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DATE: 20 Nov 2019, 7:00 pm

Bill Bartlett welcomed everyone to the 2018 Auckland Ice Hockey AGM. We have a quorum.
Apologies: Paul Tallon, Joao Machado, Jen Jones, Wayne Curtis, Sue Fraser

Topic	Notes	Action
Minutes from previous	Motion to recognize 2018 AGM minutes as an accurate version. Minutes were seconded.	None
Matters Arising	No matters recorded.	None
Annual Reports	Annual report has been presented and posted to AIHA website. No questions were raised.	None
AIHA Accounts	<p>Karen presented Ashton Wheelans audited report for Year-end 31 Oct 2018. Year-end 2019 is not completed having just closed on 31 October. It will be posted on the charities website once completed, around march 2020.</p> <p>For 2018 there was an increase to ice time costs that included a camp run by the Leslie brothers plus junior trainings extension to Sunday.</p> <p>Income from grants and funding went towards ice time, coaching expenses, gear, new foam pads, and new club jerseys. The website was redesigned and now includes the junior league stats online.</p> <p>Debtors : They were collected in full in 2018.</p> <p>Motion from floor to accept the accounts – motion accepted.</p>	None
Election of Officers 2019	<p>There was a call for nominations for each role from the floor. None were presented. Note President is a 2-year role. Carl McIntyre will be entering his second year.</p> <p>We have no candidates for the following positions: Learn to Play, Adult Hockey and Women's Hockey.</p> <p>2019 AIHA Board Members are as follows: VP: Timothy Butterfield Finance: Karen Messenger Marketing and communication: Michael Domigan. Chenzo has offered to assist. Administration: Wayne Curtis</p>	Open positions may be appointed at next board meeting (Dec)

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	<p>LD -U12: Joao Machado LD-Bantams: Jen Jones LD-Juniors: Stephen Chamberlain Secretary: Mary Alice Simon</p>	
Auditor	<p>Motion to accept Ashton Wheeplans as auditor, seconded. Motion accepted.</p>	<p>None</p>
Life Membership	<p>Two nominations for Life Membership were presented. Nomination for Csaba Kersco-Magos from the board. Seconded. Vote by show of hands, all in favor. Nomination for Dan Biggs put forward and seconded. Vote by show of hands, all in favor.</p>	<p>Prepare life membership awards for Dan and Csaba.- Mary Alice Add to life membership list- Michael</p>
General Business	<p>Call for general business.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Question from the floor - What is Vision for the next couple of year? Response from president: Growth in terms of players, coaches and spectators. Growing U9s, U12. There are approximately 42 U9s who are not in Super League. They could potentially be in the league next year. 2. Question from the floor- is there pressure for ice time? Response from President: Not so far. Chris Blong has been accommodating AIHA by reducing open skate hours to allow more time for hockey. The real pressure comes with NZIHF ice time in Auckland and the other regions. It would be nice to have a third rink. A North Shore feasibility study is underway. Wellington is developing but the rink is not full size. 3. Marketing plans? Marketing has been focused on younger players, in part through Social media and grab one vouchers. Focus is on Retention, making it fun and creating lots of opportunities to be on the ice. 4. Member said thank you for running the AHL. With regards to the survey results and composition of the AHL teams, what has been decided for next year with regards to the DRAFT system? Feedback from most on my team has been they will leave hockey if put into a draft. Response from AJ Spiller: Talks held with team managers has resulted in further refinement of the proposed draft system. The goal to have right players in right divisions, and to have each division be more equivalent. We need to find the right method to do this. 60% of players wanted to stay with their team or go free agent (a choice to move or stay). We are happy with that. There is a grading system in place to ensure the league games are fair as well as to 	



	<p>ensure H&S of the players. Note that grading done by a group rather than an individual. If you have a team that wants to stay together and they are all graded on the same level then they will stay together.</p> <p>5. Question from the floor- How will grading occur? Response from Justin Daigle: For new applicants to the AHL, we will have them come to a LTP session and Justin will make an assessment within the context of A, B or C division. He will make a decision as to where they fit best. For existing players this year, Justin, AJ and Bill have been watching the games and have provided a grading for each player. We are not looking at rocking the boat for next year. The teams and players have spoken and for 2020, grading has provided evidence that about 70% of players are in the correct league. Games have been close this year with 3 game final in all 3 leagues. Carl added that there have been no disciplinary tribunals this year. This is a very good result. AJ and Justin are now running AHL trainings at Botany and will provide assessments here. AJ will be contacting all managers and letting them know where the league is at in terms of grading and whether we have managers and teams in place for next year.</p> <p>6. Question from the floor- What is the AHL Season length next year? Will it still be March to October? The middle months games were spaced apart and team found it hard to get momentum when there was several weeks between games. Response from Carl: AHL is currently set for 20 games in 3 leagues. The only way to avoid the gaps would be to go for later game times. We also need to consider that officials are required for these games. There is a scheduling conflict with NZIHF league games. This year, their schedule will be available sooner. We cannot plan the AHL schedule until we have this one available. Other options could be looking at later games or splitting up the season. Monday night games will be here to stay. We will be stretched for referees next year. Response from Bill: It was a new role for me this year and we made some mistakes this year but we have learned from them. I want to point out that we need to continue to improve. The key to future success will be communication across the AHL teams. Having a FAQ posted on the website and circulated will help.</p> <p>7. Question from the floor- Are there any ideas for funding AHL to cover ice time? There are lots of guys coming from in-line and their fees are much less than ice hockey fees.</p>	
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Response from Carl: The cost is the cost, and we operate as user pays. There are no magic bullets to reduce the fees. Ice time is more expensive than in-line. We have added some additional opportunities for AHL players through the All Star Games which are fully funded.

Closing

Motion to close the meeting. Seconded.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm


Mary Alice Simons
AIHA Secretary.