

**Quinte West Minor Hockey
Annual General Meeting
Monday Sept 8th, 2025**

Meeting Called to order at 6:00 pm with quorum

Motioned to accept the minutes from May 9, 2024 AGM. Moved by Carrie Boates-
seconded by Dan Nichol - Carried

Regrets: none all present Quorum achieved

President's Report and Welcome: Mike Boates

I would like to welcome all our members that were able to attend tonight and thank all of our Volunteers (Board Members, Team Staff, League Convenors), Sponsors and everyone who helped us make the 2024-2025 hockey season a great success. Without our volunteers it would not be possible to run the top tier program that we do in Quinte West.

This is our first September AGM as we have previously conducted this meeting in the spring, but we are trying to find ways to maximize attendance and have as many members involved as possible.

I would like you all to join me in recognizing a couple of members before we get started:

First, we would like to recognize Paul McCrory. Paul was granted lifetime member status at the amalgamation in 2006 after many successful years of coaching with the organization. Unfortunately, we lost Paul as he passed away last month. I would ask that you join me in a moment of silence in his memory.

This individual has been a member of the board for the past 7 seasons and as a volunteer for many more. In her position as secretary, it is very important not to miss any details and ensure notes and meeting minutes are sent out in a timely manner to keep us all on track. She did this every month and was very thorough. In addition to always ensuring this was done she also participated on many committees, and I don't think she ever declined an opportunity to help. She has even assisted at meetings where sign language was required as this is another skill she possesses. To go along with volunteering on the board She was also a team manager for many years and the teams she helped were always in good hands. She was also a driving force behind a Socks for Hawks initiative to help the less fortunate around Christmas. Please join me in thanking Heidi Tawse for all of her contributions to Quinte West Minor Hockey.
Thank you Heidi

2024-2025 was another great season for Quinte West Minor Hockey. Our

registration numbers continue to be strong (approximately 650 players) and surpassed the previous season.

We had a very strong house league program with 31 teams and 4 select teams as well as continuing with our Jr. mac and First shift programs. Once again, we hosted 2 very successful tournaments (one being a select tournament and the other a house league tournament).

We had 12 representative teams this past season including second entry teams at the U13 and U14 levels. We had 4 teams qualify for the OMHA Championships and our U13 AA team walked away as champions. Congratulations to them on an incredible achievement. We also had the 2024 U18 OHF Championship team inducted into the Quinte West Sports Hall of Fame

After another successful season there are many changes ahead with our representative teams now competing at the AA level and the opening of borders across the OMHA allowing players to move freely and participate with the organization of their choice. These changes are both huge to all involved and we will work through the changes along with our members the best we can as things progress.

Again, thank you to all our volunteers and our players for making Quinte West Minor Hockey one of the best associations in the province.

Committee Reports

Financial Report: James Williamson, treasurer presented the financial report.

The 2024/2025 season was another strong year for QWMHA, with net revenues exceeding expenditures by \$33,568 compared to the previous year. This positive outcome is largely attributed to the continued success of our canteen operations.

Key expenses this season included:

- HUDL software: \$15,000 (a recoverable development expense)
- iPad purchases: \$8,446 (one-time capital expense)
- Fencing for the equipment room: \$4,859 (one-time capital expense)
- Racking for the equipment room: \$6,233 (one-time capital expense)

These investments have strengthened our infrastructure and supported program development, while maintaining a healthy financial position.

Our organization continues to hold a strong cash position across cash and term deposits. At this time, there are no major capital expenditures planned for the 2025/2026 season.

Motion to accept the financial report as presented. Moved by Mark Dolton seconded by Mark Thurston - Carried

1st Vice President/OMHA contact report: Scott Scaletta

This season marked a major milestone for our association as we successfully transition from A to AA hockey for all divisions except U18 which remains A this season. The response from our community has been nothing short of incredible, with tryout numbers exceeding expectations, showing a surge of interest and commitment from players and families alike.

This upgrade not only raises the level of competition but also strengthens our reputation as a premier development association for young athletes, creating a sense of enthusiasm across all divisions.

Moving to AA positions our organization for continued growth, stronger player development, and increased future opportunities. The momentum we've gained from this transition will help propel our programs forward in a positive, sustainable direction for years to come.

Lakeshore has implemented the following changes for 2025/2026 season:

-U16 and U18 divisions will have a 15-15-20 minute periods as well as U18 will have run time if there is a 5 goal lead.

U9MD Full ice Nov 1 instead of Jan 1st.

2nd Vice President.House League Convenor- Ryan Blakeley

First of all I would like to thank all the volunteers that made the season possible. Last year was my first year in the role as 2nd Vice and I couldn't have done it without the support and patience from everyone.

Last year was a great season. The numbers are continuing to be strong. Last year we were able to field 4-u8/u9, 5-u11, 4 u13, 4 u15 and 4 u18/21 as well as a very big u7 program with enough players for a positive impact on our association. Last year I focused on being available at the arena and listening to the members and trying to continue the program.

The one major change from last year was a pilot program with the u15, u21 division. I decided to enter the teams into the Leo local hockey league. There were many benefits that a saw came from this. Mainly the culture change amongst our players and the respect within our league drastically improved. As with everything there are always negatives too. The league structure required a lot more commitment and travel for our players and parents. I can honestly say it was demanding as I coached a team in each division. Going forward I don't believe LEO is the answer for our association but the learning experience has led us to where we are now.

Plans For the upcoming season will be released shortly, so stay tuned for some exciting News!

We had 45 kids join First shift in 2024, of those 39 continued with hockey, either continuing with the transition program, or joining a QW HL team, while 3 joined a HL team in their "home association)

QWMHA was again chosen to host First shift for the 25/26 season, and the welcome event is November 17th, with the ice portion to start November 29. We have a 45-player program; currently, there are four remaining spots available.

Equipment: Matt Archer

One of the key achievements was securing long-term contracts with our jersey suppliers. These agreements will help us maintain a consistent level of quality across all teams while also expediting the turnover process for new uniforms. This ensures that teams receive their jerseys in a timely manner and with improved reliability in both supply and service. House league the overall feedback on the new jersey design was very positive. Polyester socks will be purchased for house league.

To better manage our inventory, we invested in new fencing and racking systems within our equipment storage areas. These upgrades have allowed us to maintain better control over our assets, significantly reducing the costs and frustrations that come with misplaced or lost materials.

We have continued our practice of purchasing new equipment on an as-needed basis. This approach ensures that players remain properly equipped without unnecessary overspending, aligning our budget with the real needs of the association.

Overall, these initiatives have strengthened our ability to support teams effectively while also laying the groundwork for long-term savings and improved operational flow. No decision as of yet has been made on a third jersey.

Sponsorship Director: Cheryl Carrier

Our U7s were once again sponsored by Tim Hortons, and all House League teams and Representatives had a sponsor this past season. The local businesses that support our association through sponsorship are greatly appreciated and play an integral role in keeping our hockey fees down so our youth can play organized hockey in this community.

We had four new rink board sponsors this year. Combined with our returning rinkboard sponsors, we are getting closer to filling Pad 2 with sponsor boards offering multi-sport and season "eyeballs" on this affordable advertising opportunity.

The advertising on the Zamboni in Pad 2 is still active as well.

Team sponsors receive acknowledgement on our website, which also adds value to the businesses that sponsor.

Most team sponsors have been secured for the upcoming season, with the opportunity to sell more rink boards as we move into the 25/26 season.

Tournaments: Dan Nichol

I had the privilege of Directing the Highway of Heroes and Snowball Express Tournaments this past Season

Highway of Heroes Tournament was composed of a 3 day Select Tournament and then a 1 day Jamboree for U7 & U8

Snowball Express Tournament commenced with a 1 day Jamboree and then 4 days for a HL Tournament.

Entry Fees for all QWMHA teams was ½ off the entry fee for their Division. This was done to encourage as many QWMHA teams to participate as possible. Also, to make each Tournament very affordable for QWMHA players and parents.

Overall, the two Tournaments netted about \$11,800

Brandon Gould asked if Dan feels there will be a U18 division for the tournament. question from the floor. Suggested getting it online and advertised as soon as possible to generate interest.

Modified Program Director: Taylor Cole

As the Modified Program Director, I successfully led several initiatives that strengthened the structure and delivery of our development program. I transitioned our development program contracts from a one-year to a three-year term, ensuring long-term consistency and stability, with River Rats LTD in partnership with Real Edge selected as the successful contractor. Recognizing the importance of skating fundamentals, I sourced and secured John Boultee from Inside Edge Power Skating to deliver a dedicated power skating program, which quickly sold out and highlighted the strong demand for this offering. Additionally, I played a key role in advocating for program improvements at the league level by providing feedback to OMHA/OHF on the transition of MD programming from half-ice to full-ice. These efforts, in collaboration with other associations, resulted in the confirmation that U9MD will move to full-ice programming effective November 1st, marking a significant achievement for player development.

Question from the floor to see if the power

Motion to approve reports: Moved by Brandon Gould seconded by Stephanie Gould
- Carried

MOTION # 2025-01

AMENDMENT TO: 7.3a)

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Submitted by: QWMHA Board - **CARRIED**

Current Wording

Notice of any Annual Meeting, to be held on or before May 31st of each calendar year.

The time and the place of the Meeting, and such notice shall be posted to the association's website, any applicable social media accounts and an attempt to email blast when possible. Such notice shall be posted in all Association Arenas at least thirty (30) days prior and no more than fifty (50) days before the date of the Meeting.

Proposed Wording:

Notice of any Annual Meeting, to be held on or before **September 30th** of each calendar year.

The time and the place of the Meeting, and such notice shall be posted to the association's website, any applicable social media accounts and an attempt to email blast when possible. Such notice shall be posted in all Association Arenas at least thirty (30) days prior and no more than fifty (50) days before the date of the Meeting.

Rationale: Housekeeping to align with changes to 7.1 last year for ONCA compliance

Discussion was had on the sharing of the AGM details in an email blast. More of an effort should be made to get emails sent. Leaving the motion as is.

MOTION # 2025-02

AMENDMENT TO: 8.1 c)

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Submitted by: QWMHA Board - **DEFEATED** Discussion had to the rationale. The option is now eliminated for the addition of the fifth year. This will be reviewed for next year's AGM to provide an option for the member to be eligible for a 5th term.

Current Wording:

Term of Office;

i) The Directors shall be eligible to be elected or appointed for four (4) consecutive terms of two (2) years each and shall not be eligible for election or appointment to the same Director position for a fifth (5th) consecutive two (2) year term. If there is no nomination at

term of expiry this position may be filled for a fifth term and they must use this time to mentor a new person for this role.

Proposed Wording:

Term of Office;

i) The Directors shall be eligible to be elected or appointed for four (4) consecutive terms.

Rationale: Housekeeping; to maintain consistency with 11.6, 11.6 and 11.8

MOTION # 2025-03

AMENDMENT TO: 8.1 c)

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Submitted by: QWMHA Board - **CARRIED**

Current Wording:

ii) The term of all incumbent Directors at the date of adoption of this Bylaw shall expire and terminate by special resolution of the Board following the Annual Meeting prior to June 30th that follows said meeting.

Proposed Wording:

ii) The term of all incumbent Directors at the date of adoption of this Bylaw shall expire and terminate by special resolution of the Board following the Annual Meeting.

Rationale: Housekeeping; to allow terms to extend to Annual Meetings.

MOTION # 2025-04

AMENDMENT TO: 11.8

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Submitted by: QWMHA Board - **CARRIED**

Current Wording:

11.8 Members of the board will be place in a Group A and a Group B for election purposes and will be up for election every two years. Group A first (2022) Group B next (2023) and so on.

Group A Group B

President 1st Vice President/OMHA Contact

2nd Vice President (House League) Treasurer

Equipment Manager Secretary

Group C positions will be voted on annually.

Tournament Director

Sponsorship/Fundraising Director

Modified Program Director

In a case where a board member is acclaimed to a board position (post AGM) they will have the option to

stay on for the balance of their term provided they were acclaimed to a role that was open for a two-year

position.

Proposed Wording: Move to 11.4 and delete 11.8 as it currently appears

Rationale: Housekeeping; flow of document

MOTION # 2025-05

AMENDMENT TO: 11.4

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Submitted by: QWMHA Board - **CARRIED**

Current Wording:

The elected Officers shall hold Office until the Annual Meeting held approximately two years after the Officers are elected.

Proposed Wording:

The elected Officers shall hold office until the Annual Meeting and the expiration of their term is complete as per the chart below.

Rationale: Housekeeping; to include amendment 2025-04

MOTION # 2025-06

AMENDMENT TO: 11.6

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Submitted by: QWMHA Board - **CARRIED**

Current Wording:

If a vacancy occurs in any Office, or if for any reason an Officer is unable or unwilling to act in that capacity, a Board Meeting shall be held within thirty (30) days for the purpose of selecting a replacement Officer from among the current Board of Directors. The Board shall fill these vacancies in Offices for the balance of the season until a new Officer can be elected by the membership at the Annual Meeting. In the event that a vacancy is created in the first year of an Officers term, the elected replacement Officer will be for a 1-year term.

Proposed Wording:

If a vacancy occurs in any Office, or if for any reason an Officer is unable or unwilling to act in that capacity, a Board Meeting shall be held within thirty (30) days for the purpose of selecting a replacement Officer from among the current Board of Directors. The Board shall fill these vacancies in Offices for the balance of the season until a new Officer can be elected by the membership at the Annual Meeting. In the event that a vacancy is created in **the first year of an Officers 2 year term**, the elected replacement Officer will be for a 1-year term.

Rationale: Housekeeping; to provide clarity should there be a vacancy

MOTION # 2025-07

AMENDMENT TO: 11.7 f)

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Submitted by: QWMHA Board - **CARRIED**

Current Wording:

Past President

The Past President shall:

- i) chair the Nominations and Elections Committee;
- ii) be available to assist any Director requiring assistance in the completion of his or her functions;

iii) carry out other duties as assigned by the Board, Executive Committee, or the President.

iv) be a non voting member of the board

Proposed Wording:

Past President

The Past President shall:

i) chair the Nominations and Elections Committee;

ii) be available to assist any Director requiring assistance in the completion of his or her functions;

iii) carry out other duties as assigned by the Board, Executive Committee, or the President.

iv) be a non voting member of the board

v) If the Past President serves on the QWMHA Board in another role, the President will assume the role of chair for the Nominations Committee.

Rationale: Housekeeping; to provide clarity should there be a conflict

MOTION # 2025-08

AMENDMENT TO: 11.7 f) iv)

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Submitted by: QWMHA Board - **CARRIED**

Current Wording:

iv) recruit, train, monitor and evaluate performance of referees;

Proposed Wording:

iv) recruit, train, and mentor game officials as required.

Rationale: Referees have evaluations by an OMHA-appointed supervisor.

MOTION # 2025-09

AMENDMENT TO: 12.8 a)

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Submitted by: QWMHA Board - **CARRIED**

Current Wording:

The Disciplinary/Risk Management Committee shall consist of one vice president, a board member and a committee member comprised of a group of people from the community.

Proposed Wording:

Quinte West will refer to the OMHA and OHF policies in situations where Risk Management and Discipline are required

Rationale: To align with the current processes put in place by OMHA and OHF

MOTION # 2025-10

AMENDMENT TO: 12.9

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Submitted by: QWMHA Board - **CARRIED**

Current Wording:

12.9 Coach Selection Committee

The coach selection committee shall be chaired by the president and shall consist of the first vice president (for rep) or second vice president (for house league), the coach mentor and 2 non-biased people selected by the board of directors.

The coach selection committee shall:

- i) Interview coaching applicants
- ii) Recommend coaching selections to the board of director for approval.

Conflict of Interest: any board member on the coach selection committee that has applied for a team with more than one applicant will exclude themselves from the coach selection committee, for that division. Any board member excluded due to conflict of interest will be replaced by someone with no conflict.

Proposed Wording:

The Coach Selection Committee will refer to QWMHA policy 3.0 for the coach selection process.

Conflict of Interest: any board member on the coach selection committee that has applied for a team with more than one applicant will exclude themselves from the coach selection committee, for that division. Any board member excluded due to conflict of interest will be replaced by someone with no conflict.

Rationale: To maintain consistency with all working documents in QWMHA.

MOTION # 2025-11

AMENDMENT TO: Regulation 3.0.1 b)

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Submitted by: QWMHA Board - **CARRIED**

Current Wording:

b) The association colours will be black, white and vegas gold.

Proposed Wording:

b) The association **primary** colours will be black, white and vegas gold.

Rationale: To allow some flexibility for third jersey options.

Clarification the association would have one option for a third jersey for teams wishing to opt for this. If teams would like alternative to the jerseys they must have board approval.

MOTION # 2025-12

AMENDMENT TO: Regulation 4.2

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Submitted by: QWMHA Board - **CARRIED**

Current Wording:

4.2 In order for a player to move to a higher division they must meet the following criteria.

1) Defence – Must be evaluated as top defence to the team the player wishes to go to.

2) Forward – Must be evaluated as top two forwards to the team the players wishes to go to.

3) Goalie – Must be the top goalie from the team leaving.

- Evaluated as the top goalie in the team they are going to.

- Age-appropriate team has to have two qualified rep goalies as determined by a third party evaluator.

4) No player movement will occur if the age-appropriate team does not meet minimum player requirements for that given season. (9 forwards, 6 defence, 2 goalies)

5) Non residential players will not be considered in any player evaluation.

6) Request for player up evaluations must be submitted in writing to the QWMHA office a minimum of two weeks prior to the first try out.

7) In the event of an AE team, the playing up regulation will only apply to members asking to move divisions not categories. (i.e. Minor Peewee age can try out for Peewee AE without meeting qualifications, but an Atom age player would have to meet qualifications).

Proposed Wording:

Delete

Rationale: QWMHA removed the playing up policy with the OHF's implementation of open borders.

MOTION # 2025-13

AMENDMENT TO: Regulation 6.0 and 6.0.1

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Submitted by: QWMHA Board - **CARRIED**

Current Wording:

6.0 Development (Release) Fees

6.0.1 Release/Minor Waiver of QWMHA Players to Junior OHA Clubs

Release of QWMHA players to junior clubs shall be negotiated by the QWMHA negotiator using the OMHA/OHA "release guideline fees" and a written agreement between QWHMA and the junior club. The junior club shall pay the QWMHA 75% of all development fees received by the junior club for the player.

Proposed Wording: Delete

Rationale: Player Development is monitored through the Hockey Canada Registry program and are dispersed based on that data.

Nomination Report: The following nominations have been received and accepted:

1st Vice President/OMHA Contact: Scott Scaletta

Treasurer: James Williamson

Secretary: Bobbie Joe Trice

Tournament: Dan Nichol

Sponsorship: Stephanie Gould

Modified Programming required a vote since no nominations were received prior to the AGM:

Cheryl Carrier was nominated from the floor by Kelly Scott and accepted.

Taylor Cole was nominated from the floor by Brandon Gould and accepted

Taylor Cole is the successful candidate as the **Modified Program Director**

Kelly Scott and Brandon Gould motioned to destroy ballots - **carried**

New Business

Where did the tryout money go from all the tryouts. Open borders increased the number of players trying out. The money goes to the association and is recorded will be in a detailed report.

We had no way to predict the numbers and rationale to release after the first tryout so they had an opportunity to tryout in other centres.

This will be reflected in the budget for next season.

What is the plan for next season for second entry teams? We were not allowed to add teams but it is our plan to add second entry teams in divisions moving forward if OMHA allows. The other issue is ice times are very limited. The base is another option but we have been unsuccessful so far in acquiring any.

The city recently changed their user group agreement. We can have what we have and if we give it up they become the primary user and we lose it. We will have to be creative with our ice allocation. We will do our best to keep our ice that is allocated and it will be offered internally in order to keep it.

Can the ice be utilized for skills and drills? If they are registered with QWMHA then they are covered by insurance. Users could be charged pay per use. This might be a way to utilize the ice and generate an income.

U15 kids in the house league side because we said there wasn't going to be a second entry team and then we put in a team. This hurt house league division. That age group

was a second entry team the previous year. Last year season it was a difficult year because they went into the LEO league.

Motioned by Mark Dolton and seconded by Paul O'Connor to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm