyssa Vink – Ligers
Crystal Johnson – Heat	Sabrina Kahrin - Storm
Christine Parker – Klassics	Nicki Bomberly – Strikers
Called in:	
Alysha - St. Catharine's.	
Apologies:	
St. Catharine Crush (due to weather conditions – not penalised)	Rachael Forgeron – Secretary
Jill Dobbin	

2.0 Acceptance of Minutes from June 2014 Meeting (Motion: Janine, Second: Ruth)

3.0 Executive Reports:

Secretary - Rachael Forgeron

Absent.

Match Secretary – Jessana Wartman

Vice President – Michelle Grynberg

I'm so excited to be serving on the exec team this year. I plan on doing my best and fill in when need be. So far it's all been new to me though, I haven't actually had to do much but I know I'll get the hang of the VP role once the season is in full swing. I'm looking forward to the season ahead and to see people out on the field.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Grynberg

Treasurer – Fran Lasowski

I'm happy to be back doing the finances for the third year now. Just a note – on the deadline sheet that was sent out, my address is incorrect. It should read 22 Tamwood Crt., Stoney Creek, ON L8J 2L2 for the player fees. Looking forward to a great year.

Respectfully submitted,
Fran

Umpiring Chairperson – Marta Jolly

President – Jane McWilliams

Welcome to the 2015 Season ladies! I'm very excited to be League President this year. You have another great exec this year that is very enthusiastic about working on your behalf to continue on the great tradition that is Springfield. We are grateful for past practices and traditions that we have been used to, and we are also looking forward to some changes in practice that we hope will bring about more accountability and transparency for all involved. Technology today can bring about some efficiency in communication within our league and we are hoping to embrace some of those tools to help us become a tighter community despite the physical distances between our teams. We recognize that some of these changes may create some stress for people but we ask for patience as we work out any kinks as we work towards a smooth, efficient procedure for things such as team lists and recording scores.

As for happens on the pitch, I look forward to some great teamwork, awesome collaboration for the good of our communities and, of course, some friendly competition! Here's to 2015!

Respectfully submitted,

Jane McWilliams

(Motion: Christine, Second: Alyssa)

4.0 Club Reports:

Cambridge Storm

We are excited to get started again and look forward to another great season.

Hamilton Hocks

Nothing to report.

- Kylie (new player rep)

Hespeler Heat

Waterloo

Not much happening since July's AGM. We ran the KW schoolgirls in September and had severe weather issues. Then in January indoor started so there are 2 teams of 7 players, each playing

at Rim on Saturdays. This is going well and the athletes are having a great time. This year we are hoping to do the turf event on July 4th (permit dependent). A few of us are busy with Pan Am games so it will be an interesting summer.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Hibbard

Hamilton Strikers

Kitchener Classics

St. Catharines Crush

Absent.

Wilmot Ligers

(Possibly changing their team name but team colour will remain the same)

(Motion: Bronwyn, Second Nicki)

5.0 Team Registration

All teams in attendance paid their \$140 by cash or cheque to Treasurer. St. Catharine's will mail theirs Feb 10th.

Remember to add team members to Google Drive doc.

Pay FHO fee – remember to register as a player & administrator if you require administrator access.

6.0 Meeting Dates and Locations

Wednesday April 8th, 7pm – Sobey's Ancaster

Monday June 8th, 7pm – Sobey's Ancaster

Sobey's Ancaster was decided upon last year for its central location.

AGM Meeting – Tuesday July 21, 7pm. Location TBA.

Sobey's Ancaster was too small for the number of people in attendance.

7.0 Season Schedule

The final date for the tournament was set to be Saturday July 18th in accordance with last year. While this is in the middle of the Pan-Am Games, it is thought that the volunteering schedule will be flexible enough to allow this to be accommodated. It was recommended that one league-wide "rain-date" still be held, and that it be on Thursday July 2nd to minimize potential absences due to the holiday. No additional bye-nights, beyond those required by having 9 teams in the league, will be scheduled. Therefore, the season will start on May 14th. Jessana will confirm this works with the required number of games at the April meeting.

8.0 Tournaments

Tashina General Memorial- Courtney has offered to host the tournament again and is willing to answer any questions by phone or email. Based on the season schedule, it will be held Saturday May 23 assuming field availability. The format will be similar to last year in a pick-up style to

minimize scheduling beforehand. Teams are asked to bring at least 5 players, or if no one can attend, make a donation to the charity of an amount at their discretion. There will not be a bake sale however, as there were too many leftovers last year. Nikki suggested that it be advertised in the Community Awareness program to encourage community members to attend and raise the profile of the game in the community.

Final Tournament- St. Catherine's expressed interest in having the field at Ridley, as they did 2 years ago. They noted the additional parking and space available, and the ability to set up the fields at any time as they are not locked. Ruth indicated she is happy to book the turf field again, however Waterloo is not in a position to "host", as many of their team leaders are volunteering for the Pan Am Games around that time. Since it was discussed previously the idea of switching between the Waterloo and Ridley locations, it was determined without objection that the tournament this year be held at Ridley. Alysha indicated she would be in contact with them to confirm the July 18th date.

9.0 Finances

9.1 League financial

Budget:

Fran noted that we ended last year with just under \$4350 in the account. The league's goal is to maintain about \$2000 year over year, as decided a few years ago. We incurred a \$873 deficit last year, as anticipated. We are expected to run a deficit again this year to try to erode some of the surplus. The budget has been prepared assuming a similar number of players in the league. In lieu of therapists, which we have had a hard time getting for the past two years, we have budgeted \$40 per team to pay for some of the referee fees for the day. While the numbers require adjustment as Ridley is now the location of the final tournament, it was originally anticipated we will incur approximately \$800 in deficit this year.

Bronwyn inquired about lost bonds from the previous season. It was noted that one is under review from last year for a missed meeting, but as none of the teams were noted to have forfeited, there were no lost bonds from this.

9.2 Mileage:

Umpire mileage is open to playing umpires who travel on their bye-nights to ref for another team. Please encourage girls who travel longer distances to apply for this. While last year some mileage was paid for teams who brought umpires who were not for their games (i.e. Hamilton brought Cathy to Waterloo to referee the other game at Resurrection), Bronwyn suggested that this should not continue. Fran noted that this past year was a bit unique as we had fewer umpires than in previous years who traveled but were not part of a team. It was proposed then the mileage policy be clarified to explain that this is only paid out if an umpire is not traveling with a team, regardless of which team they are umpiring for.

10.0 FHO Update

No update from FHO. Likely due to not much happening on their end.

11.0 Reminders

11.1 Emergency Action Plans

12.0 Any Other Business

12.1 Facebook Page for Springfield League

This page will be used in tandem with e-mails and will not replace e-mails as not everyone is on Facebook. It is a great tool to use to keep up-to-date particularly for last-minute news such as; game cancellations etc. Please feel free to post pictures/information of regarding the field hockey community.

12.2 Plans to communicate through Google Drive (team lists/updates, reporting scores, recording cards to players, etc...)

Team Lists:

Each team will have their own Google Drive doc. where the team list can be submitted and updated when needed. The team contact will be the only person able to edit their lists. All other members will only be able to view the list.

Reporting Scores:

After each game, the home team is to submit the scores on the Google Drive (instead of texting the final score). This allows for the immediate update of scores. This document will be managed by Jessana. There will also be a column to report serious carding of players (yellow and red) so that teams/umpires are aware of these incidents as they head into games. All score cards are still to be mailed to Jessana.

Carding:

A motion was made to allow 4 green cards (per person, per season) to equal the same as 2 yellow cards which is the same as receiving 1 red card. The main concern for this was the difference in umpiring styles; one umpire may be more inclined to hand out green cards than another umpire. The reason for which a green card is given varies in severity. For example; one player could get 4 separate green cards for running out late on a penalty-corner, whereas, another player may get the same but for "roughing". These two reasons vary in severity and not seen as equal cases.

(Motion denied)

Since motion was denied, the following has been recommended. The umpire chair will check in (weekly) with umpires to see how games went. If she receives several umpire complaints about a player/team regarding their conduct (but not enough to merit cards on an individual basis), she will contact the affected team's contact to "warn" them of the critical mass that is being approached. Umpires will also be given permission to watch for any more of the repeat behavior with intention to penalize more formally if merited. This is being brought up to lessen frustration with repetitive poor conduct by

an individual player, or team in general, that is perceived to be “below the radar”. The message should be that such poor sportsmanship will not be allowed or tolerated in our league, following our expectations of player conduct.

Here is a link to the Player’s code of conduct, which is probably worth reminding all players before first game:

<http://springfieldhockeyassociation.com/documents/playercodeofconduct.pdf>

Regulation Rules:

Just as a reminder, here is the regulation regarding uniforms (note: socks).

3.2 Team Uniform

Each player shall be in dressed shirt and socks of her team (and preferably identical colours), which have been previously agreed by council. A player not conforming to the shirt and socks colour(s) shall not be allowed to play. The umpires’ decision on uniform suitability shall be final. In the case of uniform conflict, the home team shall provide and wear markers or shirts and socks (team players must have 2 pairs at all games) of a different, but matching colour. Ball caps and bandanas are permitted, but must be in a color that matches the team uniform, with nothing outrageous or profane printed on them.

We will clarify, with team contacts, which colour socks are “home” colour and which are “away” colour so that everyone knows what colours to expect when arriving at a game and if there will be a need to change (I propose that the responsibility to change socks if necessary should be on the “home” team to be gracious hosts?)

13.0 Adjournment

Mtg adjourned at 8:57pm (Motion: Kylie)