



## BRADFORD WEST GWILLIMBURY MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION – BWGMHA

Annual General Meeting – April 11, 2011

BWGMHA President Paul Camenzuli opened meeting at 7:06 pm.

**Present:** Paul Camenzuli, Sue Vey, Nancy Bateman, Sharon Brinkos, Carrie Kooy, Roy Chiarot, Bayne Smith, Tammy Hudgin, Barb Freedman

**Absent:** Dave Heath, Cameron Preece

President, Paul Camenzuli welcomed the 129 registered members in attendance and introduced current Board members. Paul also mentioned that this was the largest turnout for an AGM that he has ever seen.

### **President's Report:**

Paul thanked the current and outgoing members of the Board for their commitment to BWGMHA. Paul also noted that for anyone considering taking a Board position for the upcoming season, to understand what is involved before taking that step. A lot of hours are put into the Association to keep things running smoothly.

Over this past year, BWGMHA has participated in conjunction with the Toronto Marlies, largely due to the efforts of Bayne Smith and his effort to help bring in funds for BWGMHA. We also participated in Hockey Day in Bradford, and Paul thanked Joe Lotto from the Town of BWG for allowing us to participate.

Paul told members that Rep coaches had been selected and were posted on the back wall of the hall for all to see.

Paul was pleased to announce the volunteer award winners for the 2010 – 2011 season:

Rep Coach of the Year – Jeff Cole

House League Coach of the Year – Ken Mott

Lower Local League Coach of the Year (Novice/Atom) – Bayne Smith

Upper Local League Coach of the Year (Peewee to Midget) – Larry Deacon

Trainer of the Year – Kevin Torrie

Volunteer of the Year – Jodi Mott

Paul put forward a motion to accept Jodi Mott and Darleen James as approved counters for the AGM:

1<sup>st</sup>: Tammy Hudgin

2<sup>nd</sup>: Tim Nunn

*Majority were in favour - Motion carried.*

Motion put forward to accept the 2010 AGM minutes:

1<sup>st</sup>: Roy Chiarot

2<sup>nd</sup>: Paul Jansen

*Majority were in favour - Minutes approved.*

In closing, Paul said hockey was all about the players, and the goal of BWGMHA was to ensure that everyone had fun, and continued to enjoy the game for years to come.

## **Financial Report:**

Nancy Bateman presented financial statements and said that BWGMHA had just completed another successful audit. Nancy thanked the current Board members for keeping their pencils sharp on their purchases. Many of the items Nancy budgeted for expenses, came in under what was allotted.

Registration numbers were down, going from 545 to 486. This was the reason team numbers were so large. BWGMHA did not have to purchase as much ice as there were not as many teams. Weekend Hockey Tournaments brought in \$15,525.00. Due to such a successful season, BWGMHA will be expanding events with Weekend Hockey Tournaments through our Tournament Directors for the 2011-2012 season.

Nancy thanked Paul for his on-going negotiations with the Town of BWG in an effort to keep ice fees down. Due to his efforts, our Ice Convenor was able to return unused ice back to the Town of BWG.

Nancy gave details of a new award for BWGMHA - the Josh Amero Memorial Award - which is to be given to a player who has showed great leadership and character, both on and off of the ice.

Nancy thanked everyone for their patience over this past season as there were some difficult times. She said that she is hoping to have the BWGMHA Budget completed by May, but is still waiting for information from the Town of BWG on ice costs which are required before registration fees can be set for the upcoming season.

Bayne Smith announced the winners of the following awards:

Mike Sage Award – for outstanding play maker in Bantam division - *Owen McMechan*

Josh Amero Memorial Award – who showed great leadership and character, both on and off of the ice - *Jonathan Andrews*.

## **By-Law Amendments / Proposals:**

# 1... Submitted: March 8, 2011

Proposal to change requirements for eligibility to seek election for the Executive and Board Members of BWGMHA.

### **CURRENT:**

#### **6.4 Termination**

- a) A membership in the Association shall not be transferable and shall terminate upon a Member's resignation or death.
- b) Members may resign from the Association by submitting a resignation in writing addressed to the Secretary who in turn notifies the appropriate Board members.
- c) Members in good standing shall be those admitted to Membership and who have paid all required membership fees to the Association. Members whose Membership fees are in arrears for a period of three (3) months shall be suspended from Membership and not permitted to vote, make nominations or hold office in the Association. The Registrar shall immediately inform those concerned of this suspension in writing.
- d) Members whose conduct is considered by the Board to be contrary to the stated OMHA Code of Conduct and the purposes of the Association shall be asked by the Board to explain or justify their actions. If these Members are unwilling or unable to do so, they shall be asked by the Board to resign from the Association. If they do not resign, the Board shall give proper notice of motion, to be considered at the next Board meeting, requesting the expulsion of these Members. A copy of this motion shall be communicated to the Members concerned within a reasonable period of time for that person to make a written response.

If a response is made, it shall be circulated with the notice of motion. Approval of such a motion shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority in a ballot conducted at the meeting. The Members concerned shall be invited to attend the meeting and to explain their positions before the vote is taken.

**PROPOSED NEW:**

6.4 Termination

- a) A membership in the Association shall not be transferable and shall terminate upon a Member's resignation or death.
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**e) Where a Member, sitting as an Executive or Board Member, that resigns his/her seat during the current season including up to and the final day before the scheduled AGM, may not be eligible to run for a period of one year.**

This proposal is to deter resignations in the middle of the season which puts undue pressure on remaining members to fulfill duties until a replacement can be found.

*Proposed by: Paul Camenzuli*

*Secoded by: Melanie McCarty*

Motion to accept Proposal to change requirements for eligibility to seek election for the Executive and Board Members of BWGMHA.

1<sup>st</sup> : Paul Camenzuli

2<sup>nd</sup> : Melanie McCarty

*Majority were in favour – Motion carried.*

# **2...** Submitted: March 9, 2011

*Two Part Proposal –*

Also with a reminder that although duties are listed, Board members are asked to help each other out when needed.

## 1) Addition of Board Position – **Fundraising Chair**

Board Position: Fundraising Chair

Length of Term: 2 years

### Responsibilities:

- Prepare package to issue to potential team sponsors.
- Follow up with potential sponsors and receive sponsor forms and cheques/payments.
- Prepare the list of sponsors and associated teams/divisions for sponsor names for team jerseys.
- Receive hockey team fundraiser applications and review and provide approvals.
- Maintain a calendar of the hockey seasons teams fundraisers.
- Notify Beer Store Manager of scheduled beer bottle drives (allowed each week).
- Ensure compliance of all fundraising with Town regulations
- Plan, organize and supervise Association events as proposed by the Chair, the Board and its members (does not include fundraising events planned within specific teams)
- Create and chair a fundraising committee (meetings to be organized within the committee itself)
- Report all plans, budgets, and any type of necessary information to the Board of Directors.

Larry Shier questioned the validity of having 1 person do this job as it is shared by various Board members right now. Nancy Bateman stated that with our big anniversary coming up next year, it would be ideal if we could have a gala of some sort. With existing Board members already stretched to their limits to get their jobs done, having 1 person, who in turn, can create another small committee under him/her, this would allow for total focus on achieving this goal.

Motion to create new Board position of Fundraising Chair:

1<sup>st</sup> : Nancy Bateman, Treasurer

2<sup>nd</sup> : Sharon Brinkos, Secretary

*Majority were in favour – Motion carried.*

## 2) Change of Language: **Duties with Existing Board Positions**

Board Position: Head of Hockey Auxiliary

Length of Term: 1 year

### Responsibilities:

- Arrange for BWGMHA Photographer & Picture day (s).
- Prepare schedule for all divisions team pictures.
- Distribute pictures to Convenors for distribution.
- Prepare & distribute sponsor photos and thank you.
- Order Year end banquet awards, including year-end trophies, Esso awards, and special annual memorial awards. Ensure plating is accurate and ready for banquet day.
- Arrange Year end banquet food and drinks.
- Arrange AGM meeting details, including reports, room, refreshments

Board Position: Secretary

Length of Term: 2 years

### Responsibilities:

- Arrange for monthly Board meetings and locations.
- Prepare meeting agendas and issuance of meeting minutes
- Issuance of Letters of Relief for players trying out or playing in other centres if not already done so by the VP of Operations
- Issuance of Bank Letters for teams to open a team account
- Pick up mail from BWGMHA Mailbox 383 and date stamp and deliver to appropriate personnel.

- Ensure offices and trophy cases are well maintained.
- Relay necessary information to the Web master to input to the BWGMHA web site accordingly.

Board Position: Equipment Director

Length of Term: 1 Year

Responsibilities:

- Determine which companies team jerseys and socks are ordered from.
- Provide volumes, colours, size of jerseys for all divisions.
- Arrange delivery of jerseys and socks to each team/divisions.
- Provide pucks/pylons for tryouts.
- Provide complete trainers bags for each team/division.
- Provide goalie equipment for each HL team/division.
- Ensure equipment is returned and maintained in good condition.
- Record stock supplies and replace when necessary.

*Proposed by: Nancy Bateman, Treasurer*

*Seconded by: Sharon Brinkos, Secretary*

Larry Shier stated that this motion could not be voted on as stated due to the fact the 'current' wording of the above positions were not put forth in the agenda program. He stated that an amendment could be brought forward if all members agreed in order to pass this motion.

Motion put forward to allow an amendment to the proposal made by Nancy Bateman, Treasurer, and Sharon Brinkos, Secretary:

1<sup>st</sup> : Mary Spencer-Thompson

2<sup>nd</sup> : Rob James

*Majority were in favour – Motion carried.*

Motion to Change Language with respect to duties with existing Board positions for Head of Hockey Auxiliary, Secretary and Equipment Director:

1<sup>st</sup> : Nancy Bateman, Treasurer

2<sup>nd</sup> : Sharon Brinkos, Secretary

*Majority were in favour – Motion carried.*

**# 4... Submitted: March 10, 2011**

**8. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

**8.1 Composition**

Members of the Board -

- i) President
- ii) Vice President Rep Hockey & OMHA Delegate
- iii) Vice President Local League & Simcoe Region Delegate
- iv) Vice President House League
- v) Treasurer
- vi) Secretary

a) Eligibility

A Board Member:

- i) shall be eighteen (18) or more years of age;

- ii) shall not be an undischarged bankrupt or of unsound mind;
- iii) shall be an active Member of the Association at the time of his or her election or appointment;
- iv) shall remain a Member of the Association throughout his or her term of office.
- v) must have been a sitting member of the, Board for 1 year or more within the immediate preceding 3 years span.

**vi) shall not hold the position of Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Trainer or Manager of any BWGMHA house, local league, or rep team.**

- b) Number of Members of the Board;

The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Board, which consists of 14 elected Board Members.

- c) Executive Term of Office;

i) At the April General meeting of Members of the Association, the Members of the Association shall elect a number of Board equal to the number of Board whose term is ending shall be elected to the Board for two (2) year terms each.

- i. Implementation of Rotation of Board

ii. In order to establish a rotation of the Board, the election of Board next following the implementation of this By-law shall provide for the election of the Board; the election of six (7) Board for a term of two (2) years each and the election of seven (7) Board for a term of one (1) year each. Thereafter, all Board positions whose term is ending shall be elected for two (2) year terms going forward.

ii) The term of all incumbent Board at the date of adoption of this By-law shall expire and terminate by special resolution of the Board following the Annual General Meeting prior to May 31st that follows said meeting.

- d) Change in Number of Board;

The Members of the Association may by special resolution increase or decrease the number of its Executives. Any change in the number of Board shall be in compliance with prevailing Ontario laws and regulations.

*Proposed by – Paul Brundige*

*Seconded by – Pennie Brundige*

Kevin Torrie asked Paul Brundige for his rationale on bringing the motion forward. Paul said that too many members of coaching staff get positions on the Board and use their influence to their advantage for their teams.

Rob James agreed that Board members have influence, but at the same time it is tough to find volunteers.

Byron Vatcher asked why would you stop someone who was willing to give their time to be a Board member as well as be on a coaching staff? With the lack of volunteers, and the amount of work that goes into running the Association, it would only be the players that would suffer.

Larry Shier asked for a show of hands of how many members in attendance had served on the Board at some point in time. Not many hands went up. He stated that having been a Board member himself in the past, that unless you have held one of these positions you have no idea the work that is involved.

Sharon Brinkos mentioned that she has just completed her 10<sup>th</sup> year as a manager, and if this motion were to come into play, she would never have been able to step up and help out the Board this year when they were looking for a Secretary.

Tammy Hudgin stated that many parents don't want to step up to the plate to help out, whether it be as part of a coaching staff or serve as a Board member. When you have parents who are willing/able to do both, for the good of the players, we as an Association must embrace them.

Sandra Woodcock said this request to change the by-law was too severe as there are many great volunteers who serve on the Board as well as on a coaching staff.

Paul Camenzuli said that our number one priority is the players. Next comes our coaching staff, and then the parents. We have volunteers who do both jobs, being a Board member and a having a position on a coaching staff, and if these volunteers are out to help the players in both capacities, we welcome them, as not everyone can, or will, take the time out of their busy lives to make the commitment.

Motion put forward that a Board member shall not hold the position of Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Trainer or Manager of any BWGMHA house, local league, or rep team:

1<sup>st</sup> : Paul Brundige

2<sup>nd</sup> : Pennie Brundige

Majority NOT in favour – Motion denied.

**# 3... Submitted: March 10, 2011**

Proposal by Paul Brundige and Penny Brundige to change Duties of the Board (section 11 of the BWGMHA By-laws) for a Board member to not hold the position of Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Trainer or Manager of any BWGMHA house, local league, or rep team, was not brought forward as Proposal #3 was denied.

Sue Vey put forth a motion to accept Steve Pereira as another counter for the election of Board members.

1<sup>st</sup> : Nancy Bateman

2<sup>nd</sup> : Sue Vey

Majority in favour – Motion carried.

**Election of Board Members:**

Legend: √ = Accept Nomination    ~~Members' Name~~ = Declined    **In Bold/Italic** – Elected Board Member

Board Position: <b>SECRETARY</b> Length of Term: 2 YEARS			Board Position: <b>CONVENOR – LOCAL LEAGUE</b> Length of Term: 1 YEAR		
Nominations:	1 <sup>st</sup> Motion	2 <sup>nd</sup> Motion	Nominations:	1 <sup>st</sup> Motion	2 <sup>nd</sup> Motion
<del>Dawn Sheardown</del>	Tracey Vatcher	Tim Nunn	<del>Larry Shier</del>	Tim Nunn	Ian Poot
<del>Sharon Brinkos</del>	Rob James	Joanne Kooy	<b>Andy Lomas</b> √	Kevin Torrie	Christine Deacon
<b>Tammy Hudgin</b> √	Sharon Brinkos	Nancy Bateman	<del>Larry Deacon</del>	Paul Smith	Melanie McCarty
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John Andrews		Nancy Bateman	Barb Freedman		Larry Deacon
<u>Motion to Destroy Ballots:</u>			<u>Motion to Destroy Ballots:</u>		
N/A			N/A		

Board Position: **TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR  
HL & LL**

Length of Term: 2 YEARS

Nominations:	1 <sup>st</sup> Motion	2 <sup>nd</sup> Motion
<del>Barb Freedman</del> ✓ <del>Bayne-Smith</del> <del>Sharon Brinkos</del>	Kim Griffiths Kevin Torrie Christine Deacon	Tammy Hudgin Christine Deacon Sue Vey

Motion to Close:

John Andrews                  Tracey Vatcher

Motion to Destroy Ballots:

N/A

Board Position: **TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR  
REP & AE**

Length of Term: 1 YEAR

Nominations:	1 <sup>st</sup> Motion	2 <sup>nd</sup> Motion
<del>Kim Griffiths</del> ✓ <del>Kevin Torrie</del>	Barb Freedman Greg Fines	Bayne Smith Sue King

Motion to Close:

Paul Camenzuli                  Andy Lomas

Motion to Destroy Ballots:

N/A

Board Position: **HEAD OF HOCKEY AUXILIARY**

Length of Term: 1 YEAR

Nominations:	1 <sup>st</sup> Motion	2 <sup>nd</sup> Motion
<del>Melanie McCarty</del> <del>Jodi Mott</del> ✓	Roy Chiarot Nadia Steyn	Ian Poot Tammy Hudgin

Motion to Close:

Bayne Smith                  Barb Freedman

Motion to Destroy Ballots:

N/A

Board Position: **ABUSE & HARASSMENT  
DIRECTOR**

Length of Term: 2 YEARS

Nominations:	1 <sup>st</sup> Motion	2 <sup>nd</sup> Motion
<del>Greg Fines</del> ✓ <del>Gary Meyers</del> <del>Craig Heatley</del> ✓ <del>Sandra Woodcock</del> <del>Jeff Cole</del>	Roy Chiarot Tim Nunn Paul Brundige Andy Lomas Byron Vatcher	Larry Deacon Byron Vatcher Melanie McCarty Tracey Vatcher Tim Nunn

Motion to Close:

John Andrews                  Kevin Torrie

Motion to Destroy Ballots:

Rob James                  Andy Lomas

Board Position: **TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT  
DIRECTOR**

Length of Term: 2 YEARS

Nominations:	1 <sup>st</sup> Motion	2 <sup>nd</sup> Motion
<del>Bayne-Smith</del> <del>Paul Camenzuli</del> <del>Larry Deacon</del> <del>Colin Hope</del> <del>Ryan Gainer</del> <del>Dave McMechan</del> <del>John Iordanou</del> <del>Byron Vatcher</del>	Barry Peters Tim Nunn Rob James Mark McLean Jodi Mott Darleen James Penny V. Larry Deacon	Greg Fines Rob James Sue Vey Steve McDonald Sharon Brinkos Byron Vatcher Rob James Jeff Ripley

Motion to Close:

Tim Nunn                  Tony Ingoglia

Motion to Destroy Ballots:

**\*\* All declined nominations – will try before  
close of election.**

Board Position: **EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR**

Length of Term: 2 YEARS

Nominations:	1 <sup>st</sup> Motion	2 <sup>nd</sup> Motion
<del>Bayne Smith</del> ✓ <del>Mark McLean</del> <del>Shelley Quinn</del> <del>Mark Sergini</del> <del>Joe Lotto</del> ✓	Sheri Jones Greg Fines Debbie ? John Iordanou Ian Poot	Paul Camenzuli Colin Hope Melanie McCarty Rob James Paul Smith

Motion to Close:

Tracey Vatcher                  Kevin Torrie

Motion to Destroy Ballots:

Barb Freedman                  Tim Nunn



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**New Business:**

A)...The question was raised regarding the election of Rob James for Head of Fundraising as there was a new By-law passed earlier in the meeting to change requirements for eligibility to seek election for the Executive and Board Members of BWGMHA. The By-law passed states that if a Board member resigns prior to the end of his/her term, they will not be eligible for a Board position for a period of 1 year. Paul Camenzuli informed the members present that in order for this by-law to take place, the AGM must close at which time the By-law will take effect.

B)...A member expressed how she felt regarding the Weekend Hockey Tournaments that BWGMHA is a part of at the Nottawasaga Inn. They were too expensive for our home teams. She said many BWGMHA teams do not want to participate in these tournaments due to the cost. Bayne Smith stated this is something our Association can look at before next season. It was also expressed that there were too many select teams allowed, but overall, these were great tournaments and are run very well.

C)...A member asked when the fees for registration will be set. Nancy Bateman stated there will be a budget meeting in May and she is hoping to have ice costs from the Town of BWG by that time so she can set the fees. So far to date, 238 players have pre-registered with the 3 early walk in sessions held in February and March.

D)...A member said the Association should be looking at targeting the younger age groups. Paul Camenzuli agreed and said that is why a group of professionals were hired for the pre-tyke/tyke age group to stop players from going to NTR.

Paul also mentioned that McDonalds has offered to sponsor all of the Atom division – both house league and Rep. This is a great boost for our players and our Association.

E)...There have been rumours going around that registration rates will hit \$1,000.00 for next season. The membership was told that many parents are discouraged and said they cannot afford that much for hockey and have been scared away from pre-registering. Nancy Bateman assured everyone that costs have not been set, and that she will be doing her best to keep an increase to a minimum. She said it is these rumours that make the Association look bad, and they are totally false.

Paul Camenzuli stated that it would be nice to have a large fundraiser to help subsidize costs. Beeton Minor Hockey Association holds a car draw every year to offset some of their costs. Beeton also has a large volunteer base to work from which allows them to hold such an event. He said that BWGMHA needs more volunteers to help make an event like that happen here.

F)...Paul Camenzuli said that the Association, including all Board members, are open to suggestions throughout the year. Members do not have to wait until the AGM to bring up new ideas, issues, etc.

Paul also stated that unless registration numbers increase, Tyke will be going local league as there are not enough players registered to run an in-house league. If Tyke becomes local league, the season would start in December. This would include a 20 game season with a final wrap up weekend in Innisfil. Tyke players would work on skills and development at the beginning of the season until December. Paul said that BWGMHA would like to have a Novice AE team instead of a Tyke Select team. The number of players at Novice try-outs will help decide if there will be a Novice AE team or not.

G)...The 'import' rule for Rep players is now in place. BWGMHA is open for imports for Minor Peewee to Major Bantam players. Midget is closed in an effort to allow all home town players to have a spot on a team for what might be their last year playing hockey.

If you live in Bradford, the closest centre for try-outs is Aurora as Newmarket is closed to imports. If you live on the outskirts of Bradford, your closest centre is TNT.

Rep try-outs for BWGMHA are offering something new for the upcoming season. The first try-out is free, and the cost will be \$10.00 for the second and third sessions.

Paul also mentioned that the AP rule needs to be re-designed. This was brought to light as the Rep coaching interviews were being done. Potential coaches stated that it was too long of a process and too many hurdles to get an AP player if one is needed. Paul said that Dave Heath is working on changes to this rule.

BWGMHA would love to have a Juvenile division. Paul would like everyone to spread the word around to create the interest. BWGMHA would like a minimum of 8 local players to start a team and then registration would open up to outside players.

Paul said the Rep parents unfortunately bear the brunt of the costs for hockey. The Association is looking at some ways to give back to the teams, with the possibility of one and a half hour ice practices.

He said one positive thing is that because Rep teams are picked in the Spring, they have more time to fundraise to offset their costs for the season. Local league does not have that luxury as their season doesn't start until the fall, leaving less time to fundraise.

Paul Camenzuli put forward a motion to close the 2011 AGM at 9:45 pm:

1<sup>st</sup> : Larry Shier

2<sup>nd</sup> : Paul Jansen

Majority were in favour – Motion carried.

Motion put forth to adjourn meeting at 9:43 pm.

1<sup>st</sup> : Larry Shier

2<sup>nd</sup> : Paul Jansen

*Majority were in favour – Motion carried.*

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President - Paul Camenzuli

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Secretary - Sharon Brinkos