

**Capital Region Female Minor Hockey Association  
(CRFMHA)**

2nd Annual General Meeting

Monday, April 29, 2019

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Location: JDF Fieldhouse

**REGISTERED MEMBERS:** Ian Fleetwood, Maegan Thompson, Wes Crealock, Kelly Chaplin, Kristen Kay, Laurie Wishart, Bruce Tuck, Steve Marsh, Tammy Percival, Dana Johnson, Lauren Syverson, Brad Amson, Bruce Leibel, Kelly Finck, Michelle Jeske, Reg Gladstone, Beth Bladon, Suhki Paul.

**OBSERVERS (non voting):** Trevor Svienson, Eric Lee, Troy Perry, Geoff Gair

**AGENDA:**

1. Call to Order - 19:14 hrs
2. Approval of Agenda - Motion to approve the agenda without revision (Kay / Wishart - carried).
3. Review and approval of 2018 Annual General Meeting Minutes - Motion to approve previous AGM minutes without revision (Syverson / Wishart - carried).
4. Review of 2018 Special General Meeting Minutes - Presented for information purposes only.
5. CRFMHA Annual Report - The annual report was reviewed. As it was an administrative year without hockey programming, the report was basically a timeline of pertinent events leading to approval of CRFMHA by BC Hockey and subsequent application for membership in VIAHA (approval pending at their AGM in May).
6. Review of Financial Statements
  - a. Motion to waive 7 day advance distribution of Financial Statements - The statements had been posted to the CRFMHA Google Drive but access restrictions in place did not allow all Board members to review. At the time, only Board members were CRFMHA Members as Registration had not yet opened. Therefore this vote was only open to Board members. Motion to waive the 7 day advance distribution of Financial Statements (Crealock / Kay - carried).
  - b. Revised 2017-18 Financial Statements - The revised 2017-18 Financial Statements were presented and reviewed by Kelly Chaplin. Motion to approve 2017-18 Financial Statements without revision (Crealock / Kay - carried).

- c. Review of 2018-19 Financial Statements - The 2018-19 Financial Statements were presented and reviewed by Kelly Chaplin. Motion to approve the 2018-19 Financial Statements without revision (Tuck / Crealock - carried).
7. Election of Officers and Directors
- a. The following Board members resigned during the course of the year:
    - i. Heidi Forsberg (March 10, 2019)
    - ii. Ian MacDonald (April 1, 2019)
  - b. Election
    - i. Require 2 (minimum) to 7 (maximum) new Directors
      - 1. No nominations submitted in advance
      - 2. Nominations from the floor allowed
      - 3. Review of voting procedure
      - 4. Review of Board commitment. Beth Bladon requested a review of duties and responsibilities expected of Board members as well as time commitment. An overview was provided by Ian Fleetwood with input from other Board members.
    - ii. No nominations from the floor were submitted for the Officer position of Secretary, leaving up to 7 Director positions available, one of which will be assigned to the Secretary position.
    - iii. Nominations from the floor were made and accepted as follows:
      - 1. Geoff Gair (Maegan Thompson)
      - 2. Reg Gladstone (Maegan Thompson)
      - 3. Beth Blagdon (Laurie Wishart)
      - 4. Kelly Finck (Kristen Kay)
      - 5. Brad Amson (Kristen Kay)
      - 6. In absentia:
        - a. Donna Perman (Maegan Thompson) - confirmed by e-mail
        - b. Alison Davis (Ian Fleetwood) - confirmed by txt
    - iv. As there were only 7 nominees for 7 positions, the vote was held as a slate of candidates. Candidates were given the opportunity to present themselves, but all declined. Motion to accept the slate of candidates as proposed (Crealock / Thompson - carried unanimously).
8. New Business - There was no new business.
9. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn the AGM at 20:10 hrs (Crealock / Gair - carried).

SEE ATTACHED QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION NOTES.

## **Following the AGM, CRFMHA Board Members hosted a Question and Answer Session:**

**Sukhi Paul** inquired about a strategy for recruitment of new players. CRFMHA has a strategy in place, but did not want to distribute widely through the school system until there was a sense of transition of existing players into the CRFMHA and the scope of the CRFMHA ice contract. In general, although recruitment is a priority, we did not want to prevent migration of existing players by filling membership with new players. The strategy will involve distributing information through the school districts (SD61, 62, 63), post-secondary institutions (for Juvenile) and perhaps through the Registrars of all VIAHA MHAs (to reach 1999, 2000 and 2001 graduated players for Juvenile play).

**Bruce Leibel** inquired about the process for players who are released from Female 'A' team and opportunities to 'dual roster'. At present, the process is for players who wish to try out for CRFMHA 'A' team to transfer to CRFMHA in order to be eligible for a try-out and then either play CRFMHA 'C' hockey if released, or seek transfer back to their former MHA for integrated play. BC Hockey is reviewing these options in an upcoming meeting on May 1. On the issue of 'dual roster', this is traditionally done within an MHA, although there is precedent for VIAHA allowing dual roster between MHAs in the 2018-19 season to support the Saanich Atom Female team. Attendees were reminded that the availability of dual roster opportunities relies on availability of space on the primary HCR roster of 17 skaters and 2 goalies, as a dual roster player occupies a primary roster spot on rosters of both teams (unlike an AP player, for example, who holds an additional roster spot). Ian Fleetwood has discussed the issue of dual roster between CRFMHA and other local MHAs with Barry Petrachenko from BC Hockey on February 20 and was told it might be possible, but would be difficult.

**Brad Amson** inquired about perhaps making all CRFMHA teams 'C' teams (House) and creating tournament teams for 'A' tournaments. We reviewed the BC Hockey Female Hockey Report that calls for this approach, but it is intended for areas where there is no existing infrastructure for female hockey as a mechanism to develop from nothing. In Victoria, 'A' teams already exist as 92% of VIAHA Regional team players are from CRD. We reviewed the typical development model and opportunities created by having 'A' teams and 'C' teams within the same MHA and CRFMHA agreed with BC Hockey decision last week that 'A' teams in south Vancouver Island would be run by CRFMHA rather than the VIAHA Regional 'A' program. The secondary issue is that to compete in an 'A' tournament, players must be 'carded', so if a team was assembled to compete in a tournament, those players would then remain carded for remainder of the season and presumably ineligible to return to their 'C' team. CRFMHA embraces the current model and previously took a stance in February against a counter-proposal that would have seen CRFMHA start as an "Atom and younger" MHA and build from there. We feel that having all elements in the Association from its inception is reasonable for a city of this size and creates the best model for success.

**Trevor Svienson** supports the female MHA model and indicated that the Association would grow over time and that within 5 years, players would be flocking to CRFMHA..

**Geoff Gair** inquired about when the contest to name the team would begin. We will launch this when we meet a registration threshold that would support some enthusiasm about the event.

**Trevor Svienson** asked about colour and logo. These will follow the naming contest. The contest rules were summarized. Slides from a CRFMHA presentation in April 2017 were brought up to review some of the colour conflicts already identified.

**Brad Amson** inquired about fees. These are posted on the website and on the registration form. They are comparable to fees paid to play integrated hockey at other local MHAs and more favourable than fees to play in a Female MHA on the mainland. The limitations of setting fees in the inaugural season was reviewed, specifically that we were entering the season in debt and have no residual surplus from prior seasons. We are technically ineligible for a gaming grant since we are in our first year of operations without an operating budget from prior seasons, but hope to qualify for a gaming grant on the basis that most of our players are migrating from other MHAs that have been supported by the same program and thus is could be characterized more as a reorganization than strictly as a new entity.

**Beth Bladon** inquired about proposed distribution of ice times. These will follow typical traditional models for practice and games. IP/Novice is expected to have 2 practices per week; Recreational programs are expected to have one shared practice per week and a Home game on alternating weekends; Competitive teams are expected to have two practices per week and one Home game per weekend. Off-ice development (dryland) is supplemental and can be arranged by teams, however, we do hope to implement a combined program for Rep teams to achieve an economy of scale and consistency of programming. CRFMHA will also promote a very liberal practice model with players being free to practice with other teams within their Division elsewhere in the city, or practice with team above/below their Division in their community.

**Trevor Svienson** inquired about the AP process. CRFMHA plans to maximize AP opportunities and create an expectation for APs and other selected players to attend 'A' practices regularly, with a goal of using existing resources to increase the overall amount of development opportunities within the Association.

The Question and Answer Session ended at 21:00 hrs.