



## **1. Welcome**

Sylvie Hoggarth called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and thanked everyone for coming.

## **2. Approval of August 24, 2009 Minutes**

Minutes of this meeting had been forwarded to team reps by email and posted on the website for review. *Kerry-Lee Finkle moved that the August 24, 2009 minutes be approved unamended. Seconded by Kathy Anderson. Carried.*

## **3. Financial Report**

Karen Rooney supplied a financial statement and advised that there were no unusual expenses this year. She noted that we were able to sell off unused ice as reported under Other Income and therefore, the league moves into the 2010-11 season with a surplus of \$4429.85. Karen also advised teams to be prepared for approximately a ten percent increase for next season, due to the implementation of the HST as well as the usual anticipated 3% increase in ice cost.

## **4. Discipline Report**

Bill Giesler informed the league there were a total of 33 game suspensions this season which included nine M20's. He also commented that this did not include the incident which took place at the end of last season. Unfortunately statistics from last season were not available for comparison.

## **5. Amendments to By-Laws and Constitution**

Sylvie Hoggarth explained how a sub-committee had been formed to address the existing Constitution and that the changes put forward more accurately reflected how the league is currently being run. Copies of the changes were provided to the teams prior to the AGM. Sylvie provided an addendum to the original document identifying minor housekeeping changes which were made. Copies of the proposed Constitution which included these addendums were made available.

The following key changes to the Constitution were brought forth and discussed:

1. Rescheduling of games – Sylvie highlighted that this was the biggest change in the constitution and includes a provision that officials must be paid in the event of cancelled games.
2. Co-ordination of Officials - An additional proposed change to the Constitution was made available to those in attendance which was put forth by Trina Pirone (Newtonbrook Panthers) who suggested a: the co-ordinator of officials shall be an OWHA registered official and b) all officials must be currently OWHA registered or crossed over officials. Trina explained that these two changes would be beneficial in that OWHA referees are more aware of OWHA specific rules (ex: pants). Trina pointed out that this past season there were unregistered referees officiating but neither the Co-ordinator of Officials (Suzanne Bryers) nor the President (Sylvie Hoggarth) were aware of this. Sylvie agreed that the league should endeavour to use OWHA officials whenever possible but she pointed out that it was imperative that we don't "tie our hands" when it comes to having a game default just because we couldn't get OWHA officials. Also volunteers are difficult to find and we cannot limit ourselves to this rule in the event that an OWHA registered official is not willing to take on the role of Co-ordinator of officials. After general discussion it was agreed that the words "highly recommended" would be inserted into the proposed change and this would be implemented into the Constitution. This change was unanimously passed.

3. Notification of Results – included as part of the addendum; reworded to reflect what actually happens to the game sheet and outlines the responsibilities of each team regarding disciplinary issues.
4. Game sheet labels – Kathy Anderson asked how the fees for not having labels on the game sheets were determined. Sylvie replied that the fees were in line with the Lower Lakes League. Linda Starr questioned as to whether there would be a grace period before fines would be issued. At this point, it was clarified that it is not the intent of the league to fine teams but instead to implement a process that would make teams more diligent in preparing game sheets properly. This will ensure that the Statistician can easily read the game sheets; thereby updating the stats quickly and efficiently without spending unnecessary time deciphering the game sheets. In addition, if a disciplinary issue occurs and the game sheet that must be faxed, it must be legible to the receiver. Sylvie also clarified that, if game sheet labels were not available for whatever reason, every effort should be made to list your roster in numerical order with legible handwriting and fines would be avoided.

At this time, a motion was made by Bill Giesler to approve the revised Constitution, By-Laws and Playing Rules in its entirety; including the proposed changes set forth by Trina Pirone but with the words highly recommended inserted in each proposal. This was seconded by Kerry-Lee Finkle and the motion was unanimously carried.

#### **6. New Business**

Sylvie re-iterated that, for the 2010-2011 season, the Golden Blades will be using the OWHA divisions instead of the typical Tier 1, Tier 2, etc. Divisions will be “AA”, “A”, “BB”, “B”, and “C”.

Sylvie advised that so far we have new Team Application Forms from three teams: Hailstones, The Farm Team and Leaside. Hailstones and The Farm Team have been playing in the Newtonbrook League and Linda Starr confirmed that they are “C” teams. The Leaside team is applying for the “B” division.

It was asked when the Executive would be able to confirm how many teams are in each division since some teams still have to decide what level they will register this year based on the implementation of the OWHA divisions instead of the Tiers. Sylvie agreed to send an email to all team reps confirming the new categorization process. She also agreed to confirm the divisions within the next couple of weeks.

#### **7. Elections of Officers**

Sylvie Hoggarth advised that all positions on the Executive were open for nominations. It was asked if there was anyone in attendance who would like to stand for an Executive position. No nominations were put forth. At this time it was stated that Maryanne Williams had put forth her name to stand for the position of Co-ordinator of Officials. Sylvie Hoggarth noted that all positions short of the Co-ordinator of Officials were considered acclaimed for the 2010-2011 season.

**President** –Sylvie Hoggarth – Acclaimed

**Treasurer** – Karen Rooney – Acclaimed

**Secretary** – Laura Healy – Acclaimed

**Scheduler** – Sophie Hugh-Sam – Acclaimed

**Statistician** – Megan Ross – Acclaimed

**Discipline Chairperson** – Bill Giesler – Acclaimed

**Co-ordinator of Officials** – Suzanne Bryers, Mary Anne Williams

Sylvie confirmed that Suzanne that it was her intent to run for the position she now held. Given Maryanne Williams was not present, Kathy Anderson questioned as to whether we could still vote on this position. Sylvie was willing to defer voting until the next meeting, but both Trina Pirone and Ed Zador offered to speak on behalf of Mary Anne in her absence. The membership agreed that this would be satisfactory. Trina Pirone and Ed Zador spoke on behalf of Maryanne and then Suzanne Bryers spoke on her own behalf. Ballots were issued for the members to cast their vote and the ballots were counted by Sylvie Hoggarth, Laura Healy and Karen Rooney. After the count of the ballots was completed, Sylvie Hoggarth announced that Maryanne Williams had received the Co-ordinator of Officials position. She thanked Suzanne Bryers for her help during the previous season. *Linda Starr moved that the ballots be destroyed. Seconded by Kathy Anderson. Carried*

#### **8. Team Fees**

Sylvie Hoggarth advised that the team fees would be advised once the Executive were able to meet with Can Lan York to confirm costs and ice availability. Sylvie Hoggarth will forward the fees to all team reps as soon as they are confirmed. Sylvie mentioned that this season the fee for Timekeepers would be reduced to \$12 from \$16. This means teams will need to pay \$31 for referee and timekeeper fees for each game. (i.e.: \$25 per referee and \$12 for the timekeeper).

#### **10. Next Meeting**

**Monday August 23, 2010 - 7:00 PM Can Lan York.**

#### **11. Adjourn**

*Bill Giesler moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Ken Jenkinson. Carried.*