

# 2021 HOCKEY ALBERTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2021  
VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

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**Members:** Airdrie MHA, Banff MHA, Bashaw MHA, Blackfalds MHA, Bowden MHA, Brooks MHA, Calmar MHA, Cochrane MHA, Cold Lake MHA, Devon MHA, Fort McMurray MHA, Fort Saskatchewan MHA, Hockey Calgary, Hockey Edmonton, Holden MHA, Lac La Biche MHA, Lamont MHA, Leduc MHA, Lethbridge MHA, Lloydminster MHA, Nanton MHA, Peace River MHA, Plamondon MHA, Sherwood Park MHA, Spruce Grove MHA, St. Albert MHA, Stettler MHA, Strathcona MHA, Sturgeon Hockey Club, Thorsby MHA, Thunderstars MHA, Vermilion MHA, Viking MHA, Whitecourt MHA, Ranchland Hockey League, Alberta Junior Female Hockey League, North Eastern Alberta Junior B Hockey League, Heritage Junior Hockey League, Northern Alberta X-Treme, Okanagan Hockey Edmonton

**Board Members:** Len Samletzki, Allan Mowbray, Fran Zinger, Michael Bates, Francois Gagnon, Donna Gallant, Wilson Gemmill, Al-Amin Vira

**Voting Scrutineer:** Jason Robinson (Sport Law & Strategy Group)

**Recording Secretary:** Katrina Papke

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## 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER – L. Samletzki**

L. Samletzki called the meeting to order at 7:11PM, welcoming everyone to the 114<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and thanked the members for being dedicated volunteers of Hockey Alberta.

L. Samletzki introduced J. Robinson from the Sport Law & Strategy Group as the voting scrutineer for today's meeting. J. Robinson will be acting as our voting administrator and all voting will take place on the online voting platform Simply Voting, which is a credible and authenticated third-party voting platform.

J. Robinson ensured that all registered voters are entered on the system, and that weighted voting is properly accounted for and tabulated within the system. J. Robinson is also a Certified Parliamentarian and will assist the Chair and the members in following our identified parliamentary procedure, which is Robert's Rules of Order.

L. Samletzki noted that today's video meeting is being recorded and that any member who does not wish to be on the recording may choose to leave the meeting at their discretion.

## 2.0 **ROLL CALL OF VOTING DELEGATES**

L. Samletzki called upon K. Macrae to provide a report on voting members in attendance.

K. Macrae displayed a listing of the registered voting delegates in attendance, showing the weighted votes of each member. K. Macrae confirmed with J. Robinson that four registered voting delegates were not currently in attendance and the weighted voting system was updated accordingly.

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It was reported that 27 Minor Hockey Associations, 2 Junior/ Senior Leagues, and 1 Accredited School are in attendance to vote, for a total of 30 voting delegates and 366 total votes present.

L. Samletzki stated that as per Section 4.6 of the Hockey Alberta Bylaws, Twenty (20) Members in good standing and deemed eligible to vote shall form a quorum at any General Meeting and hereby declares that there is a quorum and this meeting of the Hockey Alberta members is in session.

### **3.0 PRESENTATION OF THE 2020 AGM MINUTES**

The Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting have been circulated to each registered member prior to this meeting. L. Samletzki asked the membership if there are any corrections to the minutes. No errors or omissions declared; thus the Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting are approved.

### **4.0 REPORTING OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The 2020-2021 Audited Financial Statements have been circulated to each registered member in advance of this AGM. A more detailed report on finances will be provided during the organizational update portion of today's meeting.

L. Samletzki shared the process that Hockey Alberta uses in preparing its finances. There is an Audit & Risk Committee (ARC) comprised of three Board members who work with management to ensure policies are in place and process is followed. This includes our appointed Director of Finance position.

L. Samletzki reported that this year Hockey Alberta had a clean audit with no concerns or risks identified by RSM Canada. The Board feels that Management did an excellent job during the difficult times that COVID has brought upon us.

L. Samletzki requested it be noted in the minutes that the members have received the 2021 Audited Financial Statements.

### **5.0 APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR**

L. Samletzki indicated that the Board, with management, identified members prior to the meeting to move motions as well as seconders of each motion to make the proceedings more efficient.

**Moved by: Fort Saskatchewan MHA**

**Seconded by: Hockey Calgary**

That the firm of RSM Canada of Red Deer be appointed as the Hockey Alberta Auditors for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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## 6.0 NOTICES OF MOTION

L. Samletzki stated that there is one proposed Bylaw amendment that has been submitted to the members in advance of the AGM. In accordance with Article 9.5 of the Bylaws, this motion must be approved by Special Resolution (a majority of not less than three-fourths (3/4) of the Members present).

If adopted, these changes to the Bylaws shall not take effect until they have been registered by the Registrar of Corporations in accordance with the laws of the Province of Alberta.

L. Samletzki stated that for the sake of efficiency in this virtual setting, the Notice of Motion will not be read in full, but the full motion is included in the Annual Meeting Package and the motion will refer to the Notice of Motion language.

### a) **N.O.M. #1 Article 2 2.3 “Life Memberships**

This motion is related to ‘Life Memberships’ and has been submitted by the Board of Directors.

**Moved by: Hockey Edmonton**

**Seconded by: Heritage Junior Hockey League**

To revise Sections 2.3 of the Hockey Alberta Bylaws to read:

- (a) Life membership is the highest honour which may be bestowed by Hockey Alberta. It is to be awarded to individuals only for very distinctive services those individuals have provided to Hockey Alberta.
- (b) Life Members act in an advisory capacity to the Board, exercising all the privileges of Directors (except where otherwise restricted in the Bylaws, Regulations and Rules) but shall not be eligible to vote on any issue.
- (c) The Board shall appoint Life Members as per Policy.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 7.0 ELECTIONS

L. Samletzki recognized Donna Gallant, Michael Bates, and Wilson Gemmill who are stepping down from the Board of Directors. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the members of Hockey Alberta, please accept our gratitude for the time you have invested in hockey in Alberta.

There are three (3) Director at Large positions open for election this year. Each position will serve a three-year term. Members can refer to the last page of the Meeting Package for the detailed Nominations Report.

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L. Samletzki announced the following terms remaining for Board members:

- Len Samletzki, Chair of the Board, has one years to serve.
- Allan Mowbray, Vice Chair of the Board, has one years to serve.
- Al-Amin Vira, Director at Large, has two years to serve.
- Fran Zinger, Director at Large, has two years to serve.
- The Director of Finance is an annually appointed position; Francois Gagnon has been appointed by the Board for the 21-22 fiscal year.

The Board has brought forward **Karen Lee, Kirstan Jewell, and Bill Gourley** for election and no other candidates are seeking election.

**Moved by: Northern Alberta X-treme**

**Seconded by: Fort McMurray MHA**

To approve **Karen Lee, Kirstan Jewell, and Bill Gourley** for election as Directors at Large to the Hockey Alberta Board.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 8.0 ADJOURNMENT

L. Samletzki acknowledged and thanked Jason Robinson from the Sport Law & Strategy Group for all of his support in setting up and operating this meeting as well as acting as the Voting Administrator and Scrutineer today. L. Samletzki asked J. Robinson to destroy all the voting ballots.

As we have concluded all matters of business on the agenda, L. Samletzki declared that the 114<sup>th</sup> Hockey Alberta Annual Meeting is adjourned.

The meeting is adjourned at 7:44pm.