



BGHA AGM May 13, 2021

Virtually Zoom

7 :00 pm

Call to order

Attendance and Introductions

Shane Ferras, Kim Ferras, Cathy Drinkwater, Jay Metcalf, Lisa Walis, Stu Myers, Lacey Brown, Mel Morissette, and Kyle Richie

Motion to accept the 2021 AGM minutes by Kim second Lacey all in favour passed

Financials – Present the documents from Millard for year ending 2019/2020.

Overview from Cathy Drinkwater:

Welcome

To say this year has been difficult would be an understatement. We say that not just with the planning from the BGHA but inclusive of our girls and staff that not only persevered with new policies, procedures and changes on a daily basis but the everyday effects of their lives in doing things so differently and without a lot of family and friends surrounding them.

We have tried not to focus on the negatives, but instead the positives with the major one being that we were able to put our families back on the ice.

From the Board perspective we continued to meet monthly online, it took some onerous work by our GM Lisa Wallis to function with changes happening weekly and sometimes daily from the OWHA and Public Health. Stu Myers (First Vice & Acting President) along with Shane Ferras (Rep Convenor) and Lacey Brown (House League Convenor) communicated to surrounding areas and were instrumental in creating play bubbles. An administrative change came with a new registration system launched by OWHA - RAMP. This APP would prove to be very helpful when it came to the mandatory monitoring of health protocols.

We had 263 players registered this year along with 86 staff members. The Board was in a sound financial position this year with monies that have been raised in previous years to help offset costs versus downloading the actual costs to the families. This amounted to a loss for the organization of \$XXXXX (waiting for figure from our books at Liz's)



Kyle our fundraising director was not able to solicit monies nor offer sports tickets this year, as he has in the past, nor were we able to host our tournament which normally yields a substantial financial gain for the organization.

The BGHA was also met with sadness with the loss of Brian Cross and of course Walter Gretzky. Brian was a volunteer for many years in our organization and in order to recognize not only his dedication, but his enthusiasm and commitment we have name one of our three annual scholarships in his memory.

A memento has been created and we are awaiting an opportunity to present it to his family. There will be more discussion in the future about how our organization will recognize Mr. Gretzky.

Scholarships – The Board continues to offer 3 scholarship/bursary awards and the winners this year will receive up to \$1000 each. The bursary application is currently still open, the deadline to apply is June 30th 2021. If you know anyone that has been a part of our organization, encourage them to go to our website and fill out an application.

Our annual tournament named after Walter will continue with his name in his memory. Walter gave endless hours to the BGHA and he will be greatly missed by all. It was wonderful how his family shared his funeral with the world as so many had come to love Mr. Gretzky for who he was “Mr. Hockey”!

Financials as prepared by Millard’s

Elections :

I cannot say enough about the co-operation of the board members in helping reach the accomplishments we do each year. We are in need of others to step up as we know that many hands to make like work! If you are interested or know someone that would be an asset to us, please reach out to Lisa.

President (1 Year Term) Open to the floor
2nd Vice President (2 year Term) Acclaimed Colleen Miller
Representative Convener (2 year term) Shane Ferras
Treasurer (2 year term) Open to the floor
Secretary Acclaimed Kim Ferras
Director (2year term) Open to the floor

New Season – Well we are currently working under the prefix of tryouts in September. Please stay tune to the website for any change in that information.



We are trying to plan when our registration system will open for the next season. One of the struggles has been dealing with what will or won't be changed thus ensuring we are not duplicating information. Currently we remain under a lockdown until May 21st therefore we will see what/when any new information will come after that date.

Volunteers – We would be remiss if we did not take time to thank the many many people that step up each year to help out. This goes from bench staff to the moms and dads that support and get their girls to and from our rinks safely. This year we want to also recognize the rink staff that went above and beyond to keep the areas safe for our participation.

New Business tryouts is September
Questions from the membership - none

Meeting ended Kim made the motion Stu second all in favour meeting ended at 7:45 pm