ICE HOCKEY ACT – 2023 Annual General Meeting

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27 October 2023 7:00pm

Yowani Country Club

Board Members

Name	Position	Acronym	Continuing?	Present?
Elected Directors				
{Vacant}	President	{N/A}	{N/A}	{N/A}
Joel Davis	Vice-President	JD	No	Yes
Dorothy Kocsi	Secretary	DK	No	No
Dani Curcio	Assistant Secretary	DC	No	Yes
Marianne Cullen	Treasurer	MC	No	Yes
Chris Bagnall	Senior Delegate	CB	Yes	Yes
Gregory Morris	Junior Delegate	GM	No	Yes
Portfolio Directors				
Di Doornbos	Registrar	DD	No	Yes
Tim Murton	Referee-in-Chief	TM	No	No
{Vacant}	Director of Coaching	{N/A}	No	{N/A}
Timothy Cox	Director of Player Development	TC	No	Yes
{Vacant}	Director of Women's Programmes	{N/A}	No	{N/A}
Mark Skinner	Member Protection Information Officer	MS	No	No
{Vacant}	Judiciary/Tribunal Director	{N/A}	{N/A}	{N/A}
Helena Morris	Chief Medical Officer	{N/A}	No	No
{Vacant}	Media and Public Relations Officer	{N/A}	{N/A}	{N/A}
Representatives				
{None appointed}	{N/A}	{N/A}	{N/A}	{N/A}

Minutes recorded by Gregory Morris

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Item	Notes
1	**Welcome**
1.1	As only continuing Elected Director, CB opened the meeting and welcomed all members
2	**Minutes of Past Meeting**
2.1	CB noted that Secretary is not present to address. Minutes of the last 2 meetings to be finalised as a priority of the new Board by new Secretary
3	**Director Reports**
3.1	Noted that written reports will be prepared and finalised by current Board members to distribute with final minutes.
3.2	DD presented Registrars report in the meeting. A copy to be appended to final minutes
3.3	GM presented Junior Delegate report in the meeting. A copy to be appended to final minutes.
4	**Election of the New Board**
4.1	***President***
4.1.1	No written EOI's received
4.1.2	CB nominated Joel Davis for President. GM seconded
4.1.3	Vote taken by show of hands. Majority voted in favour
4.1.4	Joel Davis (JD) noted as new President for 2 year term. Roles and responsibilities are as per the Position Description on the IHACT Website.
4.1.5	JD gave a short speech, noting difficulties in past weeks with resignation of the President and asking for some patience while the new Board beds in. JD outlined priorities for the coming year, citing: • Preparations to transition to new rink • Governance, procedures and policies to be updated and improved • Ensure a smoother handover for new Board members • Development of player pathways
4.2	***Vice President***
4.2.1	Tim Murton was the only submitted EOI. However he is not present, so cannot be appointed.
4.2.2	Called for nominations from the floor, none forthcoming
4.3.3	Position remains vacant. EOI process to be setup to allow appointment by the new Board
4.3	***Secretary***
4.3.1	No written EOI's received
4.3.2	Gregory Morris nominated himself from the floor. Seconded by Zoe Ferrari

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4.3.3	Vote taken by show of hands. Majority voted in favour
4.3.4	Gregory Morris appointed as Secretary for 1 year term. Roles and responsibilities are as per the Position Description on the IHACT Website.
4.3.5	In addition, Gregory Morris in his role as Secretary is to be an authorised signatory to the ACT Ice Hockey Association bank accounts.
4.4	***Assistant Secretary***
4.4.1	Francois van Lille only EOI received. However he is not present so cannot be appointed.
4.4.2	Called for nominations from the floor, none forthcoming
4.4.3	Position remains vacant. EOI process to be setup to allow appointment by the new Board
4.4.4	Noted that when this position is elected, the person so elected is to be an authorised signatory to the ACT Ice Hockey Association bank accounts.
4.5	***Treasurer***
4.5.1	No written EOIs received
4.5.2	JD nominated Marianne Cullen from the floor. GM seconded
4.5.3	Vote taken by show of hands. Majority voted in favour
4.5.4	Marianne Cullen (MC) appointed as Treasurer for 1 year term. Roles and responsibilities are as per the Position Description on the IHACT Website.
4.5.6	In addition, Marianne Cullen in her role as Treasurer is to be an authorised signatory to the ACT Ice Hockey Association bank accounts.
4.6	***Junior Delegate***
4.6.1	GM was only received EOI, however as he has been appointed Secretary he cannot be appointed
4.6.2	Daniel Spratt nominated himself from the floor. Seconded by Zoe Ferrari
4.6.3	Vote taken by show of hands. Majority in voted favour
4.6.4	Daniel Spratt appointed as Junior Delegate for 1 year term. Roles and responsibilities are as per the Position Description on the IHACT Website.
4.7	Confirmed 5 Elected Directors now appointed to the Board (CB continuing as Senior Delegate), so Board has a quorum.
4.8	EOIs for vacant positions to be issued immediately following meeting
4.9	EOIs for Portfolio Directors to be issued immediately following meeting
5	**Members Questions**
5.1	JD opened the meeting to questions from members present

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5.2.1	Jo Binkin noted that the Phoenix team won the 2022 C-Grade competition, but there had been no presentation. Were they going to receive one?
5.2.2	CB responded he would take it up with Jo Binkin directly following the AGM
5.3.1	Zoe Ferrari asked is there were audited accounts available for review
5.4.1	JD responded that he was told the accounts had been sent for audit by the previous President. He will chase up the status and ensure they are communicated when complete.
5.5.1	Kyle Binstead noted the need for more officials and asked if there was a plan to improve this?
5.5.2	JD responded that he is very keen to address this. A proper plan is to be formed by the new Board, but will be looking at options like return of the Green Shirt Policy to bring more juniors into officiating and potential incentives
5.6.1	Grace Borrett asked about fee payments for Women's League. Noted that it is a large upfront cost that is difficult for some and may be putting potential players off. Noted that other Leagues have done part payments, why not Women's?
5.6.2	JD noted the issue, but also stated that in the past there had been a history of non-payment of the subsequent payments, and it was a very difficult thing to chase up. However the Board will look into ways this might be accommodated.
5.6.3	Follow up question from Mary Kershaw, could payments be coordinated through the teams, as per C Grade, making the issue manageable by them?
5.6.4	JD noted it may be possible, but C-Grade was administered by the teams, not IHACT as in Women's League, so slightly different arrangement. Definitely an option to be investigated.
5.6.5	JD committed to consulting all League committees to ensure done collaboratively.
5.6.6	Grace Borrett further raised that the issues of separate membership fees can be confusing. Might help to communicate that these can be paid earlier to spread the cost
5.6.7	DD responded the membership fees must be communicated as separate as they apply for a year, not just to a League. Provides cost clarity to players, ie if players are then going to say a tournament, they know they don't have to pay an additional membership fee.
5.6.8	DD also noted that chasing follow up fees is entirely manual and done by the Registrar, and represents a significant investment of time by volunteers. This needs to be factored into decision making.
5.6.9	Jo Binkin noted IHA had an automated system, ie you authorise deduction of payment 2 when you sign up and make payment 1, and it automatically debits on the due date. Could be something to look into duplicating.
5.7.1	Zoe Ferrari asked if anyone on the Board was specifically tracking the development of the new rink in Tuggeranong?

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5.7.2	JD responded that was being done through the Ice Sports Federation (ISF), which IHACT is a member of. Previous President was our representative on that, so it need to be updated to JD.
5.7.3	Zoe Ferrari stated she would be willing to assist IHACT in tracking the development with her contacts. JD gratefully accepted the offer.
5.8.1	Daniel Spratt asked if there are "General" positions on the Board, ie not allocated to a function, as it may help get volunteers involved who may not be able to commit to one of the functional roles
5.8.2	JD responded not at present, all are role specific. However always keen to get more volunteers involved, and will be looking to put out calls for volunteers for smaller specific areas through the year. But could be something to look into.
5.9.1	Zoe Ferrari noted ice time was a real issue, both in the limited amount and the organisation of it, for Juniors. She wondered if this was Juniors specific or present in all Leagues?
5.9.2	CB noted it was all Leagues. He is the prime contact for scheduling, so is happy to discuss further after the meeting.
5.9.3	Zoe Ferrari noted there is a rumour that there will be new management (Pelligra) at the rink, and this could be an opportunity to get in front of them early and present a case for some changes. In general she would like to see more effort made to address the issue.
5.9.4	CB agreed and would be getting in contact as soon as any announcement was made. CB noted disparity in times between the sports, and was open to suggestions on ways it could be improved.
5.9.5	JD noted there were other issues with the rink as well such as spectator access that needed to be addressed as well.
5.10	There were no further questions from the floor.
6	**Meeting Close**
6.1	JD thanked all present for their attendance. He noted he wants the membership to be engaged with the sport and the Board, so please be vocal and speak up about any issues you might face.
6.2	Meeting declared closed at 20:18 by JD

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Members Attendance

The following non-Board members signed into the meeting.

Alek Meade	Joanne Binkin	Daniel Spratt
Curtis Richardson	Julia Day	Lisa Parry
Elizabeth Mutton	Katie Johnston	Zoe Ferraro
Grace Borrett	Kristy Tank	
Graeme Dowell	Kyle Binstead	
Hannah Rasmussen	Mary Kershaw	
Jake Goodwin	Mathew Saunders	
Jim McLeod	Richard York	