

NOTICE OF Stonewall Minor Hockey Association 2023 2024 Annual General Meeting

This notice has been prepared to inform members of the Stonewall Minor Hockey Association program about the Annual General Meeting being held at the end of the 2023 - 2024 hockey season. This meeting is an important event for our association, as it is an opportunity for the SMHA membership to bring forward any concerns or suggestions to the board pertaining to how the program is operating.

Past AGM minutes and AGM documents can be found here: <http://www.smhra.ca/stonewall/GuidelinesForms>. **Complete committee reports will be provided to all members prior to the AGM and will be posted on the SMHA website.**

When is the AGM?

This year's AGM is Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Stonewall Curling Club.

Who can attend the AGM?

Any member of the SMHA can attend. **A member is any parent or guardian who has a child registered in the SMHA program. Members are required to sign in upon arrival.**

What is the AGM?

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is a meeting of the SMHA held at the end of each hockey season. The intent of the meeting is to have a forum at which the SMHA Board can present the Association's pertinent yearly information such as expenditures, hockey related issues and results, new initiatives etc. **The AGM is also the forum at which the membership can express their concerns and present or offer changes to the way the SMHA program operates.**

SMHA BOARD AND EXECUTIVE INFORMATION

What is the role of the SMHA Board and Executive?

The SMHA Board and Executive represents SMHA to different organizations such as Hockey Winnipeg, Interlake Minor Hockey, EMFHL (Eastern Manitoba Female Hockey League) and Hockey Manitoba. The Board and Executive meets throughout the year to discuss relevant issues as they relate to program operations. A list of Board Members and positions is available at <https://www.smhra.ca/stonewall/Executive>

Any member of the SMHA (a parent of a child registered to play hockey is a member and is eligible to be nominated to the SMHA Board). For more information about the responsibilities associated with each position, please see our constitution and bylaws. Board positions are voluntary (unless noted as ex-officio (paid - non voting)), and are a two year commitment, unless noted in nomination openings as listed below.

The SMHA Board is accepting nominations for the following positions:

Open to Nominations for two year Terms:

SMHA President

Director - League(s) Representative

Director - Tournaments

Director - Female Hockey (Peter Mandryk, incumbent - has agreed to stand as nominee)

Registrar (Scott McFadyen incumbent (1 year term) - has agreed to stand as nominee)

Secretary (Laura Billingham incumbent - has agreed to stand as nominee)

Open to Nominations for one year terms:

Director - SMHA Policy and By Laws

Referee Scheduler**Paid Position - up for renewal on a yearly basis - non voting position

Referee-in-Chief **Paid position – up for renewal on a yearly basis - non voting position

Ice Convener **Paid position – up for renewal on a yearly basis - non voting position

Additional Members of the SMHA Board currently in year 1 of a two year term:

Kyle Kauk - Vice President

Kyle Breen - Director, Male Hockey

Dallas Krahn - Director, Fundraising

Krista Kuzyk - Treasurer

Kyle Scrivens - Equipment Manager

Nicole Smallwood - Director, Communications

What Takes Place at an AGM and Moving Forward with a new Board of Directors

Does the SMHA Board and Executive decide or make the rules up that dictate what happens to the teams and players within the program?

NO, It is important to note that the SMHA Board and Executive does not have the authority or mandate to institute changes to the program unilaterally. All changes or modifications to the SMHA Program have to first be brought forward and voted on by the SMHA membership at an AGM, by way of a motion, presented to the members that are present at the AGM.

How do SMHA Members bring forward our concerns or ideas for change?

Ideas or suggested changes to the SMHA program have to be submitted formally in writing to the SMHA Executive in the form of a motion.

What is a Motion?

A motion is an idea or suggested change to the existing SMHA Program that requires Membership approval to implement. A motion has to express specifically what idea or change is being added to the program. For example – “I, Joe Smith put forward a motion to the SMHA that the national anthem is played or sung before all Stonewall Blues home games.”.

Who can submit a Motion?

As a parent of a child registered in the SMHA program you are eligible to submit a motion.

How do I submit a Motion?

A Motion is to be submitted in writing via the Motion Requests form on www.smhra.ca. All motions have to be submitted 1 week prior to the AGM – specifically before April 3, 2024.

What Happens to the Motion?

Any Motion that is submitted properly is read out by SMHA Executive at the AGM. The motion is then debated among the members present. Once the debate, has ended the motion is voted on by the membership present and either accepted or defeated.

Who can vote?

As a parent or guardian of a child registered in the SMHA program you are a voting member of our association. You have as many votes as you do children registered within the SMHA. Please note there is only one “set” of votes per family.

The information outlined above may not answer all the questions you may have about the SMHA Program and the Annual General Meeting. If you would like to have a member of the SMHA Executive speak with you or your team further please submit your request via the <https://www.smhra.ca/stonewall/Executive> page and we will make arrangements to meet with you. The current SMHA Constitution and By Laws can be found here: <http://www.smhra.ca/stonewall/GuidelinesForms>