



East Ottawa Girls Hockey Association

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: October 14, 2025

Location: In-person meeting

Chair: Rick Leach

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Rick Leach (6:45PM)

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the 2025 AGM agenda – **Approved**

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from November 4, 2024 AGM – **Approved**

4. Appointment of Chair

Motion to approve Rick Leach as Chair of the AGM – **Approved**

5. Code of Conduct Reminder

OWHA and EOGH Codes of Conduct were reviewed, emphasizing respectful behavior, safety, and disciplinary consequences.

6. Opening Remarks – Rick Leach

Rick reflected on his six-year tenure as President, highlighting:

- Revenue growth from \$633K to \$960K
- Expansion of House League (14 to 18 teams) and Competitive teams (18 to 25)
- Launch of Senior A team
- U7 program growth (14 to 67 players)

- Success of First Shift and Learn to Play programs
- Rebranding to East Ottawa Stars
- \$25K Kruger Big Assist grant
- Hosting “WE ARE COACHES” program
- Legal review and update of bylaws
- Continued focus on development and financial relief

7. Season Overview – 2024/25

- Record year for registration and revenue
- New uniforms rolled out for competitive teams
- Continued support for female coaches
- Tournament reimbursement for teams

8. Financial Review

- Presentation of Balance Sheet, Income Statement, and 2024/25 Budget

9. Competitive Program Report

- Launch of Global Development Plan for all players
- EO Stars recognized as top-tier teams in Ottawa and Ontario
- Commitment to development and excellence

10. House League Report

- 18 teams rostered for 2025/26
- U7 Fundamentals increased to 67 players
- Expansion of MOGHL to include Glengarry and Russell
- Development programming expanded across all age groups
- DS teams planned at U11, U13, U15, U18 (pending interest)
- Coaches for 2024/25 and 2025/26 seasons listed

11. Registration & Volunteers

- 736 players rostered in 2024/25
- 10% growth in registrations, but plateau in 2025/26 due to transfers
- Over 500 volunteers supported teams

12. Communications & Marketing

- New website launched May 2025
- New logo approved Dec 2024
- Record participation in “Kickin Ice in the Capital” tournament (73 teams)
- Marketing support for programs and events

13. Bylaw Updates

- Reduction of voting board positions from 18 to 14
 - Removal of VP House, Health & Safety, and Members-at-Large
- Role title updates and restructuring
- Motion to approve revised bylaws – **Approved**

14. Board Meetings – 2025/26

- Dates listed from Sep 2025 to Jun 2026
- Contact info provided for attendance and inquiries

15. Voting Process

- One vote per player or non-parent volunteer
- Ballot instructions provided
- “None of the Above” option explained

16. Board Elections – 2025/26

Running candidates were given the opportunity to make a statement prior to the vote.

Positions Up for Election and voted in:

- President: Lorne Wilmott
- Treasurer: Sean Cullum
- Director SR Comp: Chelsea Burke,
- Director Pathways Comp: Jamie Janes
- Director Communications: Brad Yetts
- Director Pathways House: Now Vacant
- Director Risk/Disc: Now Vacant
- Director EDI: Vacant

Continuing Board Members:

- Director Sr. House: Now Vacant
- Director Membership House: Melissa McLellan
- Director Membership Comp: Marlo MacDonald
- Director HPP: Grayson Lafoley
- Admin/Secretary/Policy: SheaLynn Carriere
- Director Dev: Scott McAdam
- Past President: Rick Leach

17. Motion to Approve Board Members

Ballot vote conducted for 2025/26 Board – **Results above**

18. Questions

- a. Member interested in the Restrictions to officer's section.
 - Request to review the section and respond with details
 - How will the changes to the board positions impact what board member can be a head coach as there is no longer an executive board.
 - Prior to the change of board positions, executive board members were not able to be head coaches.
 - It was decided that this will need to be an agenda item at the next board meeting.
- b. Topic of convenors was discussed and will be brought to the next Board meeting

19. Adjournment

Motion to close the 2025/26 AGM at 7:50– **Approved**