



Annual General Meeting Minutes

Thornhill Community Centre
Friday, April 3, 2009
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

1. Call to order
--- Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m.
2. Adoption of Minutes of previous AGM and general meetings held since the previous Annual meeting
--- Joanna motioned for the minutes to be accepted; Joanne seconded the motion.
3. Business arising out of minutes
--- Nothing brought forward.
4. The President's Report
--- Sheri spoke of the many successes of the Executive this season as outlined in her full written report. These successes included the recruitment campaign, revised website, hockey pool fundraiser, survey results, new league motto, revised Constitution, Trillium Grant proposal, and plans for next years league operations.
---Joanna asked is there would still be 2 hours of ice time available next year if we continue to recruit new players and if the league would consider putting a cap on player numbers to keep the two hours. Sheri responded by saying that this had been taken into consideration already and talks were underway with the Town of Markham to see about getting an additional third hour of ice time if need be. The league would not cap players at this time as the Executive is trying to grow the league into something more substantial that will last into the future.
--- Members were also told that the Executive is trying to get an hour of ice time before the league starts to do an on-ice clinic for members who want it.

5. The Treasurer's Report

--- The league expenses this year were \$8664.44. The league brought in \$11165.00 this year.

--- Sharilyn reported that there will be \$2500.56 in the bank for the beginning of next season. This is important as it will be used for the first ice payment in September.

6. The Secretary's Report

--- Anne reported that the Executive met 9 times this year. All minutes are available on the website.

--- An accurate email list of current league members was compiled at the start of the season to aid in league communications.

--- An email list of potential players for next year has also been compiled for recruitment based on emails sent to the website and former players.

--- There were two teams this year. Planning is already underway for next year's teams but that is largely dependent on how many players the league registers.

7. The Marketing and Fundraising Report

--- Jackie reported on her many successes this year including new website features and the recruitment campaign. This exposure resulted in a 29% conversion rate. Of the 17 people who emailed our league for more information, 6 came out to play. League membership was increased by an overall 33%.

--- Jackie also told members about the new league business cards and asked members to take some with them to hand out to potential players.

--- Print advertising was discussed but cost feasibility is still an issue.

--- Hockey pool fundraised \$805 this year. The league will run a similar fundraiser next year.

-- Dates were given for the family bbq (July 19), fall registration (Sept. 25), first ice date for next year (Oct. 16), curling funspiel (Nov. 14), and holiday social (Dec. 18).

--- League merchandise possibilities were also mentioned. Jackie noted that any information received would be posted on the website.

--- Melissa asked if we had considered advertising in the Markham Parks and Recreation Guide. Michelle responded by saying that we had in the past but it was very expensive for the size of ad given and Jackie concurred with the cost issue.

--- Marilyn asked if the link to our website had been updated with ORA. Jackie responded that it had.

8. The Vice-President's Report

--- Andrea presented information on the Trillium Grant to league members. Planning is still in the initial stages but the Executive hopes to have the application done for July 1st.

--- MWRA has identified key areas of need to be player equipment, goalie equipment, and league jerseys.

--- Andrea also provided a Trillium Grant application timeline for members.

--- Joanna and Melissa suggested more content be added to the Grant application.

--- Joanna offered to help with proofreading and form a sub-committee if need be.

--- Joanne questioned whether or not there was any funding available at the federal level and Jackie responded that associations at the federal level would send applicants back to the provincial level. Federal applicants are usually only high-level athletes looking for full-time training money.

9. Cougars Team Representative Report

--- Kathy reported that the Cougars had a successful season this year. So far this year they have amassed two silver medals and two gold medals.

--- This year the Cougars participated and made the finals in a "B" level tournament.

--- Their last tournament of the year is the Adult Challenge Cup in Hamilton on Easter weekend.

10. Pylons Team Representative Report

--- Sharilyn reported that the Pylons participated in one tournament so far this year. In Ottawa, the Pylons played in an Open "C" division instead of the "Rec" division and had a great time.

--- Their second tournament of the year is the Adult Challenge Cup in Hamilton on Easter weekend.

11. Constitution and By-law Amendments

--- Sheri quickly went through the Constitution as all members had been emailed the Constitution for review a week before the AGM. There was no opposition to the revised Constitution. Mary motioned for the revised Constitution to be accepted and Beth seconded the motion.

12. Election of next year's Board of Directors

- Dana asked for nominations from the floor and no one came forward.
- Sheri and Anne were re-elected to their respective positions of President and Secretary by acclamation.
- Mary was elected the new position of Equipment Manager by acclamation.

13. Awards Presentations

- Sheri presented award certificates to the following people:

MVP White: Kathy Jorgenson

MVP Dark: Joanne Moore

Rookie of the Year: Nicole Cortese

Spirit Award: Jackie Deschenes

Best comeback: Marilyn Abbs

Top Scorer: Joanne Moore

Special Recognition: Wendy Nye, Linda Schully, Michele Lawson-Peacock, Chris Lund, Martin Little, Mike Wood, Tod Bovingdon, and Veronica Lawson-Peacock.

14. Adjournment

- Marilyn motioned the meeting be adjourned and Julie seconded the motion.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.