



## **Minutes for EHMHA Special Membership Meeting**

**8:00 pm March 9th, 2021 - Todd Hunter Room, East Hants Sportsplex**

**Board Members Attendees:** Chuck Livingstone, Aaron Cannon, Steve Mercer, Chris Hopewell, Jenn Neufeld - **Regrets:** Cathy Spencer, Rob Doucette, Jason Cannon

**Membership Attendees:** J Arsenault, Nick Finney, Jeff Higgins, Crystal Morgan, Terry McGuire, Alana McGuire, Steve Chevrier, Andrew Smith, Meghan Isenor, Rodney Hawco, Kyle Isenor, Todd Kyle, Ashley Umlah, Garth Isenor, Greg Heard, Joel Isenor, Trevor MacIsaac, Mark Wilson, Jeff MacAloney

### **Agenda Items**

1. **Welcome and Introduction of EHMHA Board of Directors** *by Chuck Livingstone, President*
2. **Amendment to the Agenda** - Upon review and discussion with board and membership, and the fact the covid regulations prevent all members from attending the membership meeting, this meeting will only focus and outline proposed changes to the bylaws and questions concerning these bylaws. There will be an online vote at a later date on these new bylaws.
  - **Change to Agenda** motioned by Steve Mercer, Treasurer, Second - Aaron Cannon, VP Hockey
3. **Proposed Bylaw Changes** - President Chuck Livingstone -
  - The proposed changes to bylaws were presented to the membership prior to the meeting. They can be found here:  
<https://ehpenguins.org/uploads/easthantsmha/source/0/new%20bylaw%20docs/Bylaws%202022.pdf>
  - The proposed bylaw changes were discussed with those in attendance. See our Presidents notes here:  
<https://ehpenguins.org/uploads/easthantsmha/source/0/new%20bylaw%20docs/President%20Notes%20-%20Bylaws%20Changes.pdf>

- **Comparison to other associations were listed here:**  
<https://ehpenguins.org/uploads/easthantsmha/source/0/new%20bylaw%20docs/Bylaws%20for%20other%20Associations.pdf>
- **The major changes are as follows:**
  - **Memberships not in good standing will be removed**
  - **Strategic Plan removed**
  - **Added VP Hockey and President qualifications will have a requirement that must be a serving board member. Please see the above document for further information.**

#### 4. Questions:

- What classifies as Executive?
  - Executive will be President, VP Hockey, Vp Admin, Treasurer, 2 directors, Secretary, Past President and Recruiting and Events Coordinator (Vacant at this time).
  - Executive is a 2 year position
  - Ettinger Smith tourney will be a part of Recruiting and Events Coordinator
- Why is there no vote tonight?
  - With covid 19 restrictions and the fact that it was made known that more than the allotted 55 people would be attending. In fairness to everyone, the vote was put aside until a later date.
  - It was discussed with the members in attendance, that based on current restrictions and the fact that not everyone would be able to attend to vote, an online vote would be best.
  - Some members voiced concerns about an online vote and how we keep it from being manipulated. Again, discussed that the Secretary would handle the vote, and it would be fair and confidential.
  - This item was discussed extensively, and it was agreed by the majority of those in attendance that an online vote would reach most members.
- Who were the evaluators last year:
  - Ryan Gillis, Jeff Fraser, Jason Cannon.
  - Concerns of Conflict of interest. Discussed that they were the lowest bid, from two bids that were submitted

5. Special Guest - Garth Isenor addressed the membership

6. Meeting Adjourned

- 9:30 - motion - Steve Mercer, Treasurer, Second - Jennifer Neufeld, Secretary.