

OWHA Annual General Meeting Agenda and Minutes

Monday, June 23, 2025

Agenda and Minutes:

1. Call to Order at 7:30 pm
 - a. AGM called to order at 7:38pm.
2. Motion: Approval of the 2024 AGM minutes
 - a. Motion put forward by Len Patter to approve 2024 AGM minutes. Motion seconded by Pete Ryan. Minutes from 2024 AGM approved.
3. Reports
 - President: Chris Rickard on behalf of Mike Skeggs
 - i. The 2045-25 season saw pre-pandemic levels of registrations at all levels for the Knights. This did create some challenges for ice during tryouts and conditioning that we will need to get a better handle on this year.
 - ii. 24-25 also saw pre-pandemic hockey cadence from a disciplinary perspective for the Knights. There were minimal disciplinary actions for the Knights teams despite the rest of the league having lots. Len can comment more on that.
 - iii. Congrats to Brent's U18 team for winning the championship. Great to see rinks packed for both teams.
 - Treasurer: Peter Ryan
 - i. The association ran a small surplus for the 2024-2025 season thanks to the strong numbers for tryouts.

- ii. The association continues to be in a strong financial position and while costs are generally increasing, the Knights are planning to keep fees flat for this year
 - iii. The district has audited our numbers and there were no concerns.
 - iv. 2025-26 budget has been finalized and approximately 70% of the costs will go to ice.
- VP Coaching: Peter Ryan/Max Storey
 - i. Pete reported that the 2024-25 was an uneventful season for the coaching staff with very few incidents.
 - ii. Congratulations to Brent's U18 team. It has been a while since a U18 Knights team has won the championship.
 - iii. Pete thanked the coaches for their efforts this past year.
 - iv. Following are the coaching appointments for next season.
 - U10 – John Turriff
 - U11 – Noah Arshinoff
 - U12 – Brent Pattee
 - U13 – John Ferguson
 - U14 – Scott Drover
 - U15 – Jason Pottie
 - U16 – Chris Eccles
 - U18 – Max Storey
- VP Risk and Safety: Leonard Patter
 - i. Happy to say that this season was a drama free one from a suspension perspective. Suspensions were way down, specifically much fewer 11.4 Abusive Behaviour

suspensions. Checking from behind infractions continue to be main issue.

- ii. At the district level, suspensions were way up which makes the Knights performance particularly special.
- Registrar: Hees Ham
 - i. 24-25 season was a successful one from the Registrar perspective.
 - ii. Thank you to all the coaches and managers who helped ensure all teams and players were registered properly through the season with the appropriate qualifications.
 - iii. Knights had 235 kids try out for the Knights last year which is the highest seen in several years including over 50 registrations at the U12 level.
 - iv. 2025-26 will continue to use Goalline for tryout registrations, HCR to manage teams and TTM for suspension and affiliate reporting. VSC will have a new process this year and will require volunteers to fill out applications through the HEO site.
 - VP Ice and Tournaments: Sean Faulds
 - i. Congrats to U18 and all the coaches from an ice perspective. There was great collaborating and keeping Sean informed of additional ice procured which allowed things to run super smoothly.
 - ii. Ice expenses were on budget for last year which included 8 Last Minute sessions per team.
 - iii. One challenge was playoffs and ice availability. With the new Round Robin format for U15 and below, resulted in teams

requiring ice longer into the season so availability was lean. We will try to get more ice through to end of March next year and also consider the option of shared ice/small area games for younger teams.

iv. Some cohorts could see high numbers again so we will ensure there is enough ice for tryouts.

- General Manager: Chris Rickard
 - i. It has been decided to keep the jerseys for another season after inspecting the wear and tear of them. This will save families some dollars for another season.
 - ii. Chris thanked everyone for another successful season.

4. Election of Executive Committee Members by Acclamation

- a. Chris Rickard for President.
- b. GM Position – Vacant
- c. VP Admin – Lisa O’Neill
- d. Registrar – Hees Ham
- e. VP Coaching – Max Storey
- f. VP Ice & Tournaments – Sean Faulds

5. New Business / Comments from Members –

- a. David, goalie parent, commented that WEHL offers weekly goalie training and whether that is something the Knights can offer? Pete will look into this further but identified a couple of possible concerns: potential for costs to go up and logistics might be tougher given the heavier schedule for Knights goalies vs WEHL. Anouk and John asked if we could piggyback with WEHL for these sessions but the WEHL sessions are heavily attended often having 20-30 goalies and it was also

suggested that the level of training might not be adequate for the Knights goalies.

6. Adjournment

- a. Chris Rickard puts forward motion to adjourn, seconded by Max Storey. Meeting adjourned at 8.12pm.