



## **BC HOCKEY**

### **ANNUAL CONGRESS**

#### **Video Conference, June 25, 2025**

Minutes of the BC Hockey Annual Congress Annual General Meeting (AGM) held June 25, 2025, held by video conference hosted by the BC Hockey head office at 6671 Oldfield Road, Saanichton, BC.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm

#### **CHAIR OF THE BOARD STEPHANIE WHITE**

Chair Stephanie White welcomed members to the 106<sup>th</sup> AGM of BC Hockey. The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded and traditional territory of Indigenous people of BC and Yukon. BC Hockey honours the traditional lands and homelands of all Indigenous peoples and communities across Canada.

Chair White welcomed Hockey Canada Chief Executive Officer, Katherine Henderson.

Chair White recognized Life Members and builders on the call.

The Chair thanked the Board of Directors for their service to BC Hockey over the course of the 2024-2025 hockey season.

- Mark Burgin
- Haleigh Callison
- Anita Cote
- Jaci Edgeworth
- Cole Evans
- Brad Klock
- Laura MacKillop
- Calvin Swustus
- John MacMillan (added to the Board in May 2025)

The Chair then announced the recipients of two awards of distinction to be presented at the BC Hockey Hall of Fame ceremony on July 12.

- Randy Henderson is this year's recipient of the Diamond Stick Award.
- Bill Greene has been named a BC Hockey Life Member.

BC Hockey Chief Executive Officer, Cameron Hope provided a few comments from the Operations team. Cam Hope outlined the growth of participants as players, coaches and officials in the 2024-2025 season. Cam Hope also acknowledge the recent election of Stephanie White to the Chair of the Member Forum with Hockey Canada. Also, congratulations to all of the Members for their contribution to Hockey in BC and Yukon.

## **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE WORK GROUP REPORT**

### **JUNE MCKENZIE – BC HOCKEY**

On behalf of the Credentials Committee Work Group and June McKenzie, the membership credentials for the AGM were reported as follows:

Minor Hockey Associations	61
Minor Hockey Carded Teams	213
Districts	36
Leagues	2
Board of Directors	9
Total	321

#### **MOTION**

To adopt the Credentials Committee Work Group report as presented.

Moved by Craig Sherbaty (Cloverdale MHA) and second by Kevin Bathurst (Greater Vernon MHA)

**CARRIED**

Keegan Goodrich recognized Nick Mosky from Pearlman and Lindholm for serving as BC Hockey Counsel this year.

## **FINANCIALS**

### **KIM HEAL – VICE PRESIDENT FINANCE**

Kim Heal recognized the auditors, Christopher and Evan from Wiesman and Mills and the finance committee, recognizing Haleigh Callison, Calvin Swustus, Doug Arnett, Gene Blishen and George Bawden.

With reference to a presentation titled “Financial Report”, Kim Heal, Vice President, Finance, highlighted the following:

- Wiseman and Mills completed the audit this year and provided an unqualified or clean audit report that the financial statements presented fairly in all material respects, the financial position of BC Hockey as of March 31, 2025.
- The year ended with a deficit of \$267,000, which was \$195,000 under the planned deficit budgeted of \$462,000. The variance represents just 1.4% of the budgeted expenses.
- World Junior 50/50 draw resulted in revenue of \$32,000 more than budgeted which contributed to an increase to grassroots funding to Districts by \$65,000.
- Doubling the Championship host grants resulted in an increase to the deficit of \$41,000.
- Interest rates decreasing resulted in lower than anticipated interest revenue.
- Record number of participants in players, coaches and officials compared to budget yielded additional revenue.
- Expense savings in various areas including Committees, Travel, and Meetings, Annual Congress, Building and Office, and Wages and Benefits.

- Statement of Finance Position
  - No significant changes in overall composition.
  - Accounts receivable reduction due to the absence of term deposit interest and Hockey Canada Pillar funding receivable.
  - Prepaid expenses and deferred revenue increased due to POE camps, BCEHL ID camps, and Annual Summit held after year end.
- Statement of Operations
  - Total revenue decreased by \$340,000 compared to the prior year, due in part to the one-time \$200,000 donation received in the prior year and the elimination of tournament fees for the year (\$66,000).
  - Province of BC Operating grant – received a one-time additional grant of \$85,000.
  - Other grants and awards increase of \$102,000 was due to the successful World Junior 50/50 draw.
  - Coaching revenue decreased by \$213,000 compared to an exceptional prior year but still exceeded budget expectations.
  - BCEHL revenue and expenses have both decreased due to the U18 integrated and U 15 leagues operating eight teams instead of nine.
  - Increased Fees and Assessments were due to the record number of participants (an increase of over 2000 over the prior year).
  - Expenses – very few significant changes from the prior year. Junior A Disbursements was a one-time expense in the prior year. Increased Championships expenses were due to the doubling of the host grants. Officiating expenses increased due to increased participation and a one-time provision for the junior hockey development model. The increase to Seminars and Member Services was due to the distribution of World Junior 50/50 proceeds to districts for grassroots initiatives.
- Historical Summary of Surplus/Deficit over the last 10 years, showing a large \$1.4M surplus in 2022. Deficits of \$343,000 deficit in 2023 and \$267,000 in 2025 reflect our approach to drawing down on past surpluses.
- Net Assets graph displaying reserve structure was presented. Unrestricted funds is where surpluses accumulate. We have reserves that are healthy to spend when needed. Continue to budget deficits to draw down the surplus.
- 2025-2026 budgeted deficit of \$369,000. Major areas explained - Championships \$81,000, Minor Rec - Female Model \$78,500, and Coaching \$17,500.
- Officiating is budgeted to lose \$109,000, to keep clinic expenses low
- The Annual Congress & Summit traditionally set to run a deficit, costing \$69,000.
- Key Takeaways:
  - Excellent financial health
  - One of the healthiest PSOs in the province
  - Budgeting deficit for 2025-2026
  - Plans to continue to spend strategically

## **STEPHANIE WHITE – MOTIONS**

Stephanie White established that quorum was reached.

The following motions were presented as a block vote.

Stephanie White introduced Rowan from Data on the Spot (DOTS), to discuss the voting process.

Rowan noted that credentials were emailed to individuals from DOTS. An example of what the email would look like was displayed and reviewed. An example of what the voting online would look like was displayed, with arrows showing how to login and enter the password following which a ballot would open in a blue link. Weighted votes could be cast to the maximum number of weighted votes allowed.

### **MOTION**

As per Bylaw 908, to approve the BC Hockey 2024-2025 Audited Financial Statements as presented.

Moved by Sherry Wakelin (OMAHA) and Second by Melanie Earland (Pacific Coast AHA)

**CARRIED**

### **MOTION**

Under Bylaw 903, to appoint Wiseman & Mills as the Auditors for BC Hockey for 2025-2026.

Moved by Kevin Bathurst (OMAHA) Second by Lee Holland (North West District)

**CARRIED**

### **MOTION**

To adopt the 105<sup>th</sup> BC Hockey Annual General Meeting Minutes as circulated.

Moved by Lee Holland (North West District) and Second by Sherry Wakelin (OMAHA)

**CARRIED**

### **MOTION**

To adopt the Coordinator and Director reports from the 2024-2025 BC Hockey Annual Report.

Moved by Melanie Earland (Pacific Coast AHA) and Second by Kevin Bathurst (Greater Vernon MHA)

**CARRIED**

### **MOTION**

Under the requirement of the New Societies Act, to ratify the Board of Directors activities for 2024-2025.

Moved by Melanie Earland (Pacific Coast AHA) and Second by Lee Holland (North West District)

**CARRIED**

Cole Evans informed there would be several resolutions considered at the meeting, and introduced Rowan, Data on the Spot (DOTS), to discuss the voting process.

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As pursuant to Bylaw 101 O, U and Bylaw 424: bylaws require a 75 % majority and resolutions require a 50% + 1 to pass.

## **NOTICES OF MOTION – RESOLUTIONS**

Cole Evans thanked the Governance Committee and former Chair, Brad Klock for their efforts. Resolution package available on the BC Hockey website.

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### **RESOLUTION 2025-01**

BC Hockey is proposing an update to Bylaw 211 so that it matches recent changes made by Hockey Canada in 2022 to its Bylaws 10.2 and 10.3

The goal of this Resolution is to improve consistency and reduce risk when changes are made to hockey policies, rules or decisions.

### **DEFEATED**

#### **Q & A RE: RESOLUTION 2025-01**

Scott Ackles asked if the resolution would be retroactive to policies changed in the past. Cam Hope answered the question and indicated that is not the purpose of the change.

Charlotte Johnson asked what the application process would be for a proposed change and how long would it take? Cam Hope responded that we do not have a current application but there is a pathway in our bylaws.

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### **RESOLUTION 2025-02**

Over the past few years, the Board of Directors has chosen not to increase participant fees, in order to help keep hockey affordable — especially while the organization has a relatively strong financial position.

Because of this decision not to raise fees, the current Appendix A, which outlines the schedule of Annual Registered Participant Fees, is no longer accurate. The Board of Directors is proposing this section needs to be updated to reflect the actual set fees and proposed fees for upcoming seasons.

### **CARRIED**

## **Q & A RE: RESOLUTION 2025-02**

None

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**\*\*\*\* DUE TO A TECHNICAL ISSUE AN ADDITIONAL MOTION WAS ADDED\*\*\*\***

### **MOTION:**

To recast the vote on Resolutions 2025-01 and 2025-02 due to technical issues with the voting system.

Moved by Charlotte Johnson (Vancouver Island MHA) and second by Levi Higgs (Vancouver MHA)

**CARRIED**

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## **RESOLUTION 2025-03**

BC Hockey is proposing an update to Bylaws 220, 221, 222, 223, and 224 to modernize and clarify the bylaw framework surrounding Honorary Life Membership or “Life Members”, ensuring it reflects current practices, strengthens governance, and maintains the honorary nature of the designation.

A 2024 Work Group consisting of representation from the Board, Life Members, Member Associations, and BC Hockey staff reviewed the Honorary Life Member program and recommended changes to reflect current practices and develop new supporting policy. Previously, eligibility was limited to former BC Hockey Board members; the new approach allows broader recognition of long-serving contributors to amateur hockey across BC and Yukon.

## **Q & A RE: RESOLUTION 2025-03**

None

**CARRIED**

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## **ELECTION REPORT**

Jen Loewen the Chair of the Nominating Committee, and members of the Committee: Andy Oakes, Harold Bloomenthal, Shirlyn Basset, and Mike Rispin, provided the election report.

The Nominating Committee identifies who is leaving the Board and tries to fill any vacancies. Fourteen (14) nominations (including three current Directors up for election) were received for the four (4) Director positions available on the Board. Jen Loewen detailed the process of the nomination and selection by the committee. Jen Loewen also indicated that are items for consideration within the report. A profile on each candidate was created to share the candidates’ credentials and personal video address.

In alphabetical order, the six (6) candidates, were:

- Haleigh Callison
- Mark Burgin
- Jaci Edgeworth
- John Delaney
- Darren Kautz
- Cory Mizuyabu

In accordance with the process outlined in Bylaws 531 to 535, the 2025 AGM needs to elect three (3) Directors for a three (3) year term and one (1) Directors for a one (1) year term.

Members were asked to log in and select their top four candidates. It was confirmed the ballot was now open

Jen Loewen introduced the 2025-2026 BC Hockey Board of Directors.

New Directors with a three (3) year term:

Mark Burgin  
Haleigh Callison  
Jaci Edgeworth

New Director with a one (1) year term:

John Delaney

### **CONCLUSION**

Chair, Stephanie White, acknowledged and thanked the Board of Directors. Stephanie White thanked the staff for all of their hard work and acknowledged the membership's success for the past season.

### **MOTION**

To adjourn the 106<sup>th</sup> BC Hockey Annual General Meeting.

Moved by Jamie Young (Abbotsford MHA) seconded by Lawrence Smyth (North Vancouver MHA)

**CARRIED**

Adjourned 8:59PM

(Time 2:12 pm)