

High Country Minor Hockey Association
AGM April 21st, 2023

Location: Turner Valley Legion

1. **Call meeting to order:** Candace Thomson called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm.
Motioned by Jessica Krulc, second by Renee Larouche-Simmons. All in Favor. Motion carried.

2. **Opening remarks – presented by President Candace Thomson**

Good Evening,

Thank you all for attending the 2023 High Country Minor Hockey Association (HCMHA) AGM. We are so pleased to host an in-person AGM with such a great turnout this year.

Our association had 3 Intro to Hockey teams this season. They were able to attend several jamborees and had a very successful season.

Our CAHL-level teams had a very successful year as well. We had 4 teams make it to playoff this season, U11, U13, U15B and U18B. The U13 team was successful in winning the U13 Tier 4 league banner.

The Town of Black Diamond Reduced our ice fees this year, which led to a reduction in registration fees for all members.

The annual Food Bank Competition was held between all teams. A total of 3,480 physical and monetary items were donated.

HCMHA also hosted an Alumni game, raising \$1640 for the food bank.

3. **Introduction of the Board of Directors 2022/2023 – presented by Candace Thomson**

President– Candace Thomson, thank you for your services this past season as President and the 5 priors as Acting President and Secretary

Vice President – Jessica Krulc, thank you for your services this past season

Treasurer – Blake Dewar, thank you for your services over the past 4 seasons.

Registrar – Renee Larouche-Simmons, thank you for your services over the past 2 years

Secretary – Lacy Stav, thank you for your services this past season

CAHL Director – Angie Dawson, thank you for your services this past season

4. **AGM Minutes 2022 Adoption – presented by Candace Thomson.** Motioned by Lacy Stav, second by Blake Dewar, all in Favor. Motion Carried.

5. **Jersey Presentation for U18 Players- Candace Thomson Presenting**

Candace Thomson completed the annual jersey presentation to our 3 final-year U18 players who will be moving on from the HCMHA.

U18B- Matthew McWhir, U18B- Caleb Surgeson, U18A- Atticus Thompson

6. Awards – Presented by Candace Thomson

Colton Briggs Free Spirit Award

This award acknowledges a Bantam or younger goalie in memory of Colton Briggs. The criteria for this award are to love the game, be a good teammate and have a positive attitude. Colton Briggs played with HCMHA from 1997-2010. He started as an out player, then transitioned to goalie in his peewee year. He played his last year with the Okotoks Midget AA program.

Nominee(s): Beckett Conrad U9, Kahli Giesbretch U13, Foster Thomlinson U11, Josh Klepaychuk U15
RECIPIENT: Kahli Giesbretch

Presented By Steve Briggs, accepted on behalf of Kahli Giesbretch by Candace Thomson

Theresa Crighton Memorial Award

This memorial award acknowledges an outstanding parent/volunteer within HCMHA who gives to the entire association to help families and players at all levels enjoy the game of hockey. Who is there for the love of the game, ready to pitch in whenever/wherever needed and gives their time and effort into the association. Theresa was a mom and volunteered there, cheering with her cowbell for all the players on the ice. She would be helping tie laces and fundraising for whatever was needed. She was there for the love of the game and to make sure all families and players could share that love as well.

Nominee(s): Lacy Stav, Becky King, Renee Larouche- Simmons
RECIPIENT: Renee Larouche-Simmons

Head Coach of the Year

This is awarded to the HCMHA Head Coach that best exemplifies the ideal qualities of a hockey coach during each season. Qualifications include 1.) Demonstrates the ability to teach and contribute to the fundamental skill development of the players 2.) Demonstrates dedication to the Game, Association, Team and Players beyond what is expected of a coach. 3.) Provides positive leadership and integrity, with an interest in furthering not only the players' physical development but also the players' intellectual and character development.

Nominees(s): Josh Harding, Mike Hamilton, Mike Delahunt, Chad Thomlinson, Mark Croucher, Kelly Lauritsen, Kent Stav
RECIPIENT: Josh Harding

Assistant Coach of the Year

This is awarded to the HCMHA Assistant Coach that best exemplifies the ideal qualities of a

hockey coach during each season. Qualifications include 1.) Demonstrates the ability to teach and contribute to the fundamental skill development of the players 2.) Demonstrates dedication to the Game, Association, Team and Players beyond what is expected of a coach. 3.) Provides positive leadership and integrity, with an interest in furthering not only the players' physical development but also the players' intellectual and character development.

Nominees(s): Reed Sutor, Wilf Middleton

RECIPIENT: Wilf Middleton

Manager of The Year

This is awarded to the HCMHA Manager that best exemplifies the ideal qualities of a team manager during each season. Qualifications include: 1.) Demonstrates the ability to be an effective communicator who is selfless and fair when dealing with the team. 2.) Demonstrates honesty and dedication to the Game, Association, Team, and Players beyond what is expected of a manager. 3.) Provides positive leadership and integrity while promoting team unity with a sense of trustworthiness.

Nominees(s): Becky King, Kristy Sutor, Tess Haar, Tracey Moore, Erica Couillard

RECIPIENT: Tracey Moore

All Around Players of the Year

This award is to acknowledge an outstanding forward or defenceman and is chosen by the player's teammates. They will demonstrate qualities of sportsmanship, civility, honesty, respect and responsibility. They are your "go-to-person" or your most reliable teammate, both on and off the ice. They demonstrate excellent team play and Rockies spirit, both in their approach to the game and their attitude toward teammates, coaches and parents.

U7- Owen Couillard

U15A- Jack McWhir

U9A- Amalka Rasplicka

U15B- Darius Semeniuk

U9B- Ellie Hickey

U18A- Colton Ashbacher

U11- Nikolas St Pierre

U18B- Rhede Ritchot

U13- Noah Wasylyshen

7. Coach and Manager Recognition – presented by Candace Thomson

U7	Manager: Erica Couillard Head Coach: Adam Couillard Assistant Coaches: Tyler Brosz Jaret Miller Kent Stav Chris Muzenchka Brock Couillard Micah Bradley	U9A	Manager: Maureen Thiessen Head Coach: Chad Thomlinson Assistant Coaches : Dan Johnson Andrae Braun Lane Boisjoli Courtney Johnson Dean Foley
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U9B	Manager: Nicole Fandrick Head Coach: Myron Conrad Assistant Coaches: Tyler Hickey Tyler Brosz Garth Bates Justin Mitchell	U11	Manager: Megan Hansen Head Coach: Kent Stav Assistant Coaches: Phanose Simmons Myron Conrad Scott Emerson Chad Thomlinson
U13	Manager: Tess Haar Head Coach: Mike Delahunt Assistant Coaches: Chad Thomson Brandon Kerr Travis Hemsworth Darren Hunter Travis Giesbrecht	U15A	Manager: Kristy Sutor Head Coach: Mike Hamilton Assistant Coaches: Reed Sutor Darren Hunter Dustin Hummel
U15B	Manager: Tasha Greening Head Coach: Josh Harding Assistant Coaches: David Thompson Derek Semeniuk Wilf Middleton	U18A	Manager: Tracey Moore Head Coach: Mark Croucher Assistant Coaches: Dave Thompson Jeff Nielsen Courtney Moore Mark Hallam Jamie Chard
U18B	Manager: Becky King Head Coach: Kelly Lauritsen Assistant Coaches: Jon Nadeau Cole Lauritsen Wilf Middleton Brad Cydeko Trevor King		

8. Establish Quorum: Quorum established at 36.

9. Un-audited Annual Financials – presented by Treasurer Blake Dewar

Blake Dewar Presented the Un-Audited Annual HCMHA Financials. Please see the Financial Statements

10. 2022-2023 Registration numbers – presented by Registrar Renee Larouche-Simmons

Renee Larouche-Simmons presented the projected player numbers for the 2023-2024 season. As well discussed, the use of the Team Snap registration platform that was initiated this season.

U7- 8 players, U9- 21 players, U11- 18 Players, U13- 4 Players (3 AA, 1 Tier 1 Okotoks last season not included), U15- 29 Players, U18- 25 Players (additional 3 who play with HCMHA from Okotoks every year).

11. Executive Board Positions Up for Nomination – presented by Candace Thomson

A. President Nominees: Jessica Krulc, Andrea Matovich (2-Year Term)

Andrea Matovich and Jessica Krulc presented speeches indicating their intentions and attributes regarding running for the HCMHA Presidential position.

An anonymous in-person vote was held for the President position for the 2023-2024 season. Each family attending the AGM was presented with a single voting card. Tanis Rae and Tracy Middleton tallied the votes. Observed by Candace Thomson and Blake Dewar.

Jessica Krulc was the successful candidate, Jessica Krulc will be the 2023-2025 HCMHA President.

B. Vice President Nominee: Natasha Borosh (2-Year Term)

Motioned by Candace Thomson, Second by Lacy Stav. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

C. Registrar Nominee: Melinda Chanyi (2-Year Term)

Motioned by Candace Thomson, second by Angie Dawson. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

12. Volunteer Positions – presented by Candace Thomson

A huge thank you to the following individuals who are assisting HCMHA in the following important and necessary roles:

A. Equipment Manager: Nominee: Kelly Lush (2-Year Term)

Murray Ingstrup, thank you for your services this past season.

Motioned by Candace Thomson, Second by Amy Nielsen. All in Favor. Motion Carried

B. Ice Scheduler: (1 Year Remaining)

Amber Wyers, thank you for your services for the past 3 seasons.

C. Social Media Coordinator: Nominee: Jesse Pferdmenges (2-Year Term)

Tracy Irving, thank you for your services these past 2 seasons.

Motioned by Candace Thomson, Second by Jessica Krulc. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

D. CAHL Governor: Nominee: Tracy Middleton (2-Year Term)

Richard Shakleton, thank you for your services these past 2 seasons.

Motioned by Candace Thomson, second by Derek Semeniuk. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

E. Complaint Liaison: (1 Year Remaining)

Tracy Irving, thank you for your services for the past season.

F. Coach Coordinator: Nominee: Becky King (2-Year Term)

Tess Haar, thank you for your services this past season.

Motioned by Candace Thomson, second by Jessica Krulc. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

G. Fundraiser Coordinator: Nominee: Taylor Priessel (2-Year Term)

Motioned by Candace Thomson, second by Malinda Chanyi. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

H. Sanctions/Permits Coordinator: Nominee: Tracy Middleton (2-Year Term)

Tracy Middleton, thank you for your services for the past season.

Motioned by Candace Thomson, second by Ingrid Rozema. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

I. Initiation/Novice Coordinator: (1 Year Remaining)

Jody Conrad, thank you for your services this past season.

J. Manager Coordinator: The position remains vacant at this time; no nominations.

K. Information- Revised By-Laws (voting required)

Title changes were made; the Coach Director and Intro to Hockey Director will, going forward, be referred to as Coach Coordinator and Intro to Hockey Coordinator.

Motioned by Candace Thomson, second by Angie Dawson.

Addition of the New Manager Coordinator position.

Motioned by Candace Thomson, second by Monica Surgeson

13. Question and Answer Portion

Discuss the team sizes for this season's U18A and U18B teams. Concerns specifically regarding not having enough players for each team.

Yes, the size of the U18 teams this past season was not ideal. Efforts were made to connect with and acquire additional players in conjunction with other association boards. Given the number of players at hand, which unfortunately cannot always be controlled, the HCMHA board tried to work on the best outcome to manage this unfortunate situation and learn going forward.

14. Meeting Adjournment – Adjourned by Candace Thomson at 9:24 pm, second by Lacy Stav.