



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

2026-27 Pre-season General Meeting Minutes September 15 2026, 10:00 am @ BMO Center

1. Call to Order:

- Brian Laporte called the meeting to order; 50 people were in attendance.

2. In Memoriam:

- John Hayton recognized two of our members who recently passed away: John Fisher and Fred Sasse. They will be missed.

3. Secretary's Report:

- Gerry LaRocque presented the minutes from the March 31, 2026 AGM. Gerry moved to accept these minutes; this was seconded by Don McLeod and passed.

4. Financial Statements, June 30, 2026:

- David Hearn from Marcus & Associates presented a review of our financial statements.
- Rick Scrimgeour did an analysis and discovered a discrepancy in the amount of HST paid out by the League. Once this was corrected the financial statements were deemed to fairly present an accurate financial position of our League and organization.
- Rick moved to appoint Marcus and Associates as accountants to perform a review of the financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; this was seconded by Al Fowler 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 range for carry-over surplus is targeted at between 10% and 20% of revenues; this coming year's target comes out to be 12%. It is hoped that this target will increase going forward in the coming years.

6. Reports of Officers:

a. Senior Convenor (Vern Eldridge)

- Vern spoke regarding the large number of players moving into, out of, and within the Seniors / Masters division. An overwhelming majority paid their fees by e-transfer. Only one player has not submitted payment yet.

b. Intermediate Convenor (Matt MacDonald)

- Matt paid tribute to outgoing convenor Bob Douglas, hoping he could fit Bob's large shoes in his new role as intermediate convenor.

- c. Junior Convenor (Neil Free) – no report
- d. Referee-in-Chief (Larry Parker)
 - Al Fowler spoke on behalf of Larry, announcing that there was only one rule change to start this season.
 - The 13-minute misconduct is off the books; only game misconducts will be called in the event that the call for official abuse or ‘chirping’ is needed.
- e. Goalie Coordinator (Jim Stephenson) – no report
- f. Wait list Coordinator (Wilson Mor) – no report
- g. Web Master (Mark Lowe)
 - Mark announced that team lists are not completely accurate yet, but these will be rectified very shortly.
 - The team schedules are now posted on the League website.

7. President’s Report (B Laporte):

- **Mosaic Medical** will hold their annual AED Refresher on Nov. 3, 2026. People interested in participating are asked to notify Brian by Oct. 19, 2026.
- **CARHA:** The online CARHA waiver will be sent to all convenors and directors who will in turn send this to all members. They must be completed to CARHA or any claims submitted will not be processed.
- **Request for partial refunds:** If the request form is not completed, absolutely no refunds will be issued.
- **Schedule:** We are scheduled to play 75 games this season. One date was removed from our schedule (Feb. 8). To make up this date, we are playing games on Dec. 23.
 - So, to summarize:
 - Thursday, October 1 First games of the season
 - Monday, October 12 Thanksgiving – no games
 - Tuesday, November 3 AED Refresher
 - Tuesday, December 15 Annual Christmas Luncheon
 - December 24 – January 3 Christmas Break – no games
 - Monday, January 4 First games after break
 - Friday, March 26 Good Friday – no games
 - Tuesday, March 30 Annual General Meeting
 - Thursday, April 8 Final games of the season
- **Christmas Luncheon:** Brian asked Dave Budge to announce the change in venue of this year’s lunch. It will be held on Tuesday, December 15 at the Hellenic Community Centre at 133 Southdale Road West. There is ample parking for all attending.
- **Lockers** are still available. Do not lock up your hockey sticks if they extend beyond the limits of the locker.
- **Deke’s** will be open on Wednesdays again.

8. 80+ Hockey Hall of Fame

- Lori Ann McNulty presented on behalf of the organizing committee regarding the establishing of a Hall of Fame for players who continue to play hockey into their 80's.
- This group exists in many communities across the country, but London is not one of them (the closest is Kitchener). The plan is to launch London's next spring.
- It is hoped that this honour will encourage players to continue to play the game into their 80's. Many of those eligible in this region play in our League.
- Eligible nominees can include not just players, but referees and builders as well.
- The induction ceremony will include an afternoon game for the inductees, followed by a dinner. Inductees will be given a jersey, medal and a hockey card and will be 'knighted' with a hockey stick. The tentative date for the event is March 20, 2027.
- Anyone who is 80+ can be nominated. There will be a limit to how many nominees will be inducted, as London will be playing catch-up for a few years.
- The cost of the event will be covered by sponsorship, nomination fees, and ticket sales to the induction dinner.
- The organization is looking for volunteers, who could include friends and family members.
- To publicize the event, it is hoped that volunteers can seek out any connections they may have with sponsors, dignitaries, press, and other connections (eg. current and former NHL players).
- This is NOT affiliated nor associated with the Hockey Hall of Fame.
- Brian Laporte provided volunteer sign-up sheets for anyone interested.

9. Adjournment

- Seeing no new business, the meeting was adjourned. This was moved by Jim Weese, seconded by Rick Scrimgeour.