



GIRLS HOCKEY CALGARY ASSOCIATION (GHC)

Great Plains Recreation Facility
5749 76 Ave SE
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**GIRLS HOCKEY CALGARY ASSOCIATION
Annual General Meeting
Monday, May 31, 2021
Virtual (Zoom Webinar)**

1. CONSTITUTION OF THE MEETING

John MacDonald, Girls Hockey Calgary (“GHC”) President acted as chair. Shannon Cleary was the Secretary. Members were recorded by means of RSVP. An email invite was provided to all members who RSVP’d by Monday, May 31, 2021 at 12pm MDT. Quorum was met (70 members in attendance) and the meeting was declared duly constituted and called to order. John MacDonald welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that the Notice of the AGM was appropriately posted as required by GHC Bylaws.

2. APPROVAL OF THE 2020 AGM MINUTES

MOTION: It is proposed that the May 25, 2020 AGM Minutes be accepted as written.

Proposed: Jason Higgins

Seconded: Stu Bridle

Motion: Passed

3. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Introduction and thank you to current Board of Directors. Special thanks to those leaving the board.

RECOGNITION OF MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

- GHC Volunteer Award winners: Kelly Raffan Vallee - Manager of the Year, Rafael Moctezuma – Coach of the Year, Christine O’Shaughnessy – Judy Colpitts Award, Safety Award – Jeff Walker and Stu Bridle



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GROWTH

- Registration grew to 936 this past season from 848 in 2019-2020 (8.6%)
- 45 Jr Inferno Teams from U7 (Timbits) to U18 (Midget)
- 5 Calgary Fire teams; 2xU15 AA (Bantam); 2xU18 AA, 1xAAA (Midget)
- Total Coaches - 302
- Elite Coaches – 20
- Managers and Team Support - 152

OPERATIONS

- This season, safety was the first priority. All safety measures implemented were due to the hard work of the Health and Safety coordinators. Thank you to all families who supported the safety policies.
- Evaluations committee have already been working for next season's evaluations.

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Awarded tenancy at Father David Bauer (FDB) Olympic Arena by the City for our Calgary Fire AAA team
- Celebrated 30th 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"

COMMUNITY (JR INFERNO)

- Development Season: players were sorted into large cohorts.
- Competitive Season: A majority of member associations voted to shift to a competitive season. GHC advised against this. Due to the high number of Covid cases, this season came to a halt.
- Virtual Training. During the pause of the competitive season, the GHC development team organized an incredible schedule of virtual training sessions from mid-December to mid-Jan for all community players.
- Winter Skills: When play started after the pause, GHC offered 407 skaters and goalies U7-U18 a chance to participate in the winter skills program from February 22 to April 1, 2021.
- After the completion of the winter skills program, the development team will be looking to focus on more skills development.



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ELITE (CALGARY FIRE)

- GHC was able to run the prep and tryout camps under Hockey Alberta and provincial regulations.
- 108 tried out for U18, 100+ players tried out for U15.
- Teams were able to engage in exhibition games under AHS restrictions up to November 21, 2021.
- Elite teams trained together until February 2, 2021.
- AFHL season officially ended March 2021.

Next season:

- GHC will request to extend our successful bid to host the 2019/2020 ATB Hockey Alberta U18 Female AAA provincial championships to the 2021/2022 tournament.
- 4 out of 5 Fire coaches have committed to return to coach for the 2021/2022 season.
- Will host Spring ID camps for U15AA and U18 AAA/AA teams in June 2021 under the new AHS restrictions – City of Calgary will not release ice until they receive AHS approval.

4. SEASON FORECAST

GHC OFFICE RELOCATION

- GHC will be relocating their office and storage to Great Plains under contract with the Canadian Female Sports Development Association (CFSDA).
- Goal is to make Great Plains the centre for female ice sports in Calgary
- With this move, we were able to consolidate storage from ECTAS and Max Bell to Great Plains.
- GHC still plans to maintain significant ice contracts with ECTAS.
- New location will not change our consideration and service to members throughout zone 9.
- Will still maintain storage and dressing room at Father David Bauer.
- Partnership with CFSDA aligns with GHC's mission to increase visibility of female athletes.



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IMPORTANT DATES

- Registration opens on July 1st, 2021. Will be using the new Hockey Canada system to register. Registration fees will increase due to arena fee increases.
- Calgary Fire AAA/AA Prep and tryouts – Aug 14 – Sept 2, 2021
- Jr Inferno Community Evaluations – Aug 28 – Sept 23, 2021

DEVELOPMENT OUTLOOK

- There will be a U13 female development strategy developed to align with Hockey Alberta and Hockey Calgary. More information to follow

GHC TOURNAMENTS

- There are plans to hold tournaments for all age groups upon approval from Hockey Calgary. Tournament coordinators will be needed.

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Jarid Poissant presented the GHC financial report for the 2020/21 season ending April 30, 2021. We have two main sources of revenue – registration fees and casinos. Community and Elite teams are budgeted independently, and each program is self-sufficient. Jarid highlighted items from the financial statements provided. Overall, cash position looks a little inflated due to refunds that were not cashed out as families chose to keep it in GHC and they will be applied to registration fees next season. Goal for this years financials was to be close to flat, and the final numbers reflect this.

MOTION: It is proposed that the 2021 Financial Statements ending April 30, 2021 be accepted as presented.

Proposed: Shannon Cleary

Seconded: Samm Domagala

Motion: Passed



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6. ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The present GHC bylaws allow for 15 Board positions on the GHC board. The Past President Position is a non-voting board position. On May 3, 2021, GHC issued a call for nominations to fill eight (8) vacancies. There are five (5) board members retiring. During the 2-week nominations period, GHC received nominations of six (6) members in good standing - two (2) board members seeking re-election, and four (4) new director nominations.

The retiring directors are:

- Ted Oloriz
- Grant Borbridge
- Dale Risling
- Jason Higgins
- Tanya Mitenko

The board members running for another term are:

- John McDonald 3/3
- Shannon Cleary 2/3

The new director nominations are:

- Christine O'Shaughnessy
- David Burch
- Jeff Walker
- Spryng Kubicek

The total number of vacancies is eight (8). As there are six (6) individuals running for directorships, no election will be held and a motion to elect by acclamation will be held.

MOTION: It is proposed that the nominees listed above are elected by acclamation.

Motion: Passed

The following members were re-elected, entering their first year of a new two-year term:

- John McDonald
- Shannon Cleary



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The following members were newly elected, entering their first year of a two-year term:

- Christine O'Shaughnessy
- David Burch
- Jeff Walker
- Spryng Kubicek

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Shannon Cleary moved to adjourn the 2020 Annual Meeting

Seconded: Spryng Kubicek

Motion: Passed

Termination of the meeting at 7:46 pm