



2023-24 Pre-season General Meeting. Minutes September 19 2023, 10:00 am @ BMO Center

1. Brian Laporte called the meeting to order.
2. In Memoriam: John Hayton recognized our members who recently passed away: John Fryer, Gord Lewington, and Bob Lucas. They will be missed.
3. Secretary's Report: Gerry LaRocque presented the minutes from the April 18, 2023 AGM. He announced one change that arose from these minutes: the 2024 AGM date has changed to April 2, 2024 @ BMO in order to accommodate shortened season that resulted when the schedule was finalized over the summer. Gerry LaRocque moved to accept these minutes; seconded by Al Fowler and passed.
4. Financial Statements June 30, 2023: David Hearn from Marcus & Associates presented a review of our financial statements by the accounting firm announced that these statements present fairly an accurate financial position of our League and organization. Stu Finlayson moved to appoint Marcus and Associates as accountants to perform a review of the financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024; this was seconded by John Campbell and passed.
5. Treasurer's Report: Stu Finlayson presented a budget report comparing last year's projected budget to the actual outcome as of last spring:

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	Budget for	Actual results
	2022-23	2022-23
Carry forward surplus start of year	49,134	49,134
Revenues	159,462	156,654
Expenses:		
Ice rental	129,321	128,429
Insurance	10,000	10,990
Christmas & year end luncheons	16,250	15,415
First responders	22,680	23,240
Accounting review	2,500	2,500
all other costs	2,350	2,506
Total expenses	183,101	183,080
Loss for the year	(23,639)	(26,426)
Carry forward surplus end of year	25,495	22,708
As a % of revenues	16%	14%

The actual results were very close to the budget for 2022-23. We were able to reduce our surplus by playing more games. This puts us more in line with the desired surplus as a percentage of revenues, which was elevated through the COVID pandemic due to many factors, including several game cancellations.

He then presented the current budget and compared it to last year's budget:

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	Actual results	Budget for
	2022-23	2023-24
Carry forward surplus start of year	49,134	22,708
Revenues	156,654	175,297
Expenses:		
Ice rental	128,429	121,230
Insurance	10,990	10,990
Christmas & year end luncheons	15,415	15,150
First responders	23,240	21,420
Accounting review	2,500	2,500
all other costs	2,506	2,650
Total expenses	183,080	173,940
Loss for the year	(26,426)	1,357
Carry forward surplus end of year	22,708	24,065
As a % of revenues	14%	14%

With our surplus now in its target range, and with a general increase in most expenses, it was decided to peg this year's playing fee at \$550 per member, resulting in a break-even budget for the current year.

6. Reports of Officers:

- a. Goaltender Report: Jim Stephenson is now the convenor for all goaltenders in our League. He reported that we are still looking for more goalies who can help to share the load of our current goalies, some of whom are playing multiple games a day.
- b. Referee Report: Al Fowler announced that there are no rule changes for play. He reported that we are short referees and will be looking for volunteers to help out with this shortage by refereeing games in which a League member is not playing.

7. President's Report: Brian Laporte presented the following:

- a. Ministry of Health and Health Unit Protocols
 - i. London Senior Hockey encourages all members to follow the recommendations of the Ontario Ministry of Health and the Middlesex London Health Unit.
 - ii. If you do find yourself experiencing Covid-19 or flu symptoms, please stay home and follow the self-isolation recommendations from the MLHU.
- b. Informed Consent Forms:
 - i. We have revamped the "Informed Consent Agreement" for 2023-24

- ii. We will need all members to read and complete the information on the form and submit a signed copy to your team captain before your first game.
 - iii. The information that you provide will be used to create a new data base so as to limit the hassle for this every year.
- c. 2023-2024 Schedule:
 - i. This year's schedule will be shortened to 75 games from the 84 scheduled last year, allowing us to wrap up the season in early April, as it was in earlier years.
 - ii. We were also able to reclaim two Fridays, allowing us to lose two back to back Thursday games.
 - iii. Intermediate division has returned to HQ pad with an earlier start of 8:15 am.
 - iv. Our opener is Monday October 2 and we will wrap up Friday April 5.
 - v. We will be maintaining our traditional Thanksgiving and Good Friday off, and enjoying an 8-day Christmas break.
- d. Mosaic Medical AED Refresher Course
 - i. We have retained Mosaic Medical to look after us again this season.
 - ii. They will once again provide an AED refresher day for us at no cost.
 - iii. This day is scheduled for Tuesday October 17, starting 11:00 am at their Kellogg office.
 - iv. We will be asking for confirmation of your participation by Thanksgiving to allow them some time to prepare for us.
 - v. the refresher is also open to your partners as long as you confirm their attendance along with yourself.
 - vi. Also, Mosaic will be making flu shots available to all members at the rink once they receive their vaccines for this year.
- e. WFD Restaurant Reopening
 - i. We have been working with WFD on opening the Restaurant / Bar for our post game use this season.
 - ii. They will be serving breakfasts and lunches, with the bar opening at 9:00 am after our first games.
 - iii. They are currently working on a menu and schedule for us.
 - iv. To start off service will be available on the first 3 Wednesdays of the season, with further dates and information to come.
 - v. If they receive a good reception and it's fiscally feasible for them, they are willing to match their opening with our schedule.
- f. Sweater Protocol and Ordering
 - i. According to our bylaws, everyone must have home and away LSH sweaters to participate in our league.
 - ii. Sweaters and socks can be purchased at the Source for Sports "Teamworks" store, one block south of the Source for Sports store on Wharnccliffe Rd, or can be purchased on line through a link to Teamworks on our website.
 - iii. We have a "drop dead date" of September 25 for orders to be placed; we have been guaranteed a four-week turnaround pick up date of October 23rd.

- iv. Costs are still the same at \$174.99 all in, for the two jerseys with matching socks.
 - g. Lockers
 - i. There are lots of cage lockers available for rental this year.
 - ii. See whoever is on the reception desk when you arrive and they will be glad to help you.
 - h. Christmas Luncheon
 - i. Will be held at the Ukrainian Club on Adelaide St. again this year
 - ii. Tuesday, December 19th
8. Open Floor for Q & A
- a. A question arose that asked if we should enlarge the crease area around the goalkeepers. Al Fowler replied that this had been tried, and the best solution is through strict rule enforcement of our existing crease rule, and that goaltenders should remain in or near their crease to reduce risk of collisions and possible injury.
 - b. A question asked what the status of wait list is. It currently has around 100 names, but not all of these individuals waiting are ready to go if asked (some are still working and submitted their names to be considered down the road).
9. Adjournment: Moved by Vern Eldridge, seconded by John Molina.