

May 25, 2020

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# Annual General Meeting (AGM)

# INTRODUCTION OF BOARD & STAFF

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## EXECUTIVE

1. **John MacDonald**, President
2. **Kathleen Dengler**, Treasurer / VP Admin
3. **Ted Oloriz**, VP Operations
4. **Jacqui Piebiak**, Secretary / VP Marketing

## JR INFERNO

5. **Jason Higgins**, VP Community
6. **Samm Holmes-Domagala**, Director of Coaching
7. **Darrin McCallum**, Director of Coaching
8. **Tanya Mitenko**, Director of Community
9. **Craig McGeachie**, Director of Community

## OPERATIONS

10. **Brett Turner**, Director of Operations

## CALGARY FIRE

11. **Grant Borbridge**, VP Elite
12. **Spyng Kubicek**, Director of Midget Elite
13. **Dale Risling**, Director of Bantam Elite

## MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

14. **Shannon Cleary**, Director of Communications

## STAFF

**Melanie Moore**, Manager of Hockey Admin  
**Corinne Ross**, Registrar  
**Karen Sinclair**, Ice Scheduler

*Thank you to our outgoing Board Members  
and volunteers!*

## MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

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**Kathleen Dengler CPA, CGA** was recently awarded the *Early Achievement Award* from CPA Alberta. The *Early Achievement Award* recognizes CPAs who have had their accounting designation for 10 years or less and have rendered exceptional service to the profession or whose achievements in their careers or in the community have earned them distinction.



**Samm Holmes-Domagala** was selected as the national winner of Canada's BFL Female Community Coach of the Year. The award, selected by Hockey Canada and BFL Canada, recognizes the best women's hockey coaches in Canada. Samm was also Alberta's provincial winner for BFL Female Community Coach of the Year.



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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## GROWTH

- Registration grew to 841 this past season from 803 in 2018-2019 (4.7%)
- 45 Jr Inferno Teams from U7 (Timbits) to U18 (Midget)
- 5 Calgary Fire teams; 2xU15 AA (Bantam); 2xU18 AA, 1xAAA (Midget)
- Total Coaches - 302; 53 Female, 249 Male
- Elite Coaches - 12 Female, 8 Male; Community Coaches – 41 Female, 241 Male

## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Awarded tenancy at Father David Bauer (FDB) Olympic Arena by the City for our Calgary Fire AAA team
- Celebrated 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our association with an opening ceremony at the AAA Home Opener, honoring members of the 1989-90 Peewee Cougars hockey team.
- Introduced 46 new participants to hockey through the inaugural Jr Inferno First Strides Program.
- Hosted another successful “Try Hockey Day” and “Try Goalie Day”
- Enacted a major upgrade of GHC’s website including its Policy documents

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## COMMUNITY (JR INFERNO)



- Introduced **Skill Sequence Training Program** to address a gap in the foundational skating and puck control skills of our players and to promote a consistency in our coaching language and instruction delivery.
- Continued partnership with P3 Right Start (U7 & U9) to identify age-specific skill progressions and teaching points to maximize coach and player development.
- Implemented a new goalie development program with TPG
- Also implemented a new team **Dryland Training Development Fund** for U11, U13, U15 & U18 players.
- Re-aligned a new Midget B division similar to the Midget A division for competitive purposes.
- Operations introduced a new evaluations system using a mix of GHC coaches and a third party resource provider. This proved to be a great success. More system improvements on their way.

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## ELITE (CALGARY FIRE)



- Hosted 32 Female AA/AAA hockey teams for 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Firestarter Tournament.
- GHC's successful bid for team facilities and ice at FDB arena represents a major win for female hockey in Calgary.
- On track for all five teams to reach Provincial Championships.
- Won bid to host ATB Female Midget Female AAA Provincial Championships in March 2020
- Expanded team training to include Mindful Athletics workshops on mental health and sport/life balance.
- All (7) eligible graduating members of Midget AAA and 2 graduating members of Midget AA were offered placement in post-secondary hockey programs.

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## MARKETING & COMMUNICATION / BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

- Issued RFP for Equipment & Apparel Provider and awarded new contract.
- Renewed our agreement with Enmax for Financial Assistance and Apparel.
- Transferred our website to TeamSnap League Websites with updated content and reference material.
- Introduced our quarterly newsletter, "GHC Insider."
- Introduced GHC Volunteer Appreciate Awards for Coach, Manager and Volunteer of the Year.
- Created online forms for Coach Applications, GHC Financial Assistant Fund, Player Withdrawal, Coach Reimbursement, Development Fund Reimbursement, AGM RSVP and Call for Nomination.
- Over months of negotiations with the CRA, Kathleen Dengler was successful in receiving a lifetime GST exemption ruling for GHC

# SEASON FORECAST

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## HOCKEY CANADA AGE DIVISION NAME CHANGES

<b>DIVISION NAME</b>	<b>ABBREV.</b>	<b>FORMERLY</b>
Under 7	U7	Initiation/Timbits
Under 9	U9	Novice
Under 11	U11	Atom
Under 13	U13	Peewee
Under 15	U15	Bantam
Under 15 AA	U15 AA	Bantam Elite
Under 18	U18	Midget
Under 18 AA	U18 AA	Midget Elite
Under 18 AAA	U18 AAA	Midget AAA



# SEASON FORECAST

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## **CALGARY FEMALE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (CFSDA) & GREAT PLAINS ARENA**

In December 2019, GHC collaborated with CFSDA on their bid to The City of Calgary to take over the operations and tenancy of Great Plains Recreation Facility. CFSDA was awarded the contract in April 2020.

- CFSDA is the parent Association to the Southern Alberta Women's Hockey Association (SAWHA)
- GHC is excited to explore this opportunity with CFSDA in whatever ways it may benefit our members!
- This will not affect GHC's current **ice contracts** and **storage space**.
- GHC does not have any financial obligations in the operations of Great Plains.
- Facility operations are on hold at the moment due to COVID-19.

### **About SAWHA**

SAWHA was established more than 23 years ago for women age 18+ to play recreational hockey in Calgary. SAWHA has 55+ teams in seven tiers, with over 1,000 active members registered in the league. The 2019-20 season saw SAWHA schedule over 1,000 games, playing in 22 arenas within the City of Calgary and in eight arenas within 150 km of Calgary. SAWHA is focused and committed to the development and growth of female hockey.

## SEASON FORECAST

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### NEW EQUIPMENT & APPAREL PROVIDER

After a thorough RFP process, GHC has selected **FRESH BRAND GEAR** as our new official Equipment and Apparel Provider. GHC teams and families will be able to purchase Jr Inferno and Calgary Fire gear through an online store, administered by FBG, featuring top quality brands at competitive prices. FBG will also work directly with the Association to provide official team jerseys, socks (*socks!*) and custom Calgary Fire equipment. We are excited for our members to enjoy the benefits of this new partnership and will have more information as the season approaches!



*FBG is a locally-owned athletic equipment and apparel company with a demonstrated ability to design, decorate and deliver team gear on time and to the highest quality. FBG recognizes the key to success is directly related to the level of customer service their community members receive: “We are not just putting names and numbers on a jersey, or a team’s logo on a duffle bag. We are building a community that cheers together.”*

## COVID-19 UPDATES

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**GHC will adhere to and clearly communicate any season structure changes and behaviour-change interventions outlined by health authorities and minor hockey governing bodies. It is up to each individual member to take the necessary steps to protect their own physical and psychological health, including the decision to participate in minor hockey.**

As we wait for directive from Hockey Calgary, GHC is preparing for the 2020-21 season by:

- Holding our AGM and elections to ensure a full and functioning board and enable 2020/21 season planning.
- Inventorying and purchasing Jerseys, Socks and Equipment.
- Reviewing and preparing our Evaluation and Team Formation processes and procedures.
- Working with our third-party partners (Evaluators, Equipment & Apparel, Photography, Development, etc) in preparation for the upcoming season.

### **Sources of financial relief for registration cost (available on the GHC website):**

- ✓ GHC Financial Assistance Fund
- ✓ Grindstone Award Foundation Grant
- ✓ Flames Even Strength Program
- ✓ Canadian Tire Jumpstart Program
- ✓ Lace 'Em Up Foundation

# ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## RETURNING

- **Ted Oloriz**
- **Samm Holmes-Domagala**

## NEWLY ELECTED

- **Jarid Poisson**
- **Jeaniece Frick**
- **Jodie Baldwin**
- **Kyle Wanvig**
- **Shonn Hilliard**
- **Stu Bridle**

## CURRENT

- **John MacDonald**, President
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*Thank you to all nominees and everyone who voted. We look forward to another exciting season!*