



Saskatoon Flyers Hockey Inc. AGM Minutes 2023

Tuesday April 25th 2023

7:00 pm Lakewood Civic Centre (Cliff Wright Auditorium)

Attendance: Perry Meier, Dan Degagne, Mason Loy, Brad Jamieson, Jody Diakow, Julie Slywka, Dale Hanley, Geoff King, Aaron White, Blaine Duncan, Trevor Broker, Ryan Lacoursière, Bryce Sasko, Colin Melrose, Carmela Giocoli

Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt agenda by Bryce Sasko. Seconded by Trevor Broker. Carried.

1. **Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm**

2. **Minutes of 2022 AGM**

Motion to adopt minutes by Mason Loy. Seconded by Geoff King. Carried.

3. **Awards**

- a. Coach of the Year - Trent Leffler, U9B
- b. Volunteer of the Year - Carmela Giocoli, U15B Jackals Manager
- c. Executive of the Year - Dan Degagne, U9 Co-ordinator

4. **Reports**

a. **Commissioner Report - 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 participation numbers increase as we emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic.

SMHA rezoning discussions took place this winter. There were some minor boundary adjustments affecting all zones, as the goal is to try to have each zone at similar numbers. There was little desire to contract a zone at this point.

2022-23 saw the launch of a U15 A city-wide league. The league seemed to be very competitive which trickled down into zone hockey at the B&C level.

Conduct of parents and coaches continues to be a concern for minor hockey. Several incidents have occurred this season, both away from and at the rink. It is a reminder that hockey is still a game, to be played for the enjoyment.

Next year marks the 50th Anniversary of SMHA. There are a number of activities being planned, so watch for additional details.

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 Mason Loy , seconded by Blaine

b. Assistant Commissioner - Brad Jamieson

Motion to accept report as read by Jody Diakow, seconded by Ryan Lacoursière

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

Hello, my name is Mike McConnell and I had the privilege of being the U7 coordinator this year. Part of my role is to place our newest hockey players into teams. As well as helping new hockey parents learn the hockey life. This year we ended up having 89 registered, and placed onto 7 teams. These numbers are up quite a bit from previous years. It is great to see so many new players joining, we hope it keeps going strong in the future.

A big congratulations to Trent Leffler on being coach of the year from the U7 Bandits.

I would also like to thank all the coaches, assistants, managers, stick people and everyone else who helped out to make this 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 Mason Loy

d. U9 Co-ordinator - Dan Degagne

Motion to accept report as read by Dale Hanley , seconded by Jody Diakow

e. U11 Co-ordinator - Aaron White

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

f. U13 Co-ordinator - Chris Penner (read by Perry Meier)

The U13 division consisted of 3 teams: 2-A, 1-B. Our C players joined the redwings zone. Teams in A were competitive, both middle of the pack. Unfortunately our B team struggled this year finishing last in the league.

I want to thank all of the head coaches, assistant coaches, and managers who stepped up to volunteer this season.

The head coaches were:

U13 A Flyer/Redwing Vipers – Brandon Haliwell Flyer/Redwing Hitmen – Aaron White

U13 B Flyer/Redwing Venom- Derrick Lepage

Motion to accept report as read by Dan Degagne, seconded by Aaron White

g. U15 Co-ordinator - Chris Froehlich (read by Perry Meier)

My name is Chris Froehlich and I served as the U15 coordinator for the Saskatoon Flyers this past year.

With the newly formed U15A City Wide league, our zone had 2 B teams and 1 C team from the Flyers this season.

The coaches for these teams were as follows:

U15 B - Perry Meier

U15 B - Brad Jamieson

U15 C - Darrick Gross

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

I'd like to make a motion to accept this report as read.

Motion to accept report as read by Geoff King, seconded by Mason Loy

h. U18 Co-ordinator Report - Trevor Broker

- I would like to thank the Head coaches, Blaine Arnold, Damian Carmichael, Tim Waugh. The Assistant coaches, managers, and other team volunteers for helping make this a successful season on and off the ice. The feedback that I received for the head coaches was it was a successful year.

- We had 1A, 1B and 1C team.
- The A team represented Saskatoon in provincials
- This is my report as read.

Motion to accept report as read by Jody Diakow , seconded by Geoff King

i. Treasurer - Jody Diakow

Motion to accept report as read by Geoff King , seconded by Mason Loy

Jody Diakow makes a motion to appoint Buckberger Baerg & Partners to complete financial statements for 2023 fiscal year. Seconded by Aaron White.

j. Registrar - Mason Loy

Hi, I'm Mason Loy, the Flyer's registrar.

This, my second season, was a busy one for the Registrar position with both the transition of software from Ramp to the Teamlinkt platform and the added requirement of Hockey Canada questionnaire registration for all players and coaches.

On the U15 side it saw SMHA take over the A group creating a citywide division and its new requirements for registration.

The 2022-2023 season saw us end up with a total registration of 406 kids spread across all age groups. Once again we joined forces with the Redwing zone for Hybrid A in the U13 and some of the U15 divisions.

This season the Flyers supported a total of 29 teams breaking down as follows:

- U7 - 7 Teams (3-Beginner, 4-Advanced) with total of 86 Registrants
- U9 - 7 Teams (2-A, 2-B, 2-C, and 1-D) with a total of 93 Registrants
- U11 - 5 Teams (1-A, 2-B, 1-C, and 1-D) with a total of 74 Registrants
- U13 - 4 Teams (2-Hybrid A Flyer hosted teams, 1-B, and 1C) with 56 Registrants
- U15 - 3 Teams (2-B, and 1-C) with 47 Registrants
- U18 - 3 Teams (1-A, 1-B, and 1-C) with 50 Registrants

My appreciation to the wonderful people of the board and in particular those I worked closely with during my brief tenure as Registrar, Jody, the treasurer, and Bryce, the website coordinator.

I trust the Flyers future will be successful with so many hard working people serving this zone. I will be resigning my position effective immediately and my position will be up for election.

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

Motion to accept report as read by Ryan Lacoursière, seconded by Trevor Broker

k. Fundraising - Dale Hanley

The Flyers zone ran two online 50/50 raffle draws which seen \$6,680.00 worth of tickets sold and netted \$2,000.00 back to the flyers zone. Congratulations to Tannis Renas and Amanda Slogotski who were our winners.

We helped coordinate a pizza Fundraiser. Wild Bills Pizzaera the beneficiary donated \$500.00 back to our zone.

We used our membership email list to help the Saskatoon ball hockey association raise awareness of their sport registration and intern received a donation of \$250 towards the saskatoon Flyers hockey association.

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 Bryce Sasko

l. Equipment - Geoff King

This past season was a pretty smooth. We supplied every coach with jersey's, pucks, pylons, puck bag and first aid kits. U7 & U9 jerseys are supplied by Tim Hortons and U11 is supplied by McDonalds. We also ensured each U7, U9 and U11 teams had goalie equipment for the season as well. We had to spend approximately \$500 to get the levels up to ensure each team will have enough equipment for their season. We have ordered more goalie equipment to replace wearing out items and for the growth of the younger age groups. We are ordering new U13 jersey's right now, so we have them for the 2023/2024 season.

Please accept my report as read.

Motion to accept report as read by Dale Hanley , seconded by Trevor Broker

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 Geoff King, seconded by Bryce Sasko

n. Website - Bryce Sasko

- We moved to TeamLinkt this year for registration purposes. Some hiccups along the way, but once those are ironed out, it will be easier than Goalline
- I applied and was accepted for a Non Profit Stripe account, this resulted in lower fees.
- 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 Brad Jamieson, seconded by Dale Hanley

o. Coach Co-ordinator - Blaine Duncan

We had 146 coaches & stick persons who filled 162 roles on 29 teams.

SHA assessed fines to our zone for 4 coaches or stick persons who did not complete their required coaching certifications. Email notification was sent to each individual requesting they reimburse the zone. Overall, 97% of coaches and stick boys achieved their minimum certifications.

Conducted small group coach meetings this year instead of the zone wide meeting held in previous years. There was good engagement from head coaches versus the large group meetings and will try to use this approach again this fall.

Big thank yous to Mason Loy for the great co-operation during coach registrations and to Jodi Dykaw for being thorough and prompt with coach fees reimbursements.

Motion to accept report as read by Dan Degagne , seconded by Brad Jamieson

Member at Large/Development - Brandon Bishop (read by Perry Meier)

U7, U9, U11 B-D teams all had their development with Can-lan ice sports at Jemini arena. This was received well by the coaches and ran Sunday mornings from 9-10am.

U11 A and all U13, U15 and U18 were given a \$400 budget to bring in any professional coach they wanted to throughout the season. This also went over well as most teams took advantage of the development funds.

Please accept this report as read.

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

p. **Secretary - Julie Slywka**

This was my second year as secretary. The board held 8 meetings this year, with a solid attendance.

Discipline committee had a few discussions but overall it was a pretty good season in that regard.

Motion to accept report as read by Jody Diakow, seconded by Dan Degagne

5. Questions from the Floor

We need to review the budget for covering U7 & U9 conditioning camps. As of now we are covering this which cost \$21,000 in 2022/23

6. Elections

- a. **Assistant Commissioner** - Nomination committee brings forward Brad Jamieson. Nomination accepted. First call on the floor for nominations. Second call. Third call. Brad Jamieson acclaimed as Assistant Commissioner.
- b. **Equipment Manager** – Nomination committee has no one to bring forward. Dale Hanley nominates Jim Powalinisky. As Jim is not present, voting is deferred. FC/SC/TC. Position is vacant
- c. **U7 Coordinator** – Nomination committee has no one to bring forward. Trevor Broker nominates Colin Melrose. Nomination accepted. FC/SC/TC. Colin Melrose acclaimed as U7 Co-ordinator.
- d. **U9 Coordinator** – Nomination committee brings forward Dan Degagne . Nomination accepted. FC/SC/TC. Dan Degagne acclaimed as U9 Co-ordinator.
- e. **U11 Coordinator**-Nomination committee brings forward Aaron White. Nomination accepted. FC/SC/TC. Aaron White acclaimed as U11 Coordinator.
- f. **U15 Coordinator** – Nomination committee brings forward Chris Froehlich. Chris is not present, voting deferred.. FC/SC/TC. Position is vacant.
- g. **Registrar** – Nomination committee has no one to bring forward. FC/SC/TC. Position is vacant.
- h. **Website Coordinator** – Nomination committee brings forward Bryce Sasko. Nomination accepted. FC/SC/TC. Bryce Sasko acclaimed as Website Coordinator.
- i. **Member at Large/Development** – Nomination committee brings forward Brandon Bishop. Nomination accepted. FC/SC/TC. Brandon Bishop acclaimed as Member at Large/Development.

7. Motion to Adjourn meeting by Geoff King, Seconded by Blaine Duncan. Carried.