



London Senior Hockey, Western Fair Sports Centre, 865 Florence St. London ON N5S 3V9

## 2023 AGM Minutes

April 18, 2023, 10:00 am @ BMO Centre

1. Brian Laporte called the meeting to order.
2. **In Memoriam:** John Hayton led a tribute to those members who passed away: Doug Casburn, Robert Cope, Larry Davis, Harry Moffat, George Taylor. They will be missed.

### 3. Secretary's Report

- a. Gerry LaRocque presented the minutes from September 14, 2022 fall general meeting.

**Motion: That the minutes of the 2022 fall meeting be approved as read.** Moved by Tom Boaz, seconded by Scott Gray.

- b. Election of 2023-24 LSH Executive Officers and Board Members: there were no nominations submitted by the April 1 deadline for any of the executive positions. The current executive has agreed to remain in their respective positions and were therefore acclaimed to serve another term:

President – Brian Laporte  
Vice-President – Al Fowler  
Secretary – Gerry LaRocque  
Treasurer – Stu Finlayson  
Junior Division Convenor – Neil Free  
Intermediate Division Convenor – Bob Douglas  
Senior Division Convenor – John Hayton

**Motion: That the above-named Directors be recognised as the Board of London Senior Hockey for 2023—2024.** Moved by Keith McCormick, seconded by John Campbell.

### 4. Financial Update (Stu Finlayson)

- a. Stu presented a financial update for the current 2022-2023 season. The League's efforts to reduce the surplus carried by the League were successful this season with the addition of more games played (and therefore increased ice rental fees) and the contract with Mosaic Medical. The projected surplus for this season will decrease from 16% to 13% of revenues.
- b. Stu then presented a preliminary budget for the 2023-2024 season. Due to expected increases in ice rentals and the renewal of our contract with Mosaic Medical, member fees will increase to \$550 from this year's \$500. These expenses will be offset partially by

a reduction in the total number of games played (from 84 to 75 games per team per season), which is more in line with what we played prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. This fee will result in a break-even season financially and allow us to maintain our surplus to within the desired range.

## **5. LSH Ken Phillipson Christmas Drive**

- a. Dave Gall announced that once again, the Food Drive was an all-round success, resulting in generous donations to the London Food Bank and the Salvation Army.
- b. Many thanks were made, particularly to Don Clayton for his continued efforts and leadership in this endeavour.

## **6. President's Report**

- a. Brian Laporte thanked all members for their cooperation and support, and he called attention to the great efforts of the volunteers, league convenors and their assistants, team captains, referees, and goaltenders, without whom this league would not be able to run. Thank you to all!
- b. Brian reported that Mosaic Medical provided the League a summary of their activity during this current season. Some of the highlights:
  - i. There were 22 documented incidents that required the attention of the paramedics provided by Mosaic Medical. These were for a variety of different types of medical concerns.
  - ii. Ambulances were called four times.
  - iii. In five cases, follow-ups with doctors were recommended.

The contract with Mosaic Medical has been renewed for next season.

- c. Since there are no longer Provincial or local health unit mandates regarding COVID-19 vaccinations, it was announced that the League will return to Pre-COVID operations. Therefore, unvaccinated individuals can play in our league next season. The non-vaccinated players who played in the League prior to the pandemic and wish to return for the 2023-2024 season will be brought back before people on the wait list.
- d. Brian reported that next year's schedule is being produced, though the final product won't be set until sometime in the summer when available ice time for our League is fully known. Since the schedule will be reduced from 84 games/season currently to roughly 75 games, the Executive is looking at ways to determine which dates will be cut. The following proposals were presented:
  - i. Shortening the season from April 28 to an earlier date in April (losing two weeks). This is in line with our Pre-COVID seasons, where we ended in the middle of April.
  - ii. Reducing the number of weeks in which we play back-to-back (ie. Wednesday / Thursday) games. A typical schedule shows us playing roughly ten of these weeks; not playing Thursday games for some of these would allow the League to reduce the

schedule as needed, as well as providing players recovery time between games that back-to-back games do not provide. Some of this could be offset if games were played on Thanksgiving Monday and Good Friday, neither of which are scheduled currently.

There was some questioning of, and opposition to, this proposal regarding losing Thursday dates. Though no formal vote was taken, a large number of those in attendance (as noted with a show of hands) wanted to continue to play three times a week and did not want to see the loss of any of these back-to-back games.

The Executive will meet to discuss these proposals and concerns.

## **7. New Business**

- a. John Hayton recognized Fred Sasse (who was present at the meeting) and Art Quigg (who was not) for their upcoming birthdays, in which they each turn 87 years old as the oldest players in the League. Congratulations on this amazing occasion!
- b. The following is a list of important dates for the 2023-2024 season:
  - a. September 19, 2023: Pre-season general meeting
  - b. December 19: Christmas luncheon at the Ukrainian Club
  - c. April 9, 2024: Annual General Meeting

## **8. Adjournment:** Moved by Stu Finlayson, seconded by John Mollica