



Saskatoon Flyers Hockey Inc. AGM Minutes 2022

Tuesday April 26th 2022

7:00 pm Caps Lounge (Jemini)

Attendance: Perry Meier, Brad Jamieson, Julie Slywka, Mason Loy, Bryce Sasko, Dan Degagne, Chris Froehlich, Geoff King, Trevor Broker, Brandon Bishop, Aaron White, Ryan Lacoursiere, Chris Penner, Dale Hanley, Blaine Duncan, Jody Diakow, Clint Belitsky, Tim Waugh

Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt agenda by Geoff King. Seconded by Brad Jamieson. Carried.

1. **Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm**

2. **Minutes of 2021 AGM**

Motion to adopt minutes by Brandon Bishop. Seconded by Ryan Lacoursiere. Carried.

3. **Awards**

- a. Coach of the Year - Donny Orr U9C
- b. Volunteer of the Year - Colin Blatsky U15A Manager
- c. Sportsperson of the Year - Rhett Waugh U15
- d. Executive of the Year - Blaine Duncan, Coach Co-ordinator

4. **Reports**

a. **Commissioner Report - Perry Meier**

Commissioner's Report 2021-22
Submitted by Perry Meier

My name is Perry Meier and I had the privilege to serve as the Flyers zone Commissioner this past year. The Commissioner's primary role is to represent the zone at the SMHA level in all areas including fee structure, division programming, discipline, and much more.

This past season saw minor hockey return to pre-pandemic levels. Although COVID-19 still affected the season for most teams, a complete season including Provincials and City Playoffs was able to take place for the first time since the 2018-19 season.

SMHA rezoning discussion continues, as the effect of COVID-19 on registration numbers remains unknown.

2022-23 will see U15 A Hybrid hockey be replaced by a city-wide model. Although still in development, you can expect to see a high-caliber level of hockey mirroring that of the current U15AA league.

Conduct of parents continues to be a concern for minor hockey. Several incidents this season have resulted in discipline for those involved. It is a reminder that hockey is still a game, to be played for the enjoyment.

I want to express sincere gratitude on behalf of the Flyers Executive to all of our coaches and volunteers. The dedication and commitment shown by all helps ensure that our children are able to participate in the great sport of hockey.

Finally, I want to thank all of my fellow board members for their efforts this past year.

Thank You

Please accept my report as read.

Motion to accept report as read by Ryan Lacoursiere, seconded by Bryce Sasko

b. **Assistant Commissioner - Brad Jamieson**

This season I had the privilege of being the Assistant Commissioner for the Flyers Zone. As Assistant Commissioner my role included supporting the Flyers zone with evaluations in September and scheduling ice for conditioning camps and tryouts for this upcoming season. The Flyers zone goes to great lengths (and expense) to ensure that our try-outs are conducted as efficiently as possible and without bias. For a number of years now we have hired out all aspects of the goaltender evaluations and we also hire evaluators to conduct the player game evaluations. While there are always going to be people upset with how their son or daughter evaluated, the process is set up to ensure that all players are evaluated in the same way so as to remove any decision making from the Board or other members of the Flyers zone. This past season, whether it was better evaluations or people were just happy to be back to normal hockey, I received far fewer complaints following the tiering and team selection. I am going to call this a win.

At this time, I would like to thank Canlan Ice Sports for their work in running our U7, U9 and U11 conditioning camps. The reviews we received from parents were all very positive. I would also like to thank Serious Academy of Hockey for their work in running our U13, U15 and U18 conditioning camps. We have been using SAH for these older age groups the last 2 seasons, the reviews have been very good and we are hoping to continue this relationship this season.

Lastly, I would like to thank Focus Goaltending for their work in running our goalie conditioning camps, these camps are always well attended and the reviews are always positive.

One of main roles is booking the ice to run these conditioning camps and our tryouts. With SMHA leaving registration open until August 30 it presented certain challenges in terms of knowing our final numbers for booking the necessary ice. However, Canlan was great to work with and they managed to fit in any change requests or extra ice times we ended up needing. The process of booking ice for next year has already begun and I am looking for to a more normal process this year with registration back to closing on June 30.

Last season also saw another year of hybrid zones in the A division for U13 and U15. The hybrid systems creates a lot of extra work for our volunteer board members. However, I believe that we worked well with the Redwings to run efficient try-outs and we got along, for the most part, throughout the process and through to team formation. I would like to thank our U13 coordinator Chris Froelich and our U15 coordinator Chris Penner for taking on the extra duties that come with setting up these hybrid tryouts.

All in all the 2021-22 season was a very welcome return to normal hockey. It was an great season with very few hiccups and I am looking forward to the 2022-23 season.

Motion to accept report as read by Bryce Sasko, seconded by Mason Loy

c. U7 Co-ordinator - Mike McConnell (read by Perry Meier)

Hello,

Here is my AGM report, I will not be able to attend this year if I could get somebody to read this for me please?

Hello, my name is Mike McConnell and I have been the U7 coordinator for 3 years now. Part of my role is to place our newest hockey players onto teams. As well as helping new hockey parents learn the hockey life. This year we ended up having 75 registered, and placed onto 6 teams. We brought on a couple players from other zones as well who could not accommodate them. These numbers are up slightly from my previous 2 years and hopefully they will keep rising.

I would like to thank all the coaches, assistants, managers, covid rep's, stick people and everyone else who helped out to make this tough year possible.

I hope that all the kids had a great time and we will see them at the rink again next year.

I make a motion to accept my report

Motion to accept report as read by Trevor Broker, seconded by Dan Degagne

d. U9 Co-ordinator - Dan Degagne

The U9 division consisted of 75 kids across 6 teams. The main focus for novice coaches is, player development. Significant improvement from the beginning of the season was noted by all coaches.

I want to thank all of the coaches who volunteered their time this season, especially those who stepped up as head coach.

Motion to accept report as read by Mason Loy, seconded by Brandon Bishop

e. U11 Co-ordinator - Aaron White

The Flyers U11 division this year consisted of 74 kids including 7 full-time goalies. There were 5 teams: 2-A, 1-B, 1-C, and 1-D. Both A teams finished above .500 in league play, with the Fire making the "A" final of four different tournaments, winning the Aces Cup in Davidson, The NE Wolfpack tournament in Nipawin, and finishing 2nd in the George Watson Classic in Regina, a 32-team event that is the largest U11A tournament in the prairies. The B, C, and D teams did not fare as well in league play, but reports were mainly positive from each team. With a focus on player development, Flyer U11 coaching was a strength, as I received positive feedback from parents on all U11 teams.

I wanted so say a special thank you to everyone who volunteered in U11 this year as a coach, manager, or other team official, for making this year as enjoyable as possible for all kids.

The head coaches were:

U11 A Flyer Fire – Byron Bitz ; Flyer Sniper - Ryan Wilkinson

U11 B Flyer Stealth – Chris Gillings

U11 C Flyer Phantoms – Richard Heidt

U11 D Flyer Falcons – Bryan Karolat

Motion to accept report as read by Chris Froehlich seconded by Geoff King

f. U13 Co-ordinator - Chris Froehlich

The 2021/2022 hockey season was a successful one for the U13 Flyers zone. This year we had four Hybrid Flyer/Redwing A teams, 1 Flyer B team and 1 Flyer C team. A fantastic group of coaches and managers stepped up to help out throughout the season and I received positive feedback regarding the player experience, coaching, and overall outcome for all teams involved. I extend a heartfelt thankyou to all of the parents, coaches, kids, and managers for helping to make the 2021/2022 season a memorable one for all involved.

Motion to accept report as read by Mason Loy, seconded by Trevor Broker

g. U15 Co-ordinator - Chris Penner

The U15 division consisted of 6 teams. We had 3 Hybrid A teams (2 coached by the Flyers zone, 1 by the redwings zone) 1 B team and 1 C team .

I want to thank all of the head coaches, assistant coaches, managers, and Covid reps who stepped up to volunteer this season. This season could not be a success without you.

The head coaches were:

U15 A Flyer/Redwing Smash- Brandon Bishop

U15 A Flyer/Redwing Jackals- Curtis Kolibab

U15 A Redwing/Flyer Machine- Troy Kendry

U15 B Flyer Smash- Perry Meier

U15 C Flyer Hounds- Co coached - Kirk Lamont/Jay Walker

I hope everyone has a great summer, we will see you at the rink shortly!

I make a motion to accept my report as read.

Motion to accept report as read by Geoff King, seconded by Brandon Bishop

h. U18 Co-ordinator Report - Trevor Broker

We had three U18 teams in the Flyers zone this year. We had an A,B, and C team. All three teams were very competitive in their respective leagues. The year ran very smoothly for all three teams, and I would like to thank the great coaches and managers we had that made this possible.

As far as the Flyers were concerned, we had enough players to field our three teams. Some of the other U18 teams from other zones were short players and goalies. I do believe Saskatoon Minor Hockey is going to try and get all zones together before teams are picked in each zone next year. I think this is a great idea. As a Flyer zone over the next three or four years, we could see a shortage in players to field teams. Please accept my report as read.

Motion to accept report as read by Blaine Duncan, seconded by Chris Penner

i. Treasurer - Jay Walker - Read by Perry Meier

The current year was a good one for the Flyers Zone. We saw an increase in registration fees from the prior year and from where we budgeted from. We also saw an increase in our conditioning camp revenue which boosted our overall revenue to \$412,756. This was an increase of almost \$17,000 from the previous year. We didn't quite hit our budgeted mark of \$416,050

Our expenses overall were down from the previous year and what we budgeted for. Expenses for goalie equipment were down. We saw an increase in our goalie development costs and player development costs – which is new line item being tracked separately.

The end result for the year was a net profit of \$38,095.

Our balance sheet shows a relatively flat increase in our bank balances. We did have a net profit in the year which would result in an increased bank account balance. However, the accounts receivable was less than the amount payable coming into the year which resulted in the small increase in the overall bank account.

This year brought back some normalcy in the hockey season which is reflective in the increased registration fees. I want to commend all board members, team representatives, parents and players for their diligence in managing our zone costs while increasing the participation rate and registration revenues.

I would like to make the motion to move the treasurer's report as presented.

Motion to accept report as read by Brandon Bishop, seconded by Mason Loy

Perry makes a motion to waive the requirement for audited financial statements. Motion made by Bryce Sasko and seconded by Brad Jamieson

j. Registrar - Mason Loy

I'd like to first off like to say thank you to all the board members in making my inaugural year as Registrar an enjoyable one, especially Perry, Jay and Bryce for their extra guidance during the season.

The 2021-2022 season saw us end up with a total registration of **401** kids spread across all age groups.

Once again we joined forces with the Redwing zone for Hybrid A in the U13 and U15 divisions, with the Flyers zone hosting two teams in each division.

This season the Flyers supported a total of 28 teams breaking down as follows:

- U7 - 6 Teams (3-Beginner, 3- Advanced) with total of 75 Registrants
- U9 - 6 Teams (2-A, 1-B, 2-C, and 1-D) with a total of 72 Registrants
- U11 - 5 Teams (2-A, 1-B, 1-C, and 1-D) with a total of 73 Registrants
- U13 - 4 Teams (2-Hybrid A, 1-B, and 1-C) with 64 Registrants
- U15 - 4 Teams (2-Hybrid A, 1-B, and 1-C) with 62 Registrants
- U18 - 3 Teams (1-A, 1-B, and 1-C) with 55 Registrants

Thank you to all the coaches, parents, managers, covid reps, and kids in making this a great year.

I would like to make a motion to accept my report as read.

Motion to accept report as read by Dan Degagne, seconded by Bryce Sasko

k. Fundraising - Dale Hanley

This year the Flyers zone started an online 50/50 raffle draw which seen \$4,000.00 worth of tickets purchased and netted \$1,689.20 for the flyers zone. Congratulations to Amanda Slogotshi who won the raffle.

We also helped coordinate a pizza Fundraiser which in turn the pizza company made a \$500 donation to our zone.

In past years a large source of funds came from companies who chose to advertise their company on our Flyers Zone website, but with covid still a concern and not sure if, or how hockey would be affected, I didn't feel it was in our best interest to go after website advertising dollars. Next year (after being allowed to play a full year) we will be able to go back to selling website advertising to raise additional funds.

These funds will be used within the Flyer zone to provide player development, ice times, and equipment among other things.

If anyone would like to know more details about how the fundraising and/or raffle program works, please feel free to contact me or meet after the meeting.

Motion to accept report as read by Brad Jamieson, seconded by Trevor Broker

l. Equipment - Geoff King

This past season was a busy season. We supplied every coach with jersey's, pucks, pylons, puck bag and first aid kits. We also ensured each U7 , U9 and U11 teams had goalie equipment for the season as well. We had to spend approximately \$1800 to get the levels up to ensure each team will have enough equipment for their season.

We have need for new U13 jersey's but until SMHA decides on re zoning we will not look to purchase them.

Please accept my report as read.

Motion to accept report as read by Chris Penner, seconded by Aaron White

m. Goaltending - Ryan Lacoursiere

Regarding our Flyers zone goalie tryouts, these as were evaluated by the same goalie evaluation company that SMHA used for the hybrid tryouts to provide as much consistency as possible in our tryout process. Tryouts went very well and smoothly for our goaltenders this year with no issues or concerns from our goalie parents. Like years previous, our goalie development ice times before tryouts again received excellent feedback from parents. Like years previous, I received a great deal of positive feedback from the evaluators this year regarding the skill sets of our tenders.

To my understanding our Flyers zone was free of any complaints or concerns this year regarding goaltending. Unlike years previous, we did not have a skills session for Midget goaltenders and when straight into game evaluations. Part of our dilemma regarding our oldest goalies is the lack of adequate advanced notice from GSHL regarding tryout times, which in turn makes it very challenging to organize a skills session with evaluators and adequately skilled shooters on the ice. Like years previous, our Flyers' goalies were competitive and several of our tenders ended up playing at the GSHL level and many of younger tenders were brought up as APs throughout the year. The "Try out goaltending Day" was well attended this year by a bunch of eager young potential goaltenders. A big thank you to Al Andersons for sponsoring this as well as Saskatoon Minor Hockey and Perry Meier and Chris Penner for helping us out that day to ensure that it was a fun and educational event for the kids.

I cannot over emphasize the importance as a zone to continue promoting goaltending. Like many other zones, we had just enough goaltenders to ensure that our teams were supplied with adequately skilled goalies. Our zone needs to continue to invest in developing our goaltending talent so that we are not deficient of goaltenders in the years to come. As always, I send out a very big thankyou to all of our goaltender parents for your commitment to your son's or daughter's desire to take on the role as a goaltender as without your involvement and support we wouldn't have the strength in goaltenders that we have. As a previous goaltender and a goalie parent of two goaltenders, I fully understand the stress of being a goalie parent in the stands and the commitment level that it takes to help maximize their ability. I look forward to the next season with hopes that all of my fellow goalie parents can once again feel the stress of watching our child between the pipes. To all of our coaches in the Novice level, please ensure that you provide those children who have a desire to goaltend the opportunity to do so. Have a great summer everyone.

Motion to accept report as read by Brandon Bishop, seconded by Chris Froehlich

n. Website - Bryce Sasko

- SMHA is moving to TeamLink soon, hopefully this is better than Goalline :D
 - I recently had a meeting with TeamLink to go over the admin aspect of the website. Seems straightforward enough. I will need someone to cover for me as I am out of the country June 5th-21st
 - I will have to apply for a Stripe account. Am hoping that we can get the non profit plan which results in lower fees.
 - We have picked our new website template with the ability to change easily if we dont like it
 - Facebook continues to be a good way to reach our membership and is a team effort between me, Brad and Perry
 - Was great working with the new board members
- I make a Motion to accept my report as read.

Motion to accept report as read by Mason Loy, seconded by Aaron White

o. Coach Co-ordinator - Blaine Duncan

We began the year with two virtual coach information meetings. These meetings were well attended.

All coaches and stick persons handed in the required Criminal Occurrence Security Checks.

We saw 146 individuals volunteer to fill 165 positions across 26 teams.

A total of 15 fines were assessed to our zone for 10 coaches who did not complete various required training certifications. The zone was fined a total of \$750.00. Emails requesting reimbursement from the affected coaches have been sent.

A coaches survey requesting feedback from parents has been completed. This information will be reviewed and used for consideration during selection of next season's coaches.

Motion to accept report as read by Trevor Broker, seconded by Geoff King

p. Member at Large/Development - Brandon Bishop

This was my first year on the board this time around, with my main responsibility revolving around player development.

We continued to use Can-lan (Jemini) for development ice times and instruction on Sunday mornings (9am-10am) for the younger age groups up to Atom B.

These sessions were well received and well attended for these younger age groups.

For our older groups/advanced teams, we tried something new this year. We encouraged coaches to choose the ice times (two for the season) they wanted to use for development time. The Atom A to Midget C coaches were given the number for Nolan Horbach at Mind Body Hocley to schedule their own times. Some of the other teams also tried Lee Hamilton for their development needs. Moving forward I believe this is the best way to go as it gives the volunteer coaches input into what their respective teams need to work on. Total cost for all skater development for the 2021-22 season was \$7,326.

Motion to please accept my report as read.

Motion to accept report as read by Bryce Sasko, seconded by Mason Loy

q. Secretary - Julie Slywka

My name is Julie Slywka and I was the secretary for the Saskatoon Flyers for 2021-22. This

was my first year on the board. The board held 9 meetings over the last year, which started as zoom meetings and then ended with in person.

There were several separate meetings, or contacts, in regards to discipline throughout the year.

Please accept my report as read.

Motion to accept report as read by Bryce Sasko, seconded by Dale Hanley

r. Covid Rep - Aaron White

I'm happy to say that hockey felt like normal again this year, although every coach, parent and player had to weather the storm of Covid.

Overall, in the Flyers Zone, we had reported exposures on 5 teams before Christmas, and 14 teams after Christmas, with a big spike of exposures in January coinciding with the time that SMHA had to suspend all minor hockey for one week just to catch up. SMHA had the herculean task to reschedule practices, games, and to notify officials, all to ensure that each team could continue to play safely and follow the Provincial Health mandates. Covid touched everyone this past year - players, coaches, referees, unvaccinated and vaccinated.

Thank you to all parents, players and coaches for following the Provincial masking mandates, both ON- and OFF- the ice. There were only a handful of cases to my knowledge of individuals not following the rules.

Each and every Flyer team had someone volunteer to be the Covid-rep for the hockey season, and a big Thank You to all of these individuals (and coaches) for working with me and the SMHA to follow the guidelines put in place and keep hockey going throughout the year. I also wanted to shout out to the Covid coordinators from all the other hockey Zones: we met and communicated at several points during the year to make sure that the protocols and procedures were consistent across the SMHA.

Hopefully this is behind us now but thank to everyone for working together to make the kids' hockey experience as normal as possible.

Motion to accept report as read by Mason Loy, seconded by Brandon Bishop

5. Questions from the Floor

- a. Aaron White: will accessing available ice be better next year? Quite often ice was empty.

Perry's response: hopefully it will improve as we move to TeamLinkt

6. Elections

- a. **Commissioner** - Nomination committee brings forward Perry Meier. Nomination accepted. First call on the floor for nominations. Second call. Third call. Perry Meier acclaimed as Commissioner.
- b. **Treasurer** – Nomination committee brings forward Jody Diakow. Nomination accepted. FC/SC/TC. Jody Diakow acclaimed as Treasurer.
- c. **Fundraising** – Nomination committee brings forward Dale Hanley. Nomination accepted. FC/SC/TC. Dale Hanley acclaimed as Fundraising Co-ordinator.
- d. **Coaches Coordinator** – Nomination committee brings forward Blaine Duncan. Nomination accepted. FC/SC/TC. Blaine Duncan acclaimed as Coaches Co-ordinator.
- e. **U18 Coordinator**-Nomination committee brings forward Trevor Broker. Nomination accepted. FC/SC/TC. Trevor Broker acclaimed as U18 Coordinator.

- f. **Goaltender Coordinator** – Nomination committee brings forward Ryan Lacoursiere. Nomination accepted. FC/SC/TC. Ryan Lacoursiere acclaimed as Goaltender Coordinator..
- g. **U13 Coordinator** – Nomination committee brings forward Chris Penner. Nomination accepted. FC/SC/TC. Chris Penner acclaimed as U13 Coordinator.
- h. **Secretary** – Nomination committee brings forward Julie Slywka. Nomination accepted. FC/SC/TC. Julie Slywka acclaimed as secretary.

7. Motion to Adjourn meeting by Mason Loy Seconded by Blaine Duncan Carried.