



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

2022 AGM Minutes, April 19, 2022, 10:00 am @ London Marconi Club

1. Brian Laporte called the meeting to order.
2. **In Memoriam:** John Hayton led a tribute to those members who passed away: Stan Abdallah, George Allain, Barry Nixon, Joe Pelesh. They will be missed.

Brian Laporte mentioned that the quick actions of Jeff Siderius helped to save the life of one of our players when he had a cardiac event and collapse on the ice this past month. A big “hurrah” and thanks to Sid.

3. Secretary’s Report

- a. Gerry LaRocque presented the minutes from November 9, 2021 AGM / fall meeting.

Motion: That the minutes of the 2021 General Meeting be approved as read. Moved by Bill Tucker, seconded by Mike Wittich.

- b. Election of 2022-23 LSH Executive Officers and Board Members: there were no nominations submitted by the April 1 deadline for any of the executive positions. The current executive has agreed to remain in their respective positions and were therefore acclaimed to serve another term:

President – Brian Laporte
Vice-President – Al Fowler
Secretary – Gerry LaRocque
Treasurer – Stu Finlayson
Junior Division Convenor – Neil Free
Intermediate Division Convenor – Bob Douglas
Senior Division Convenor – John Hayton

Motion: That the above-named Directors be recognised as the Board of London Senior Hockey for 2022—2023. Moved by Larry Neilson, seconded by Wayne Ropp.

4. Financial Update (Stu Finlayson)

- a. Stu presented a financial update for the current 2021-2022 season. It was hoped to reduce the surplus carried by the league, but due to the cancellation of operations for the month of January we didn’t incur expected expenses (ice rental fees). Therefore the year-end surplus remains higher than what we hoped for.
- b. Stu then presented a preliminary budget for the 2022-2023 season. Due to expected increases in ice rentals and a slight increase in the number of games, member fees will

increase to \$475 (roughly \$6/game/player). This fee will also result in a deficit large enough to reduce the surplus to within our desired range.

Motion: That the financial statements and treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Moved by Andy White, seconded by Tom Massel

5. President's Report (Brian Laporte)

- a. LSH Ken Phillipson Christmas Drive: Brian announced a successful food drive that resulted in the donation of almost \$13 000 to the London Food Bank and Salvation Army. Brian thanked Don Clayton for his efforts in coordinating this endeavor.
- b. Brian thanked all members for their patience and cooperation in enduring these difficult times, and he called attention to the great efforts of the volunteers, league convenors and their assistants, team captains, referees, and goaltenders, without whom this league would not be able to run. Thank you to all!
- c. A very big thank you to Phil Rody for his many years of service, especially with the organization and maintenance of the league's waiting list. Wilson Mor picking up wait list duties.
- d. Organizing next season has already begun.
 - We are hoping to return to a pre-pandemic play in the fall: 8 teams per division, 15 skaters per team, 1½ hour games, two referees per game.
 - Rule Changes (reported by Al Fowler):
 - a. the exclusion zone around the goals will be reduced from the current ringette arc to only the blue ice in the goalie's crease.
 - b. All stoppages and infractions will be restarted by a faceoff according to standard hockey rules with the exception of offside calls. For offside calls, the puck will be given to the defending team to continue play starting in their own end while the offending team's players retreat to the centre-ice line.
 - All players and referees must be fully vaccinated against the COVID virus to play, and the league recommends that the players have their boosters up to date. New members will need to present proof of vaccination to play.
 - The following is a list of important dates for the 2022-2023 season:
 - September 14, 2022: Pre-season general meeting
 - October 3: Opening day
 - December 20: Christmas luncheon
 - December 22 – January 1: Christmas Break
 - April 18: Annual General Meeting
 - April 28: End of season

6. New Business

- a. Brian Laporte announced the league's plan to resume AED training for all interested members, probably in the fall. He also presented a suggestion that the league hire a

qualified first-responder to be present at all league games next season. The cost would be around \$65/member. He will review the financial implications with Stu Finlayson and this will be presented at the fall meeting.

- b. Gerry Adlington asked what might be done regarding the high turnover among referees as they are called from the waiting list to play. The change in schedule can be disruptive. Al Fowler explained that this was a necessary evil, as the system is well designed to keep people on the waiting list interested in refereeing, as it was a way to fast-track to the top of this list.
- c. Bill Tucker asked whether members are still covered by insurance while they play. Brian Laporte replied that yes, we are insured, and this carries forward for the entire year for those who also play summer hockey. This insurance also covers goalies and referees in our league.
- d. Brian Laporte announced that the 2022-2023 season will be his last as league president.

7. **Adjournment:** Moved by Bob Douglas, seconded by Larry Neilson.