

**FYHA Annual General Meeting
May 18, 2023**

Location: Fredericton Inn Salon A

Attendees: Ben MacFarlane, Leslie Paul-Plaster, Lori Massie, Frank Collins, Natalie Cormier, Amanda MacDougall, Alex Vanderlaan, Scott Durling, Travis McLean, John O'Toole, John Burns

Regrets: Kent Brewer, Matt Forster, Aaron Frizzell, Meghan MacTavish, Michele McNeil, Christa Reynolds

Minutes taken by John O'Toole

Meeting was called to order by President Ben MacFarlane at 6:33pm

Roll call/registration: 10 Board members, 12 members, and 2 observers were present – total present 24.

MOTION - to approve the minutes of the May 19,2022 AGM – Frank Collins/Travis McLean – PASSED

Business arising from the minutes: none.

Correspondence: none.

Report of Directors:

Copies of the Director's reports were distributed to all in attendance. Copies were also distributed in advance (via email) to all pre-registered individuals. There were no questions from the floor.

MOTION – all Director's reports be accepted as published – Frank Collins/Travis McLean – PASSED

Notices of Motion: none.

Unfinished Business:

President MacFarlane advised that the constitutional committee has been very active. He acknowledged the tremendous effort/work that Michelle McNeil has put into spearheading this important committee. The current constitution was first introduced in the 1970's and it is very outdated. The committee has submitted a document to legal council for final review. Once that document is approved it will be shared with all members and there will be a special town hall meeting set up where it will be reviewed and discussed with members. At some point members will be asked to vote (via an electronic option) to accept or reject the proposed revised constitution. MacFarlane distributed a document to those in attendance that outlined the proposed makeup of the new Board of Directors and how it will be comprised of two separate bodies - a governance/oversight body and an operational/delivery of the product body.

New Business:

Awards Presented:

FYHA Volunteer Award winners:

U7 Division – Rob Taylor, Matt Steeves
U9 Division – Mark MacNevin, Andrew Wheelan
U11 Division – Simon Dickinson, Terry Francis
U13 Division – Tony Bonnar, Matt & Danica Sweezie
U15 Division – Hope Cyr, Justin Taylor
U18 Division – Lynn Steeves, Kevin McWhirter & Chris Adams

HNB Volunteer of the Year award winner:
Michelle McNeil

Question from the floor: Terry Francis had a question regarding fair play/fair opportunity. He highlighted the fact that his son plays A level hockey, and his son had 98 ice sessions during the year. His daughter, who played REC hockey, had no where near 98 ice sessions. Why the discrepancy? Fair play/fair opportunity should apply equally to all members of FYHA. Why is Comp hockey getting more? Why are REC teams limited to only 3 tournaments and Comp teams 5? Discussion took place with many points being made.

Ben – goal is to balance things as best as possible. Some families don't want the extra financial burden or commitment. Old system prevented a child from getting out of the REC level. Now more players are exposed to Comp level.

Frank – members need to get what they pay for.

Lori – U15 REC teams played 60 games and played in the district league.

Travis – expressed frustration with ice availability and allocation/distribution.

Leslie – many factors play into the allocation/distribution of ice.

John Burns – FYHA is the largest user of the facilities. Other groups are struggling to get ice. The City is reviewing it's ice allocation process. Possible changes coming.

Question from the floor: Mark MacNevin asked how many ice times were not used this year? FYHA uses on average 125 hours of ice each week – this year we had 5/6 ice times that were not used and charged for – that is for the season.

Discussion took place regarding playing in the district leagues at the U11 & U13 Divisions.

Frank wanted to acknowledge the contribution that John Burns has made in helping FYHA maximize access to ice time. His relationship with FYHA is greatly appreciated, The City only charges FYHA for the ice that we use.

Question from the floor: A question regarding the evaluation process was raised. A committee is actively working to come up with a streamlined process the get the season started in a more efficient and less stressful (for the Division Directors) way. Ben explained the evaluation process that was used for the 2022/23 season. There are independent rankings and coach rankings that are compared – any discrepancies are discussed and corrected if necessary. The evaluation process is constantly being reviewed and improved.

MOTION – details on how the evaluations are being conducted are to be released to the members two weeks prior to the start of evaluations – moved by Frank Collins, seconded by Hope Cyr – PASSED

Question from the floor: Will FYHA bring back the all female Phantoms team? HNB policy restricts us from having an all-female team. We can form a team to play exhibition games.

MOTION – to appoint Teed, Saunders and Doyle as the auditors for the 2023/24 season. – moved by Frank Collins, seconded by Terry Francis - PASSED

Report of Nominating Committee:

General Manager O’Toole presented the report submitted by the nominating committee.

Election of Officers:

President – Ben MacFarlane (no other nominations)
Vice President – Kent Brewer (no other nominations)
Secretary – Dr. Travis McLean (no other nominations)
Treasurer – Josh MacIntosh (no other nominations)
U7 Director – Steve Pearce (no other nominations)
U9 Director – Eric MacDougall (no other nominations)
U11 Director – Scott Durling (no other nominations)
U13 Director – Mike Gillingham (no other nominations)
U15 Director – Brittany MacLaggan nominated by Frank Collins
U18 Director – JP MacDougall (no other nominations)

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm