



## Annual General Meeting, 2025-26

### Minutes

**March 31, 2026, 10:00 AM @ BMO Complex**

Brian Laporte called the meeting to order at 10:00. 72 League members were in attendance.

#### **1. In Memoriam**

- We honoured the memories of former and present players who we lost this year.
- John Hayton led us in celebrating the lives of John Ormsby, Dan Costea, George Edmunds, Tom Timmins, and Tedd Bogal. They will be missed.

#### **2. Secretary's Report: Approval of the Minutes from Our Last Meeting**

- Gerry LaRocque presented the minutes from the September 16, 2025 pre-season meeting. A motion was sought to approve these minutes. Dave Tiffin moved to accept the minutes, this was seconded by Phil Hicks. The motion carried.

#### **3. Election and Approval of Officers / League Executive**

- Bob Douglas is not returning to his position of Intermediate Division Convener.
- The other six incumbents put their name forward for their respective positions. Since they were the only ones to express their wishes to continue in their roles by the required date (no later than 30 days prior to the AGM) as outlined in our constitution, these six positions were filled by acclamation.
- Nobody submitted a nomination for Intermediate Convener by the required date, however there was one person who submitted a nomination form after the deadline. According to our Constitution, Section 2.05 (2), the Directors are allowed to appoint someone to a vacant position and as a result this was done. The League Executive for the 2026-2027 season is:

President – Brian Laporte

Vice-President – Al Fowler

Secretary – Gerry LaRocque

Treasurer – Rick Scrimgeour

Junior Division Convener – Neil Free

Intermediate Division Convener – Matt MacDonald

Senior Division Convener – Vern Eldridge

- Gerry LaRocque moved to approve the appointment of these Executive members; this was seconded by Ron Johnston. The motion carried.

#### **4. Financial Statements & Treasurer's Report**

- Rick Scrimgeour presented a budget summary for the 2025-2026 season. There is a projected surplus at year-end (June 30, 2026) of \$1599. This gives us a carry-over surplus of \$26,018.
- The members' fees will be \$635 for the upcoming season.

#### **5. Notice of Motion: Amendment of the League's Policies and Procedures**

- This was presented and discussed at our September 15 pre-season meeting. Brian Laporte presented a motion recommending to accept and adopt the changes to the Policies and Procedures document at this meeting.
- Brian reviewed what was discussed and highlighted the changes and how they will affect the membership. Highlights include revisions to:
  - Emergency on-ice procedures,
  - Due date for annual fees being moved to September 1<sup>st</sup>;
  - Method of payment of annual fees – e-transfer only (other methods of payment will incur an additional \$10 fee)
  - Fee refund policy and placement of a player on Long Term Disabled / Deferral List, and temporary placement on the waiting list.
- Al Fowler moved that this motion be accepted; this was seconded by Mike Wittich. The motion passed overwhelmingly.

#### **6. Ken Phillipson Christmas Drive**

- \$5254 was donated directly to the London Food Bank.
- \$3530 was donated directly to the Salvation Army.
- \$2750 in cash donations were made to LSH, which was divided equally between the two charities.
- The grand total for this year's drive came to \$11,520.

#### **7. Officers' Reports**

- Al Fowler gave a brief report as Referee-in-Chief, especially praising the Referee Coordinators
- Vern Eldridge reported on the transitioning between divisions, with a special word on the importance of the Masters Division as the ultimate stepping stone in our hockey careers.
- John Hayton gave a short presentation about the 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame.

#### **8. President's Report: Thanks to our Volunteers**

- Brian Laporte began by recognizing and thanking all who volunteered their time and efforts to help make the League run as well as it does: coordinators, convenors, captains, referees, and goaltenders.
- A special thank-you was given to John Hayton for his work with the 'War Years' Tourney Team that participated in this past Ontario Winter Games in Huntsville.
- Brian gave a huge thanks to Bob Douglas for his 20 years as a convener in our league.

#### **9. President's Report: Mosaic Medical Report**

- Brian then presented the report from the Mosaic Medical team regarding this year's statistics. There were 42 incidents this year in which Mosaic was involved; these ranged in severity from mild to severe. An ambulance was recommended ten times, and on six of these occasions an ambulance was called.

## **10. 2026-2027 Schedule**

- Brian presented next season's schedule request, to be given to the WFD.
- The season will begin on Friday, October 2, 2026; last game will be Wednesday, April 9, 2027.
- Christmas Break: December 22 – January 1 (no hockey)

## **11. Name Change**

- Back in 2016 during the legal split with London fitness sports association and "Huff-n-Puff" hockey league, we were forced to change our name. We filed our incorporation papers as "Healthy-n-Playing Hockey" so we could keep using the HNP acronym, but were not allowed to that either. The League then adopted "London Senior Hockey" as their working name.
- Now that we are settled in as "London Senior Hockey" the Executive felt we should look into making the change official.
- There would be some legal fees involved.

## **12. Important Dates**

- The following are important dates to remember for next season. These are all tentative only and more specific dates will be announced once the League schedule is finalized.

2025-26 pre-season general meeting (Tuesday, Sept 15, 2026 @ 10:00 am; site BMO)

2025-26 AGM (Tuesday, March 30, 2027 @ 10:00 am; site TBD)

Christmas Luncheon (Tuesday, Dec 15, 2025; site TBD)

## **13. New Business**

- Some members expressed their concerns with the quality of ice at the Tony's and Chick Fil-A rinks. Too much water and too little care for the surface regarding ruts, gouges, and uneven surfaces were mentioned. Brian will look into this.
- Personal experience report by a member regarding medicals, safety and the importance of following one's health.
- A question was asked on whether the League will consider division realignment and the number of teams in each division. Brian said this is an ongoing conversation and the Executive always monitors the state of our league, especially as our demographics change over time.

## **14. Adjournment**

- John Mollica moved to adjourn the meeting; this was seconded by Vern Eldridge. Motion was carried.