

THORNHILL-CARRVILLE HOCKEY SCHOOL (TCHS)
MINUTES OF SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) , Thursday November 5th, 2020
541 Thornhill Wood Drive, Vaughan, Ontario L4J 8Z9

Call to Order

The Second Annual AGM of TCHS was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chairperson Charu Patel (CP)

Attendance

TWO (2) board members: Hiten Patel (HP) and CP (both and only founding and board members)

TCHS Non-Executive Members: NONE (nil).

Due to no members of TCHS nor public, the zoom meeting was shut off as both attendees were at the same location.

Attachments

The following supporting document is attached to these Minutes:

- Financials as of August 31, 2020

Welcome and Introduction of Board Members

CP confirmed updated roles and welcomed all attendees and introduced the founding and only current executive members as well as their roles.

- Charu Patel - Vice-President and Treasurer
- Hiten Patel - President and Administrator

No changes to the constitution will be required this season other than legal name change of the federally and Ontario registered nonprofit. The new name is "Youth Youth Ice Sports Association" and "Thornhill-Carrville Hockey School" will continue to be used as the operating name. All documents related to this change have been submitted and approved by Vaughan Recreation Services.

CP explained the AGM minutes shall be posted on TCHS's website (www.ThornhillCarrvilleHockeySchool.ca) within a week. The club financials supporting documents such as paid invoices, receipts and bank statements are available only to active members in good standing and only upon request in writing with signature to HP. The general public is welcome to access financials through FOI requests or contacting CRA directly since TCHS is federally registered in Canada.

HP stated the purpose of TCHS is to provide ice time for hockey and ringette skills development and encourage all children and youth (aged 17 and under) regardless of athletic ability or potential to develop physical literacy, life and social skills through these two sports. TCHS status is under the city programs so the intent of TCHS is to supplement and enhance existing city programs and not directly overlap or replace them. Our best prospects are beginner children and youth skaters who have an interest in ice hockey but may not feel comfortable to participate in or access other programs such a private hockey academies or even local house leagues. HP stated that TCHS cannot operate leagues or games which includes but not limited to scores, standings, full-ice formal game play, referees, timekeepers, group/team awards and trophies. Those who show interest to join leagues will be directed to nearby co-ed and female youth leagues based on their home address.

CSO Minor Status with City of Vaughan

City of Vaughan Recreation Services has recognized TCHS with "CSO Minor" status in September 2020 for the second consecutive year. This highly privileged designation allows TCHS to purchase ice rental at all Vaughan municipal arenas including Sports Village at the lowest available rates and subject to ice availability and facility allocation policies. The criteria and standards to maintain this status is very high and certainly much higher than any other adjacent

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municipality. So it is critically important that all members and their families understand and support the values and expectations of the club to ensure CSO Minor status is retained now and for many years to come.

During the current season of September 2020 to August 2021 TCHS will only be able to pick up Thursday 5pm and Monday 8pm both at Rosemount. The Thursday slot is only guaranteed for this season as the rights to this ice is on loan from Thornhill Figure Skating Club.

For the 2021-22 season, TCHS is expected to gain additional ice by demonstrating a quantitative method similar to City of Toronto Ice Allocation and City of Mississauga Ice Policy to ensure user groups provide ice time to disadvantaged groups that live within Vaughan political boundaries. Despite Vaughan's booming population, ice sports participation seems to be decreasing especially at the community/grassroots level (house leagues) in Vaughan and also across the GTA both city and small towns.

Insurance

HP confirmed the insurance provider used by TCHS only permits training and development in non-competitive and non-contact (no body checking) format. This was the most cost effective yet also comprehensive enough to meet the insurance standards set forth by City of Vaughan's CSO policy.

There is good likelihood that TCHS will be able to purchase insurance through the permit office as early as September 2021.

Monthly Executive Meetings:

CP stated that monthly meetings will not be required until the board is large enough to require meetings. And to have enough volunteers that could serve as exec board members no less than ten weekly ice time will be needed for the 2021-22 season.

Treasurer's Report

CP walked through the Financial Statements for the Year Ending August 31st, 2020. The club is in very strong cash-flow and assets position. Due to start-up costs and challenge of gaining enough participant/member/guest fees to offset even spot ice cost TCHS expenses will continue exceed revenue for the next year and by year three TCHS should be in positive net revenue and net assets position.

Motion to Accept Financial Statements for the Year Ending August 31st, 2020

Motion: Be it resolved that the Financial Statements of TCHS for the financial year ending August 31st, 2020 presented at this meeting are hereby approved, adopted and accepted and a copy of which will be attached to the Minutes of this Annual General Meeting of Members.

Moved by CP; Seconded by HP; Carried.

Ice Management Report

HP shared that ice rentals are by far the most expensive cost especially when ice is purchased at private arenas or municipal arenas outside of Vaughan since TCHS would not qualify for residential community rates. The city requires ice request submissions no later than March 1st for the following ice-in season from September to August.

Volunteer Certification Report

CP confirmed that all volunteers ages 18 and older in a leadership position both on and off the ice must have their vulnerable sector screen (also known as police check outside of York Region). This is required by the insurance company to comply with risk management standards. Volunteers between ages 14 and 17 must have a reference letter from a school teacher or principal.

Volunteer Board Recruitment

HP confirmed that many individuals have shown interest in serving on the nonprofit board but are concerned about legal obligation of being official board members. So two individuals will be offered advisor roles as they both live in Vaughan in the L4J postal code and meet several guidelines. They are both female, youth (under age 25), consider themselves to be visible minorities and have a good understanding of community needs based on their involvement in educational and community engagement settings.

Registration Report

CP stated that this season there are currently over 150 members who wish to join TCHS. Unfortunately due to pandemic protocols and insufficient ice slots due to buffer between ice times, it will only be possible to provide ice time to fraction of the waiting list. HP is working with permit office to receive more ice time to satisfy demand.

Sponsorship Report

HP stated TCHS will not permit sponsorships. Only genuine donations either monetary or items that can be used such a pucks, sticks, ringette ring and related equipment will be accepted provided no strings attached.

Adjournment

CP thanked everyone for coming.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Moved by CP; Seconded by HP; Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.