
BRADFORD WEST GWILLIMBURY MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



MARCH 26, 2025

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - MINUTES OF MEETING

<p><u>Board Members:</u> Phil Vito - VP Hockey Programming U9 and Below John Ewart - VP of House League/Local League Sonia Marchese - Secretary Melissa Dossey – Communications Cindy Styles – Treasurer Nicole Marinucci - Risk Management Director Kelly Jensen - Tournament Director Melissa D’Alessandro - Tournament Convenor Sarah Perry - Registrar Raquel Sorrenti - Events Director</p> <p><u>Voting Members in Attendance:</u> 29</p>	<p><u>Guests:</u> Shannon Gardiner - Administrator Nancy Bateman - Bookkeeper</p> <p><u>Regrets:</u> John Reilly – President Joe Bartley - Equipment Director Adam Lynn - Technical Director Janice Tee – Assistant Tournament Director</p>
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Call to Order

The meeting commenced at 7:06pm.

Approval of 2024 Annual General Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the AGM Minutes from March 27, 2024. 2nd Melissa Dossey.
Majority in favour, motion carried.

Presidents Report – delivered by Phil Vito

John Reilly apologizes for missing the meeting; however, he had a last-minute practice added and his team is in the OMHAS this weekend.

John would like to extend a big thank you to all the guests in attendance as well as the current Board of Executives. John would also like to acknowledge and thank the associations sponsors.

Registrations Numbers:

389 Registered in Bradford House League/Local League which is up from 374 last year.
154 registered in South Simcoe Minor Hockey Association
44 registered in both First Shift and Intro to Hockey program.

House League and Local League had another good year. The following are HL/LL teams.

House League:
8 teams in U7
4 teams in U9

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Local League:

4 teams in U11

3 teams in U13

2 teams in U15

1 team in U16

1 team in U18

Of the 11 teams, we had 9 continue to the last round of playoffs.

We had two MD (U8 and U9) teams this year. And we had 3 teams participate in the York Simcoe CPP program. CPP stands for Competitive Player Pathway which is a select program. Our U7 and U9 teams participated in this, and we are hosting a little 4 team tournament next weekend.

All our banquets are being held at the Bradford Leisure Centre this year in the multi-purpose rooms on Saturday March 29, 2025.

Association bookkeeper Nancy Bateman was called up to give her financial report.

Financial Report 2024/25 - Nancy Bateman

I want to thank all of the members and the Executive for contributing to another successful year with BWGMHA.

Overall;

BWGMHA continued to wade through the impact of SSMHA on operations during the 24/25 season. Compared to last year, this season progressed with a clearer understanding of the roles of each Centre and applicable duties. This remains an evolving process leading up to the time when SSMHA becomes their own entity and is no longer directly linked with BWGMHA at the end of 25/26 season.

Again, we went into this season unsure of registration numbers given the various leagues and opportunities available. On a positive note, our registration numbers meet our targeted budget. Along with the Executive who worked very hard in fulfilling their duties within their given expense budgets, BWGMHA was able to provide a successful season while providing a safe and rewarding environment.

Audit;

BWGMHA engages BDO Chartered Accountants for their annual audit. This third-party external audit provides the membership with an unbiased review of their Association financials. It is important to continue this service in order to keep the Board and the membership confident in their abilities. BWGMHA year end is April 30. The 2023/24 audit is currently underway. A copy of the draft audited financial statements are posted on the back wall and once they are approved, they will be posted to the

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website. The projected internally prepared 2024/2025 financial statements have been included in your AGM package for your review.

Financials;

When you review the financial report in your package you will see a Balance Sheet and an Income Statement.

Balance Sheet;

Our cash situation is positive. In a normal season our ice bills of approximately \$80,000 a month are paid at the beginning of each month before we consider reimbursements from tournaments, SSMHA and other users. Therefore, it is important to have funds to cover ice in advance. We also maintain a GIC at Scotiabank for emergencies. BWGMHA loaned SSMHA \$20,000 at the beginning of the 23/24 season to assist with start-up costs and this is kept separate from the Due from SSMHA which is made up of the registrations we collected on behalf of SSMHA offset against the ice BWGMHA purchased on behalf of SSMHA. This method of accounting will continue through 2025/26 until the merger is finalized and SSMHA becomes its own entity. It will be decided at that point what role BWGMHA will play in SSMHA activities relating to ice permits and other shared costs.

Income Statement;

There are 3 columns on the income statement, they are listed as follows; the currently projected amounts to April 30, 2025, the budgeted amounts for 24/25 and the amounts that were submitted for the 23/24 audit.

If you have any questions about the accounting reports, please don't hesitate to ask me after the meeting or email me at nancy.bateman@hotmail.com.

Amero;

I always like to take this time each year to speak about the Josh Amero Memorial Fund. This fund was started by Josh's dad in memory of his son Josh. Over the years it has helped many Bradford families through hard times and related hockey expenses. This is a restricted fund based on the release of funds being reviewed and approved. Thanks to our successful skate swap fundraisers, the fund gets replenished. And again, this season the Amero Fund has helped families in need.

Reminders;

If you have any OMHA certification receipts please submit them prior to April 30, 2025, for reimbursement. And as for the teams, please submit your officiating payment sheets, summaries and any leftover float monies, along with any team financial statements if your team participated in fundraising prior to April 30, 2025.

Thank you
Nancy Bateman

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Before Nancy stepped away from the podium, she asked all board members to have seat with membership with the exception of Phil Vito. Nancy advised membership for those not aware that Phil Vito was lweaving the board and thanked him for the many years of volunteering his time for the Bradfrod Minor Hockey Association.,

Election of 2025-2026 Board Members

Phil Vito once again thanked the current board and asked those up for elections to take a seat with membership.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vice President, Operations & OMHA Delegate• 2-year term	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vice President Programming U9 and Below• 2-year term
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secretary• 2-year term	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Equipment Director• 2-year term
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assistant Tournament Director• 2-year term	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Risk Management Director• 2-year term
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marketing Director• 2-year term	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Registrar• 2-year term

Nominations:

Board Position: Vice President, Operations & OMHA Delegate

Prerequisite: must have served at least 2 years in the last 3 on the board

Length of Term: 2 years

John Reilly stepped away and handed the podium to Phil Vito.

Nominations:

Jon Kit

1st Motion

Sonia Marchese

2nd Motion

Jamie Patterson

Jon Kit accepted his nomination.

Majority in favour.

Motion to close: Kelly Jensen & Sonia Marchese

Carried and Closed

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Board Position: Vice President Programming U9 and Below

Length of Term: 2-year term

Nominations:	1st Motion	2nd Motion
✓ Jamie Patterson	Sonia Marchese	John Ewart

Jamie accepted his nomination.

Majority in Favour.

Motion made to close: Nicole Marinucci & Sonia Marchese

Carried and Closed

Board Position: Secretary

Length of Term: 2-year term

Nominations:	1st Motion	2nd Motion
Sonia Marchese	Louis Goulet	Jon Kit

Sonia Marchese did not accept the nomination. There were no other nominations. Position remained vacant and will be posted online.

Motion to close: Louis Goulet

Board Position: Equipment Director

Prerequisite: None.

Length of Term: 2-year term

Nominations:	1st Motion	2nd Motion
✓ Shane Saunders	Richard Perdiz	Dayna Pierce
Joe Bartley	Sonia Marchese	Sarah Perry

Both Shane and Joe accepted the nomination.

Nancy Bateman & Ian Gardner oversaw the ballot count. Shane voted in.

Majority in favour.

Motion made to close: Sonia Marchese & Melissa Dossey

Motion to destroy ballots: Cindy Styles & Sonia Marchese

Carried and Closed

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Board Position: Registrar

Length of Term: 2 years.

	Nominations:	1st Motion	2nd Motion
✓	Sarah Perry	Sonia Marchese	Melissa Dossey

Sarah accepted her nomination.

Majority in favour.

Motion made to close: Louis Goulet & Sonia

Carried and Closed

Board Position: Risk Management Director

Length of Term: 2 years.

	Nominations:	1st Motion	2nd Motion
✓	Janice Tee	Melissa Dossey	Sonia Marchese

Janice resigned from her role as Marketing Director and accepted this nomination.

Majority in favour.

Motion made to close: Melissa Dossey & Sonia Marchese

Carried and Closed

Board Position: Assistant Tournament Director

Length of Term: 2 years.

	Nominations:	1st Motion	2nd Motion
✓	Sonia Marchese	Kelly Jensen	Louis Goulet

Sonia accepted this nomination.

Majority in favour. Motion made to close: Nicole Marinucci & Kelly Jensen

Carried and Closed

Board Position: Marketing Director

Length of Term: 2 years.

	Nominations:	1st Motion	2nd Motion
✓	Nicole Marinucci	Sonia Marchese	Sarah Perry

Nicole M accepted this nomination.

Majority in favour. Motion made to close: Jamie Patterson & Louis Goulet

Carried and Closed

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South Simcoe Minor Hockey Association (SSMHA) Report

Hello, I'm Melissa Dossey, Centre Convenor on the South Simcoe Board.

This past season, South Simcoe had 24 teams and 406 athletes competing. We hosted three successful tournaments:

- October Storm Classic - U10A & U14AA were Finalists.
- November Paul Dossey Memorial Tournament - U13B were Champions, and U13A finished as Finalists.
- February Storm Classic - U10AA & U13AA were Champions, while U10B & U15A were Finalists.

Our U10B and U14AA teams also won the York Simcoe Championships this season!

Now, three of our teams—U10B, U14AA, and U15AA—are competing in the OMHA Championships this weekend. Let's bring home some red hats!

We also have a few teams who are playing in the York Simcoe President's Cup final - U10A, U11A, U13AA, U18A and U18AA

Looking ahead, player evaluations start in just over a month, with registration opening in the next couple of weeks. With the new player movement rules in place, we're uncertain about tryout numbers, but we're excited to see what the upcoming season brings!

At this point we opened the floor to questions.

Darren Long had a list of Point of Information's he wanted to express and have documented in the Minutes. See below.

1. Consistent support for coaches. Better visibility for Technical Director and more consistent support for practice planning and skill development.
2. Remove rebalancing from SRLL and fight for more autonomy within the SRLL.
3. More ice slots for RS Select teams.
4. All LL coaches involved in selection process for teams.
5. More thorough evaluation of all LL levels including better initial preseason evaluation and the possibility of preseason exhibition games between LL teams.
6. Banquet at larger facility. U11 and under and U13 and above.
7. Preseason LL coaches meetings for all details of the season and expected responsibilities.

Darren Long wanted to motion to remove rebalancing for SRLL teams. John Ewart has already tabled this matter at SRLL meeting already.

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Chris Manning: Asked about U9 MD full ice. Jamie clarified it just rumours. Bulldogs have applied to be part of the pilot project. Should hear back by August.

There was no more questions. No new business.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Melissa Dossey at 8:10 pm and seconded by Darren Long.