

HALTON FIELD HOCKEY CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

Hayden Community Center Room#2 Burlington ON

DRAFT MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 7:03

In attendance –

- Sara Restani, President
- Patricia Lamont, Secretary
- Ted Slugoeki, Treasurer
- Kim Slugoeki, Director of Marketing and Communications
- Marijn Boland, Director at Competitive
- Michelle King
- Jeff Restani
- Carrie Buday
- Natalie Poupart
- Diane Huneault
- Brandon Jolly
- Marta Jolly
- Steve Clark
- Dan Pisek
- Jodi Hewins
- Anne-Marie Kosar
- Geoff Sheppard
- Scott Chisholm
- Meghan Hallman

Absent:

Attendance by Proxy -

- Cole Restani (SR)
- Ellie Restani (SR)
- Emily Slugoeki (KS)
- Amanda Boland (MB)
- Femke Boland (MB)
- Sabrina, Michael & Meghan Goodfellow (3) (PL)
- Cathy Nguyen , Phoenix & Logan Stanshall (3) (SR)
- Mattea Oreskovic (KS)
- Kylie Lamont (PL)
- Hailey Jolly(MJ)
- Angelina Jolly (MJ)
- Delany King (MK)
- Charlie Buday(CB)
- Andrea Wright (SR)
- Natalie Pisek (DP)
- McKenna & Mason Sheppard(GS)
- Emily & Tyler Chisholm (SC)

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	<p>Quorum = 5% of 489 members = 24 Votes in Attendance =19; votes by proxy =23; Total votes = 42</p>
2.	<p>Minutes of 2017 AGM (posted on website in advance of meeting)</p> <p>Moved by Brandon Jolly seconded by Kim Sulgoki . that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.</p>
3.	<p>Business arising from the minutes – none</p>
4.	<p>Directors' Reports, including financial statement</p> <p>President (Sara Restani) – see attached.</p> <p>Treasurer (Ted Slugoeki). - see attached.</p> <p>Director - Competitive Programs (Marijn Boland) - See attached.</p> <p>Director – Youth Programs (Kim Slugoeki) - see attached.</p> <p>Director Senior Programs – (Andrea Wright) - see attached.</p> <p>Director – Junior Programs (Sabrina Goodfellow) – see attached.</p>
5.	<p>Election of Directors</p> <p>President - (2 Year Term) Nominations Sara Restani no other nominees Sara accept.</p> <p>Secretary (1 year term) - Patricia Lamont Nominated by Sara Restani second by Kim Slugoeki -Patricia accepted.</p> <p>Senior Director (2 Year) - Natalie Poupart nominated by Andrea Wright second by Marijn Boland -accepted.</p> <p>Director at Large (2Year) - Jonine McGregor nominated by Sara Restani second by Marijn Boland</p> <p>Director at Large (2 year) – No nominees at this time. Position remains vacant.</p> <p>Director at Large (1 year) –Brandon Jolly nominated by Marta Jolly second by Michelle King. Brandon Accepted</p>

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6.	<p>Appointment of Auditor(s)</p> <p>Motion by Ted Slugocki, seconded by Diane Huneault that Barbara Reicher of the firm of Bottomline Accounting Services be appointed to conduct the financial review for the coming year. Carried.</p>
7.	<p>Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feedback from members: - Indoor Championship putting in teams putting in clubs not a good fit and conflicts with OFFSA. Coaches are aware we have discussed and we will see what our challenges are. We will still go ahead and enter a team and see what happens. (U18) - Indoor we need boards for indoor -we have parents who have stepped up who said they could make them but we need storage. - Looking for a space to have storage and place to play. If anyone knows of a location please let us know. - House league programs we are growing we are still looking for coaches and umpire we are always looking. - What is our growth plan and what does our future look ,, we are looking to keep the ones that age out to come back and coach to be part of our adult program. Continue to build our grassroots. Growth in our boys program. Resources are the biggest challenges. Coaches, umpires, places to play. - Designated Fundraising committee would be a great resource for the club. To offset costs and to make sure we can continue to build the club. - Senior and field time for additional team. Sara advised that there were not enough players to have the 7th team. Natalie to review how fast it is filling up. Change the wording to encourage sign up. - Elementary schools running programs for field hockey is a challenge due to a number of hurdles within the schools having the right people to run the program. We discussed having someone to go around but we run in to many barriers. Most don't do field hockey till high school. - U15 & U18 on same night for outdoor.as U12. so they are all learning form one and other. - FHO rant we need their support and still not getting it We will continue to keep trying to work with FHO. Need the support. - Working with the BC clubs over the past summer to help support our program U12 & U10 with building our program. - Diane Huneault won the credit for \$150.00 for house league membership.
8.	<p>Motion to Adjourn</p> <p>Moved by Jeff Restani. Seconded by Marijn Boland Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm</p>

Recorded by:

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Patricia Lamont

Approved: _____

Date: _____

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It has been another busy season for our club and our sport this year. Field hockey is gaining momentum in our community, and we are working hard to keep up and ahead of it.

I would like to thank our club sponsor, Revamp Sports for their continued support of our club through their participation in our many events, uniform and equipment needs, and coaching clinics. Also thank yous go out to Sport Oakville and City of Oakville for providing us with grant funding to support our programming.

The club hit a milestone this year - we registered more than 500 players in all our programs, including more boys and men. This is an incredible achievement for us, and could not have happened without the commitment and dedication of our coaches, volunteers, umpires, parent community, and of course, the board members. This growth is proving that we are meeting our mission and vision, which I am thrilled with.

However, with this growth comes challenges. We will need to work harder with our city contacts to secure more field time, we will need to recruit and train new coaches and umpires, and we will need to come up with new ways to keep our members engaged alongside us. This will not be easy, but I feel like we are positioned well to meet the demands. I encourage anyone who feels invested in the sport and in the club to reach out to us, to see how you can help.

One avenue I have been giving more thought to over the last year is how we can build our own facility. Our friends in Nepean are moving ahead with one, and we will be keeping an eye on their progress, to see if there are any lessons we can learn. Just think of what a dedicated space could mean!

I mentioned at last year's AGM that one of my goals was to strengthen our relationship with FHO. This is something I have been working on by staying in contact with them about club activities, about issues and concerns we needed help with, and by sharing information. Unfortunately, FHO has not made the same efforts with us. The perception is that FHO does not value our efforts. That being said, we are not giving up. The relationship between a club and its Provincial Sporting Organization is important to the growth of the sport, and knowing the numbers I mentioned earlier, FHO needs to understand what we bring to field hockey in Ontario.

Personally, it has been a whirlwind three years as club president, for which I am immensely grateful, and I hope to be able to continue in this role for another term.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Restani
President

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Junior League Report 2019

The Junior recreational outdoor spring/summer program, for girls aged 14-17, ran from April 29th, to July 10th

. There were 160 players registered, which made up 8 full teams. This season, the Kick-Off Tournament was held at Norton Community Centre on April 27th

. The girls met their coaches, received their uniforms, participated in a number of skills sessions and finished the day off with tournament-style scrimmages between teams. Attendance was great and it was an excellent opportunity for all of the players and coaches to get to know each other before the season began.

Our teams this season were well balanced and the games were competitive. At the conclusion of the season for our Banquet, coaches highlighted the achievements of each of their teams and selected a recipient for three particular awards – most valuable player, most improved player, and most sportsmanlike.

Our season could not run without the dedication of our fantastic coaches. They put in numerous hours for practice, games and travel to ensure that our program is exceptional. All of our coaches provided valuable leadership and shared their experience and skills with our players. The Junior league could not run without the dedication and commitment of our coaches, and I would like to thank each one of them for the time that they put into the season. Thank you also to the umpires for their ongoing commitment to HFHC.

I would also like to thank our team sponsor Diane Huneault as well as our club sponsor Revamp Sports & League Sponsor Sport Chek for their continued support this season.

Regarding the registration process this season, the ‘Early Bird’ deadline ensured that the development of teams was created successfully. (We sold out before Early bird closed and had a wait list of 40 players.) The one reciprocal request per participant, allowed for easier accommodations of all players this season and more well balanced teams.

On August 20th and 21st, Halton Field Hockey junior league hosted its fourth annual field hockey camp for ages 13-17. The camp had 28 players in attendance and was run by Jonathan Roberts, Krissy Wishart and Devohn Norona-Teixeira at Norton Community Centre. Camp allowed participants to develop and expand their skills and fitness by taking part in a variety of drills during the morning and a round robin tournament in the afternoon. Feedback given was positive

and many participants also found the camp helpful in preparing them for their high school team before the school year begins. Thanks also to the Thrashers players, McKenna, Julia, Emma and Alison who came out to help.

Thank you to everyone for being patient with me this year as I learned this new role as Junior director. I had a great first season working with all of you and look forward to doing it again.

Sabrina Goodfellow
Director - Junior Program

Youth Programs Report, Fall 2018 - Summer 2019

Fall/Winter Indoor

Looking back to last fall, the indoor season ran from October through to March. The divisions were adjusted to match the summer outdoor season – U10 and U14, with the intent of running a similar style house league. The U10 division had 13 players resulting in two U10 teams, plus 2 coaches and 2 coaching assistants. U14 house league began with 27 players (2 leaving mid-way through), making up four teams, plus five coaches and a stand-in coach covering any absences or assisting with new players starting late in the season. U14 also had a consistent volunteer umpire for the duration of the season. The format was similar for both leagues, starting the season off with a couple of practice sessions before heading into a round robin style of play. A few additional practice dates were added in through the U14 season in order to balance out weeks of anticipated low attendance due to holidays, tournaments and conflicts with the U15/U18 Thrasher tryouts. Both leagues ended on Saturday, March 9th with a single game play off.

Prior to the outdoor season, the spring “Learn to Play” session was run on March 23rd for new U10 and U14 players. 38 players attended, with approximately 85% of players being brand new to the sport. The session ran very smoothly, thanks to a high number of volunteers from our board, house league coaches and Thrashers players. A fall “Learn to Play Indoor” session is currently being planned for Sunday, September 22nd from 2-5pm at Brant Hills, and will be split between Youth and Junior leagues.

Also new this past spring, a preseason coach skills training session was held on April 18th, and featured coaching by Jonathan Roberts. This informative 2 hour session was well received by the coaches in attendance, and I would recommend scheduling this again for future seasons.

Spring/Summer Outdoor

The U10 Spring/Summer house league was the first 2019 house league program to sell out – even before early bird pricing ended. Additional spaces were opened up for U10, and resulted in the ability to roster 2 additional teams. U10 division saw a player increase of 44% over the previous year (34 players in 2018, 49 in 2019). This included over 92% (12 out of 13) of U10 indoor players registered for the outdoor season. The house league ran with a 6-team ‘rainbow of colours’. There were 9 coaches, 4 coaching assistants, and 3 consistent volunteer umpires from the Thrashers program. There was also 1 stand-in coach/umpire covering absences for both U10 and U14.

With the large number of U10 players, and many returning for a second or more season, we were able to create a U10 Select team which was entered into the Halton Junior Festival on June 1 & 2. These players were also offered additional practice time with the U12 Thrashers after the house league season ended, and went on to play an exhibition game at CFHCC in July.

The U14 program sold out mid-march. U14 had 80% (20 of 25) of indoor players register for either spring house league or the Thrashers program. There were not enough players on the waitlist to create additional teams however one additional player per team roster was added, making the year-over-year increase come in at 12% (69 players in 2018, 77 in 2019). The house league also ran with 6 teams this past season. There were 12 coaches and 1 coaching assistant. Both youth house leagues finished with a single game playoff held on Saturday June 29th.

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Overall, the past year's house league seasons all ran successfully and saw overall growth in player registrations. Thank you once again to all of the coaches, assistants, umpires and fellow board members that have dedicated your time to help everything run smoothly. Looking forward to the next year!

Kim Slugoeki

Youth Program Director

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SENIOR PROGRAMS REPORT 2018

Fall 2018 Co-Ed Program

This was the first year for outdoor co-ed season. Adults played half field games for 6 weeks. There were no set teams which allowed players to play with those they don't usually play with. It was very successful with many people excited to play again this fall.

Co-ed Summer program

This was also the first year for the summer co-ed program. It ran Sunday evenings from April to June. The turnout was high the first several weeks playing full fields. The latter weeks struggled with attendance and played half field.

Senior Women's Spring/Summer Program

This year the number of teams dropped from 8 teams to 6 teams. The winner of the Senior women's recreational league was Team Purple. They finished a remarkable season with 13 wins and one tie. The gold medal game went to sudden death shoot outs. This summer was the first year the program adapted the revised shoot out rules.

Overall, with a lot of firsts, all programs were a success and adults are eager to keep playing field hockey all year round.

Andrea Wright
Senior Director

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TREASURER'S REPORT – AGM 2019

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Attached are the Income Statement and Balance Sheet prepared by the Treasurer of Halton Field Hockey Club (The Club) for the period of April 1, 2018-March 31, 2019.

Total Net Assets (Net Equity) as of March 31, 2017 were \$104,685.21 which equates to net profit of \$13,370.77 for the fiscal year. FY2018 saw a 22.61% (\$39,040.47) increase in net income due to the continued growth of the Junior and Youth programs. We were also able to collect on \$713.20 in written off un-collected fees. Club Savings account is at \$15,859.74, ensuring that cash flows are not an issue during the year.

Sponsorship increased slightly at \$6,850 for the 2018 year; Club Wear Sales, Club Item Sales, and Hamilton Bull Dogs ticket sales continued to be good for the club. Revamp Sports, Sport Oakville, Diane Huneault (Jr Program), and Lindsay Marr (Sr. Program).

FY2018 saw an increase in our cost of goods sold; Field Booking costs in Burlington and Oakville were up \$11,660.03, Umpire costs and Club Uniforms were up \$3,790 and \$3,886.52 respectively over prior year. Finally, Administration expenses were also up due in large part to taking on a private insurer, larger storage unit, training and development and an increase in bank fees.

As bank fees continue to grow we continually evaluate our options and our current non-profit account limited account is still the most cost effective. Finally, this is the second year that the financial reporting has been done with WaveApp a cloud based bookkeeping system where income and expenses can be viewed and allocated in real time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ted Slugocki

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Competitive Programs Report 2019

This past year has been such a huge learning experience for me. In my first year in this role I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know all of the players, parents and coaches, and am proud to be part of such a dynamic organization. The 2019 season was a busy one!

Indoor

1. In the Winter Indoor season we entered a multi-team league in Buffalo with U12, U14, U16, U18 teams. This was a very positive experience for all teams and we hope to join the league again this coming season.
2. U12, U15 and U18 teams participated in their second WC Eagles Tournament in Pottstown, Pennsylvania over Family Day weekend. The level of play here is very high but each year we put up a stronger fight!

Outdoor

1. U15s and U18s attended their second major showcase tournament in April in Delaware. This continues to be a difficult tournament with a high level of play, but our teams performed well and learned a lot.
2. We enthusiastically participated in 7 tournaments through the season with mixed results.
3. **11!** players and Coach Vince were selected for the Provincials program. 3 played for Ontario West, 7 played for Ontario Central and 1 played for Ontario East. Coach Vince's Ontario Central Team brought home Silver and Ontario West won bronze.

Contrary to past years, it seems as if this year presented many last minute tournaments and playing opportunities that previous seasons were missing. Unfortunately, only the U12 team was missing some game time during July due to the BMFHL league falling through but we were able to organize a friendly match to compensate.

We are about to start the fall/winter indoor season and will again have all 3 age groups. As in previous years, we are pushing and struggling to get access to better/bigger facilities for our indoor practices. We will continue to put up a good fight!

Turf training pick up again in late September. For Winter turf training we are also having to explore many options to find a facility and realistic time slot.

Thank you to all of you who helped me over the year! The program continues to grow as does the caliber of the athletes in our squads. This continued growth and improvement is a credit to the ongoing support from the players, parents, volunteers who offer their time and energy to help.

I know the coming year will continue to see the same momentum and I look forward to working with all of you again to continue making this program a success.

Marijn Boland
Director, Competitive Programs

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