



## GIRLS HOCKEY CALGARY ASSOCIATION (GHC)

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### GIRLS HOCKEY CALGARY ASSOCIATION Annual General Meeting Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Virtual (Microsoft Teams)

#### 1. CONSTITUTION OF THE MEETING

Shannon Cleary, Girls Hockey Calgary (“GHC”) President acted as chair. Jennifer Gerla was the Secretary. Members were recorded by means of RSVP. An email invite was provided to all members who RSVP’d by Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 12pm MDT. Quorum was met (33 members in attendance) and the meeting was declared duly constituted and called to order. Shannon Cleary 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 2021 AGM MINUTES

**MOTION:** It is proposed that the May 31, 2021 AGM Minutes be accepted as written.

**Proposed:** Shonn Hilliard

**Seconded:** Spryng Kubicek

**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: Paulette Niedermier - Manager of the Year; Tara Lyseng – Judy Colpitts Award; Bruce, Abigail, and Hannah Curlock – Coach(es) of the Year
- Hockey Calgary Association Volunteer of the Year Award: Jodie Baldwin



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### *GROWTH*

- Registration grew to 1003 this past season from 936 in 2020-2021 (6.68%)
- 53 Jr Inferno Teams from U7 (Timbits) to U18 (Midget)
- 5 Calgary Fire teams; 2xU15 AA; 2xU18 AA, 1xAAA
- Total Coaches - 302
- Managers and Team Support - 152

### *SEASON HIGHLIGHTS*

- **Highlights**
- **Return to Hockey** – players in dressing room and games on the schedule and parents in the stands.
- **Growing our Grassroots** – registration grew allowing Hockey Calgary to create additional females division at U9 and present players with more opportunities to female focused programming
- **Female Coach Recruitment** – we fulfilled Hockey Alberta's new mandate to have one female coach per female team, we continued to recruit and development efforts to get more women involved.
- **Coach and Player Development** – We re-introduced the \$500 Team Development Fund, invested in goalie specific training and offered coach development through clinics, resources and on ice third party instruction.
- **Development Hire and Multi-Sport Camp** – Welcome Laura Dostaler program director and the inaugural GHC multi-sport Spring camp.
  
- **Hurdles**
- **Health and Safety** – resiliency of our players, parents and volunteers on how you handled yourselves amidst ever-changing and at times challenging pandemic protocols.
- Mental wellness will continue to be an issue for our young players and we must support them going forward
- **Growth Management** – As age divisions expand, we must continue to work with Hockey Calgary to adjust our team placement and division structure strategies and address potential goaltending shortages.
- **Communication and Engagement** – We must do better sharing information, resources and events so all members can benefit from and participate in our community.
- **Volunteers** – As we grow, we need more help. Updated Volunteer Policy, and opportunities at the Association and Team level.
- **Compliance and Discipline** – Much time and energy was spent on members who chose not to follow our Code of Conduct. Please follow the bylaws and comply or face consequences.



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### *OPERATIONS*

- Safety remained our first priority in our return to hockey.
- Expanded ice for our community evaluations to accommodate last minute growth. 600+ hours of ice were ran for prep, evaluations, and tryouts.
- Thank you to the ice scheduler, health and safety coordinators, evaluations committee, third party evaluators, volunteers and familiar for being flexible and supportive.
- Evaluations committee is implementing improvements for next season's evaluations including # of sessions and sessions format, communication with members, communication and resources for internal evaluators, and communication and resources for on ice help.

### *COMMUNITY (JR INFERNO)*

- Continued coach and player development through clinics and shared resources.
- Continued our goalie development program with third-party providers.
- Created a new paid position for Program Director for Community Development, Laura Dostaler. Will oversee program and player development and spring and summer development programs.
- Hosted another successful "Try Hockey Day" in June 2022.
- GHC U13 Blaze hosted the 2022 ATB Hockey Alberta U13 Female B Provincial Championships.
- 2 GHC teams claimed Provincial Championships.
  - GHC U18 1 Silver won Hockey Alberta U18 Female B.
  - GHC U15 1 Red won Hockey Alberta H15 Female A

### *ELITE (CALGARY FIRE)*

- 5 elite teams participated in the Annual Firestarter Tournament. Hosted 32 Elite Female AA/AAA hockey teams and will expand to 40 teams in 2022. Want to make this the premier event for showcasing talent and for scouting.
- 2 Calgary Fire U18 AAA athletes named to Team Alberta for the 2021 Western Regional Women's Championship
- 24 Calgary Fire U15 AA athletes were named to the Hockey Alberta Challenge Rosters.
- GHC Calgary Fire U18 White won Hockey Alberta U18 Female AA Provincial Championships.
- Calgary Fire U18 AAA hosted the 2022 ATB Hockey Alberta U18 Female AAA Provincial Championships.
- 3 Calgary Fire U18 athletes were Hockey Alberta AFHL Award Winners
- 5 graduating members of Calgary Fire were offered placement in post-secondary hockey programs.



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- Launching new Calgary Fire Website.

### 4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Jarid Poissant presented the GHC financial report for the 2021/22 season ending April 30, 2022. Jarid highlighted items from the financial statements provided. Overall, 2022 was more reflective of the usual season, but difficult to compare to previous seasons due to the half year. Also, completed a casino this past season. Record registrations and increase in registration fees to help reflect cost increases.

**MOTION:** It is proposed that the 2022 Financial Statements ending April 30, 2022 be accepted as presented.

**Proposed:** David Burch

**Seconded:** Marie Guigon

**Motion:** Passed

### 5. SEASON FORECAST

#### *IMPORTANT DATES*

- Registration opens on June 15th, 2022.
- Calgary Fire AAA/AA Prep and tryouts – Aug 13 – Sept 11, 2022
- Jr Inferno Community Evaluations – Sept 11 – Sept 22, 2022
- Registration fees will increase again this year - Need to reflect the increase in cost especially with ice and officiating.

#### *GHC TOURNAMENTS*

- Calgary Firestarter AAA/AA
  - U18 AAA Firestarter Weekend: Sept 15-18, 2022
  - U15 AA & U18 AA Firestarter Weekend: Sept 30-Oct 2, 2022
- Jr Inferno Association Tournaments:
- Sizzle Sticks Dates have been determined, however at this time, specifics for each age group have not.
- Teams are welcome to run their own tournaments as well this year.
- Wickfest partnership has been renewed.
  - U9, U15, U18 Calgary Weekend: Nov 24, 27, 2022
  - U11, U13 Calgary Weekend: Dec 2-4, 2022



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- U7 Showcase, Tentative Wickfest Affiliate Weekend for U15 in Banff
- Hoping to have some affiliate weekends partnered with Wickfest for teams who are unable to attend association tournaments.

### *PRIORITIES FOR 2022-23*

- Manage our growth – manage ice, structure, coach & player development specific for females, financial assistance and volunteer needs.
- Progress Community Coach & Player Development – incorporate best practices into evaluations, team formation, structure, resources and opportunities
- Elevate Our Calgary Fire Program – foster an athlete-centred environment to attract and retain talent and supportive future growth.
- Incorporate Diversity & Inclusion in Our Culture – Acknowledge, understand and align with Hockey Alberta's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Task Force Recommendations.
- Champion Female Hockey in Alberta – Harness our experience, resources and size to continue to move female hockey forward.

## **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 June 9, 2022, GHC issued a call for nominations to fill seven (7) vacancies. During the 2 week nominations period, GHC received nominations of eight (8) members in good standing.

The board members running for another term are:

- Jarid Poissant 2/3
- Jeaniece Frick 2/3
- Jennifer Gerla 2/3
- Paulette Niedermier 2/3
- Samm Domagala 3/3

The new director nominations are:

- Kelly Raffan
- Michelle Hardy
- Tera Viccars

The total number of vacancies is seven (7). As there are eight (8) individuals running for directorships, more than positions available, an election will be held.



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### *ELECTION PROCEDURE*

Electronic voting via [electionbuddy.com](http://electionbuddy.com)

- Ballots have only be prepared for those who RSVP'd
- Each member will have one ballot per registered Athlete Member during the 2021/2022 season.
- Members must be in good standing with GHC to vote.
- Voters must be the PARENT MEMBER of the Athlete whose Hockey Canada ID Number you used to access your ballot, or the ATHLETE MEMBER aged 18+ whose Hockey Canada ID Number you used to access your ballot.
- Proxy votes are not permitted.
- Members joining by phone cannot cast a ballot over the phone but can still vote electronically.
- Once you submit your vote electronically, you may not change your vote.

### *ELECTION RESULTS*

33 ballots were submitted.

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

- Jarid Poissant
- Jeaniece Frick
- Jennifer Gerla
- Paulette Niedermier
- Samm Domagala

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

- Kelly Raffan
- Michelle Hardy

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Brian Kopek moved to adjourn the 2022 Annual Meeting

**Seconded:** Samm Domagala

**Motion:** Passed



Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm

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