

# STONEWALL MINOR HOCKEY & RINGETTE ASSOCIATION INC.

## BY-LAWS

(Formerly referred to as the Constitution)

### ARTICLE 1

#### NAME / AFFILIATION / BOUNDARIES

- This organization shall be known as the "Stonewall Minor Hockey & Ringette Association Inc."
- For the purposes of these by-laws, Stonewall Minor Hockey & Ringette Association Inc. shall hereinafter be referred to as "SMHRA".
- Stonewall Minor Hockey and Ringette Association shall be affiliated with and operate under the jurisdiction of all rules, regulations and by-laws of Hockey Manitoba, Hockey Canada, Ringette Manitoba and Ringette Canada.
- SMHRA boundaries include the Town of Stonewall and surrounding area including Balmoral and Argyle.

### ARTICLE 2

#### OBJECTIVE

The objective of SMHRA is to conduct a program, which promotes all categories, of minor hockey and ringette in the Town of Stonewall;

#### MISSION STATEMENT

Stonewall Minor Hockey and Ringette Association strives to promote, encourage and develop each player, coach and volunteer within our association, while teaching life skills, game skills and the concept of sportsmanship, fair play and respect.

### ARTICLE 2.1

#### GOALS

2.1.1 To foster, promote and encourage minor hockey and ringette within the SMHRA boundaries.

2.1.2 To promote sportsmanship, respect and fair play among all participants, parents, spectators, coaches and players.

2.1.3 To help players develop skills and provide them with opportunities to have fun as they learn to play the game through organized programs, activities and competition.

2.1.4 To enhance the development of effective and qualified coaches and officials within the association.

2.1.22.1.5 To ensure that each player, to the extent possible; will be able to participate in a program suited to that players skills and abilities

### **ARTICLE 3**

#### MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION

3.1 Membership of SMHRA shall consist of:

3.1.1 the Executive Officers;

3.1.2 all coaches, managers and trainers;

3.1.3 parents and/or legal guardians of registered players; and

3.1.4 any person as approved by the executive.

### **ARTICLE 4**

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

4.1 The executive officers, forming the Executive, of SMHRA are the:

4.1.1 President;

4.1.2 Vice-President;

4.1.3 Past-President;

4.1.4 Treasurer;

4.1.5 Communications Officer Secretary;

4.1.6 Registrar;

4.1.7 Referee-in-Chief Hockey;

4.1.8 Head Coach Male Hockey;

4.1.9 Head Coach Female Hockey;

4.1.10 Head Coach Ringette;

4.1.11 Ice Convenor;

4.1.12 Booth Convenor;

4.1.13 Equipment Manager;

4.1.14 SMHRA League Representative (Male and Female Hockey);

4.1.15 SMHRA League Representative (Ringette);

4.1.16 Director of Officials Ringette Communications/Fundraising Officer

## ARTICLE 5

### POWERS AND DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

5.1 The powers and duties of the executive officers shall be those as stipulated in Section A of the Regulations.

## ARTICLE 6

### ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

6.1 The nominating committee, as established pursuant to the Regulations, shall seek out suitable candidates for each office.

6.2 The nominating committee shall report its results and nominate its candidates at the Annual General Meeting.

6.3 Nominations from the floor, brought by any member of SMHRA, will be allowed at the Annual General Meeting.

6.4 With the exception of the Past President, Booth and Ice Convenors, Officers shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting of SMHRA.

6.5 Booth and Ice Convenor Officers shall be appointed annually by majority vote of the Executive Officers in place, no later than July 15<sup>th</sup> each year, following the Annual General Meeting.

6.6 Executive Officers shall hold office for a two (2) year term, which term commences at the close of the Annual General Meeting at which they were elected.

6.56.7 Terms of office shall be staggered, with the election of President; Vice-President; Secretary; Ice Convenor; Equipment Manager; Head Coach Male Hockey; SMHRA League Representative (Ringette); Director Of Officials (Ringette) and Communications/Fundraising Officer occurring every odd numbered year and the balance of the positions being elected every even numbered year.

Any office not filled by election at the Annual General Meeting and any vacancy occurring prior to the next scheduled election for that position, shall be filled by way of appointment by the executive.

6.8 If any vacancy occurs on the Board, the Board of Directors may appoint a person to fill the vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting. At that time an election shall be held to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term as per Article 6.7 above.

6.66.9 The Board of Directors may choose to replace a Board member who has more than two unexcused absences from Executive Board meetings.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE**

7.1 The Executive shall have the power to administer all the affairs of SMHRA, to conduct its business and to authorize all expenditures and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes the powers to:

7.1.1 fill any vacancies on the executive as per Article 6.78;

7.1.2 register all teams and players;

7.1.3 establish and conduct try-outs;

7.1.4 hear and rule on appeals;

7.1.5 suspend or take other disciplinary action against any team, player, or team official for violation of any of the provisions in the Regulations of SMHRA;

7.1.6 appoint committees as may be required to carry on the business of SMHRA;

7.1.7 create, modify or delete any of the Regulations of SMHRA;

7.1.8 determine all questions arising from situations which are not otherwise specifically provided for in either these bylaws or the Regulations of SMHRA.

## **ARTICLE 8**

### **REGULATIONS**

The Regulations of SMHRA, as passed by the Executive under Article 7.1.7, may be amended by the Executive at any executive meeting by a 2/3 majority of the votes cast, provided that notice of such proposed amendment has been given by fax or e-mail, to the executive officers at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting.

## **ARTICLE 9**

### **EXECUTIVE MEETINGS**

9.1 Regular executive meetings shall be held at least once in every month during the playing season throughout the year and as often as considered necessary, at the call of the President.

9.2 Additional (referred to as "special") executive meetings may be held at the call of the President; and the President shall call such meeting upon request of a majority of the Executive.

9.3 Quorum for a regular, or special, executive meeting shall be six (96) executive officers.

## **ARTICLE 10**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SMHRA MEMBERSHIP**

10.1 The annual general meeting of the SMHRA membership shall be held at the call of the President between the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April and the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May of each year.

10.2 Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to all members of SMHRA as follows: on the bulletin boards of the arena facilities; on the association's website; and by way of email to the managers of all teams for distribution to their respective members, at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the meeting date.

10.3 Order of business at the Annual General Meeting shall be:

10.3.1 Call to order

10.3.2 Approval of minutes of last Annual General Meeting

10.3.3 Business arising from the minutes

10.3.4 President's address

10.3.5 Reports from the Treasurer; Booth Convenor; and Ice Convenor

10.3.6 Other reports

10.3.7 Motions

10.3.8 Elections

10.3.9 Adjournment

10.4 Quorum at the Annual General Meeting, required in order to conduct business, shall be sixteen (16) members of SMHRA.

10.5 Annual General Meeting voting rights will be based on one vote per registered child, and/or one vote per registered team official (in good standing) WITHOUT children. No proxy votes will be allowed.

## **ARTICLE 11**

### **DISSOLUTION**

11.1 Stonewall Minor Hockey and Ringette Association Inc. may only be dissolved by way of motion at an Annual General Meeting provided that at least thirty (30) days notice of the dissolution motion has been provided to the membership as follows: on the bulletin boards of the arena facilities; on the association's website; and by way of email to the managers of all teams for distribution to their respective members.

11.2 A motion for dissolution must also include a mechanism to determine how the funds and assets of SMHRA are to be dispersed upon dissolution.

11.3 Any member who wishes to bring forward such motion must provide their motion in writing to the Secretary of SMHRA at least sixty (60) days in advance of the Annual General Meeting in order that notice of the motion can be provided to the membership in compliance with Article 11.1.

11.4 A motion for dissolution is subject to amendment at the Annual General Meeting.

11.5 A motion for dissolution requires a 2/3 majority of the votes cast at the meeting.

## **ARTICLE 12**

### **AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS**

12.1 The by-laws may be amended by way of motion at the Annual General Meeting of SMHRA, provided that at least thirty (30) days notice of the specific amendment being sought has been provided to the membership as follows: on the bulletin boards of the arena facilities; on the association's website; and by way of email to the managers of all teams for distribution to their respective members.

12.2 Any member who wishes to bring forward such motion must provide their motion in writing to the Secretary Communications Officer of SMHRA at least sixty (60) days in advance of the Annual General Meeting in order that notice of the motion can be provided to the membership in compliance with Article 12.1.

- A motion to amend the by-laws is subject to amendment at the Annual General Meeting.
- A motion to amend the by-laws requires a 2/3 majority of the votes cast at the meeting.

## **Article 13**

### **PROTECTION OF THE DIRECTORS**

No Board member, Director or Officer of the SMHRA shall be liable for the acts, neglects or default of any other SMHRA member for any loss, damage or expense incurred by SMHRA as a result, except by or through their own willful act of default.

### **STATEMENT OF APPROVAL**

These By-Laws were approved at the Annual General Meeting held April 25, 2012 and supersede all other By-Laws.

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President

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Communications Officer