

Zorra Girls Hockey Association
Annual General Meeting
April 27th 2010 @ 7:30 pm (Beaty Room Thamesford Library)

Present: Terry Zehr/ Paul Schrijver/ Teresa Mackay/ Heather Horne/ Heather Beynen/ Tom Walton/ Rob Walton/ Jeff Franklin/ Fiona Chevrier/ Becky Bates/ Wendi Jackson/ Kris Crossman and Chris Thomson.

President Terry Zehr welcomed everyone to the first AGM of our association. He conveyed his appreciation to everyone for their efforts in this our inaugural year.

The following year end reports were received:

Treasurer: (Paul Schrijver) The books have been reviewed by Willy and Jackie Koot and have been found to be in order.

WOGHL: (Fiona Chevrier) ZGHA had 4 teams in the league (Atom, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget). It was noted that a major concern this year was the competitiveness of our Midget House League team. Because of the small number of midget teams, the girls frequently played squads that were of a higher calibre and were often outplayed. Fiona will attend the WOGHL AGM to voice our concerns further. Heather Horne will investigate other opportunities for our midget aged players.

Our Atom HL girls were the champions at the Cassie Turner Memorial Tournament, were finalists at the Norfolk Hericanes Tournament and won the gold medal in the league "C" pool. Our Pee Wee HL captured the silver in their "B" pool.

LLFHL: (Teresa Mackay) Having girls play a longer season and providing all teams with playoff opportunities are two of the main concerns voiced by the membership. In addition, "bumping" issues will be addressed at both the LLFHL AGM and the OWHA AGM which Teresa will attend on May 15th. We would like to see the addition of an Atom "C" and Intermediate team next season.

The Pee Wee "C" team were silver medalists at the Mitchell Women's Hockey Tournament. Our Bantam "C" team captured gold at the Orillia Hawks Tournament, were the finalists at the Walter Gretzky Tournament, the LLFHL Champions (Geraldine Heeney Loop, and the LLFHL Bantam "C" playoff champs. The girls capped off a great season by finishing 4th at Provincials. Our hard working Midget "B" girls finished as the finalists in the LLFHL (Geraldine Heeney Loop) and advanced to the quarterfinals at Provincials. Well done to all the teams !!!

Coaches Coordinator: (Rob Walton) Rob expressed his appreciation to all those who stepped up and filled the coaching positions and other bench duties. We will see some familiar faces back next season as well as a few new ones. Applications for the 2010/2011 season are on the website. One of this year's priorities was to encourage new

goalies. To that end, goalie clinics were held in April and we are looking for more ice time in August.

Equipment Manager: (Tom Walton) Most of the equipment has been turned back in. Some concerns were voiced about the quality of the socks but no responses were received back to Tom's email to the teams concerning this issue.

Ice Convener: (Jeff Franklin) Terry expressed the groups appreciation to Jeff for going "above and beyond" this year. Jeff kept our concerns at the forefront by attending many scheduling and user meetings. Jeff in turn thanked Heather Horne for the great job of keeping the website up to date with practice times, locations and game info. We experienced the usual growing pains in our first year but overall, had a great season.

Registration: (Heather Beynen) The 2009/2010 season saw 117 girls from 97 families play hockey with the Zorra Fuzion. Girls participated from Belmont, Embro, Ingersoll, Innerkip, Kintore, Lakeside, London, St Pauls, St Marys, Thamesford, Thorndale and Woodstock.

Trillium Foundation: (Wendi Jackson) Wendi and Kris put forth an extraordinary amount of effort to ensure the success of our grant application. We were the fortunate recipients of \$23,000 to help with such things as updating the sound systems in both the Embro and Thamesford arenas, purchase goalie equipment, cover training fees for the bench staff, start-up equipment, skills clinics, renovation of storage space and year end awards. One of the requirements for grant recipients was that we give our membership a chance to evaluate the ZGHA program. To this end, a questionnaire was available at the year end banquet. Fifty-three responses were received and were overwhelmingly positive. Special mention was made concerning the great website.

Fundraising: (Kris for Michelle Jayne) Many who responded to the fundraising options discussed on the banquet questionnaire, expressed interest in a "good-will draw" vs our conventional ticket sale to raise the \$150/family. Because we are already for this season's registration, this idea will be more formally discussed for the 2011/2012 season. Twelve people indicated their support for a "Hockey Moms" type of program to assist with the fundraising aspects of our group. We will continue to have a Calithumpian barbeque-Michelle will run this and will then officially be stepping down. Thanks for all your hard work Michelle!!

Webmaster: Heather Horne is our very capable webmaster and has agreed to carry on her responsibilities for the 2010/2011 season. Thanks for keeping us all organized and up to date on practices, games and news, Heather!

Year End Banquet: (Teresa Mackay) Our banquet was a resounding success with over a 95% player attendance rate. The guest speakers were inspirational and the slide show was great. Many people noted that by the time the banquet rolled around, we were no longer Embro and Thamesford---we were truly the **ZORRA FUZION**.

Elections: Please refer to the ZGHA Executive downloadable file on the association website to reference the 2010/2011 executive.

The first year of the Zorra Girls Hockey Association saw a few growing pains but lots of fun for the girls and their families. Thank you to everyone for their support and patience and we hope to see everyone back for the 2010/2011 season.