



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

2025-26 Pre-season General Mtg. Agenda
September 16 2025, 10:00 am @ BMO Center

1. Brian Laporte called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. 83 LSH members were in attendance.
2. In Memoriam: John Hayton recognized our members who recently passed away: John Birtch, Bill Darling, Ted Hessel, Sig Martin, Bill Yungblut. They will be missed.
3. Secretary's Report: Gerry LaRocque presented the minutes from the April 15, 2025 AGM. Gerry moved to accept these minutes; this was seconded by Al Fowler and passed.
4. Financial Statements June 30, 2025: Mike Opdecam from Marcus & Associates presented a review of our financial statements and announced that these statements present fairly an accurate financial position of our League and organization. Rick Scrimgeour moved to appoint Marcus and Associates as accountants to perform a review of the financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026; this was seconded by Stu Finlayson and passed.
5. Treasurer's Report: Rick Scrimgeour presented a budget report comparing last year's projected budget to the actual outcome as of last spring. The actual results proved to be very similar to the budgeted amounts for 2024-25. This puts our carry-forward surplus within the desired range as a percentage of revenues. He then presented the current budget for the 2025-26 season. To cover the increase in the cost of ice time as contracted with Western Fair, and other small increases in expenditures, this year's playing fee will be \$600 per member. This will result in a small surplus for the current year.
6. Reports of Officers
 - a. Referee-in-Chief Al Fowler announced that there are no rule changes for this season. He also announced that there will be training sessions for the referees: off-ice training on October 14 and on-ice training scheduled for October 16.
 - b. Senior Division convenor Vern Eldridge reported that the numbers for the Seniors and Masters divisions are low to begin the season. This will be corrected following discussion with the other convenors, which will result in some movement of players between divisions.
 - c. Junior Division convenor Neil Free reported that due to the return of some players who did not play last year, and to maintain the membership of others who were called in to replace them, each team in the Junior division currently has 16 players. This should self-correct with the usual attrition as the season progresses, and the new improved wait list status changes come into full effect. The size of the Junior dressing rooms is an issue.

- d. Mark Clemens (Intermediate Division assistant convenor), Dave Budge (food drive chair), and Jim Stephenson (goaltender convenor) had no report.
7. Mosaic Medical Report: Dave Leonard introduced himself to those in attendance. He announced that there will be an AED refresher course on November 25, and that Mosaic Medical will hold a flu shot clinic sometime in November. There were no questions from the audience. Mosaic Medical will continue to provide emergency first-aid to our League while our games are being played.
8. CARHA Claims: Brian Laporte walked the audience through the process for submitting claims to CARHA. The claims forms will be available on site from Mosaic Medical, and we are looking into placing some in our lock-up room. These are also available online on the LSH website.
9. Schedule:
 - a. There will be 76 games scheduled this season. The season begins Wednesday, October 1 and will end on Thursday, April 9.
 - b. Other important dates:
 - The Christmas Break begins on December 23, and we will return to play January 5.
 - Christmas Luncheon will be held Tuesday, December 16 at the Ukrainian Center
 - Our Annual General Meeting 10:00 am, Tuesday, March 31 2026 at 10:00 AM. The venue is still to be determined.
10. Deke's Restaurant: There has been no announcement from Western Fair regarding when Deke's will be open to LSH members. Mark Clemens reported that Western Fair is hoping for better turnouts from teams, as staffing the restaurant is difficult if/when no one goes.
11. Lockers: there are still some available – see WFD services desk.
12. Web site / Informed Consent Forms: Mark Lowe announced that the schedules and rosters are available online. The new Informed Consent Form procedure is now in place, with returning players not needing to complete another one; the previous years' consent is still acceptable. Brian Laporte questioned whether this was legally acceptable. There will be further announcements regarding this.
13. Wait List: Wilson Mor explained the new wait list procedure. There are different categories for new players and for those who have been absent for a period of time and wish to return.
 - The *Deferred List* has been created for those LSH members who have been absent for a period of time and have been deemed to have temporarily relinquished their roster spot. Should they wish to return to play, they should notify LSH.
 - The *Applicants Wait List* is a list of new players applying for membership to LSH. These applicants are prioritized by date of application. This application includes agreement with the terms of Informed Consent.

- The *Qualifying Referee (QRef) Queue* is a list of applicants opting to referee to raise their placement priority. They must referee a minimum of 30 games to raise their placement priority to the highest on the Applicants Wait List.
- The *Priority List* describes who will be called first to play: returning players from the Deferred List are given first priority, followed by those who have completed the requirements for the QRefs. If and when these lists have been exhausted, those on the Applicants Wait List will be called, according to their application date.

14. Revisions to Policies and Procedures:

- a. The Executive reviewed the League's Policies and Procedures. There was a need to change some of these and these were presented to the members.
- b. Changes include:
 - i. How and when to temporarily replace an ill or injured player;
 - ii. An update on the Emergency On-Ice Procedure;
 - iii. A few in-house rules to govern on-ice play;
 - iv. Surplus policy – change to “maintain within a range of 10% - 20% of annual revenues”;
 - v. A change in payment of fees policy: beginning in 2026, fees are to be paid by September 1st;
 - vi. Method of payment: e-transfer preferred (there will be a \$10 surcharge if payment is made by any other means);
 - vii. Fee refund policy.
- c. A notice of motion will be submitted to accept the recommendations at this spring's AGM.

15. Open floor for Q & A:

- a. Some maintenance requests were made to improve the facilities. These include:
 - i. A couple of folding chairs in the Junior dressing rooms to accommodate the larger team rosters and consider the small size of these rooms;
 - ii. A light in the League's lock-up room;
 - iii. Consistent temperatures in the showers, as they range from scalding to freezing.

16. Adjournment: Moved by John Molica, seconded by Neil Free.