



2021-22 Season

Simons Valley Hockey Association
Annual General Meeting
April 27, 2022

Information Package

Call to Order

Motion from the floor by _____, seconded by _____, that the meeting be called to order. Motion carried.

Time _____.

Introduction of Board of Directors and Special Guests

Director	Position
Balv Virdee	President, VP U13
Doug Thubron	Vice President of Operations for U7 - U11
Scott Wright	Vice President of Operations for U15 - U21; Director of Development
Robert Trumper	Secretary-Treasurer-Registration
Jeff Walker	Director of Safety & Conduct
Bill Kuzik	Director of Ice
Tanya Leukefeld	Director of Volunteers, Events & Communications
Robert Henderson	Director of House League & Communication
Kurt Gordon	Director of U7 & U9
Trevor Devnich	Director of U11 & Goalie Development
Mikael Sabo	Director of U13
Jake Turgeon	Director of U18 & U21

Award Presentations

Referee Award

SVHA would like to continue with our referee recognition award, originally started at the end of the 2009/10 season, and is presented to referees who are identified as key individuals within our association and who have made a positive impact during the past year. Past winners include Riley Junor, JT Forre, Jacob Audley, Brady Anderson, Reid Stegemann, Robyn Scholz, Daniel McMahon, Brenna Forde, Ty Glavine, Reece Hasell, Ethan Helmer, Cole Rousseau and last year Jordan Helmer.

This year we would like to announce the following 10 people are being presented with the Awards of Merit



Awards of Merit

SVHA would like to continue with recognition awards, known as our Award of Merit, which will be presented to volunteers who are identified as key individuals within our association and who have made a positive impact year after year. Past winners include Rick Hogan, Randy Groenveld, Ted Beswetherick, Stuart Hill, Debra Tallman, Derek Hasegawa, Dan Lowe, Trevor Davies, Len Francis, Keith Hache, Randi Colopano, Leanne/Mike Huxley, Tracy Walchuk, Jodi Beswetherick, Cindy Gibson, Cam Guss, Margo Demerse, Trina Cwik, Dave Mallory, Sherri Tarr, Steve Van Ree, Jeff Kelly, Rachelle Austin, Anthony Bissoon, Margo Demerse, Trevor Devnich, Scott Fukami, Elaine Wong-West, The Young Family (Michelle/Jared), Zach Parks, Dawson Phillips, Brent Lattimer, Lisa McCallum, Gary Yamada, Rebecca Worm, Bridget MacQueen, Shawn Gregson, Steve Van Ree, The Young Family (Faye/Jeremy), Tanya Leukefeld, AJ Borawake, Amy Pawson, Wade Bowley and our 2020-21 winners Colin Beaman, Luca Bilotta, Chris Blood, Jamie Doud, Kurt Gordon, Corey Lea, Leroy McKinnon, Darcy Riva, Travis Rotariu and Frank Ventura

This year we would like to announce the following 4 people are being presented with the Awards of Merit

_____, _____, _____, _____,

Congratulations to all these individuals, you are all examples of the type of volunteers that SVHA needs and is fortunate to have.

Ron Goosen Award

Ron Goosen was a valued member of Simons Valley Hockey Association. Through his many years as a volunteer, he held many positions and eventually became president in 1996. Coaching was what he loved to do and his dedication to the young players and the Association has been greatly missed. This award is in memory of Ron Goosen who passed away suddenly at a very young age after giving so much to an infant association.

The award was introduced in the 1998/99 season. It goes to the individual who, like Ron, has unselfishly given his or her time year after year for the betterment of Simons Valley Hockey. Past winners include Jim Stone, Brenda Zubick, Sam Ferrise, Doug Panchuk, Dave Wong, Todd Anderson, Dan Nabata, Murray McLeod, Jan Laubman, Dave Clagett, Rick Hogan, Doug Keebler, Glenn Labelle, Darren Way, Dan Lowe, Ed MacKenzie, Rick Prosser, John McMahon, Ken DeMille, Rick Remenda, Randy Groenveld and our 2020-21 winner Eric Carpendale

We are very pleased to announce this year’s recipient, _____.

Congratulations to _____, you are an example of the type of volunteer that SVHA needs and is fortunate to have.



2020-21 Annual General Meeting - Minutes

Motion to approve the meeting minutes below from the 2020-21 Annual General Meeting by _____ and seconded by _____. Motion carried.

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SVHA 2020-21 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: May 26, 2021

Location: Zoom Meeting

Board of Directors:

Balv Virdee	President, VP U13
Doug Thubron	Vice President of Operations for U7 - U11
Scott Wright	Vice President of Operations for U15 - U21
	Director of Development
Robert Trumper	Secretary-Treasurer-Registration
Robb Price	Director of Safety & Conduct
Bill Kuzik	Director of Ice
Tanya Leukefeld	Director of Volunteers & Events
Elaine Wong West	Director of Communications &
	Director of House League
Trevor Devnich	Director of U7 & U9
Robert Henderson	Director of U11 & U15
	Director of Equipment
Mikael Sabo	Director of U13
Jake Turgeon	Director of U18 & U21

Start: 7:03pm

Adjourned: 8:31pm

Membership: **There were 40 members (compared to 71 the year prior) in attendance at the AGM. Note the meeting was conducted virtually, and it was highly successful.**

1) Call to Order



Motioned from the floor by Mikael Sabo, seconded by Tanya Leukefeld that the meeting be called to order. All in favor, yes, motion carried.

Housekeeping this year's virtual meeting.

- Everyone will be muted.
- AGM Handout was emailed to attendees earlier and therefore we will not be reviewing each report.
- Then will open a general chat. Put any questions or comments in the chat bar.
- Then elections

2) **Introductions of Board and Special Guests**

Introduction of the Board of Directors.

Balv welcomed all the members to the meeting and thanked them for coming. All members were emailed a copy of the 2020-21 Annual General Meeting Information Package. The package will be posted on the web along with these meeting minutes.

3) **Hockey Calgary Awards**

Due to Covid there were no Hockey Calgary Awards this season.

4) **Referee Award**

Due to Covid there were no Hockey Calgary Awards this season.

5) **Association Awards**

Past President Award – Not applicable for this year.

Award of Merit – These awards are presented to key individuals within our association. They were presented to Colin Beaman, Luca Bilotta, Chris Blood, Jamie Doud, Kurt Gordon, Corey Lea, Leroy McKinnon, Darcy Riva, Travis Rotariu and Frank Ventura. Congratulations all and thanks for your hard work and dedication!

Ron Goosen Award - This award is in memory of Ron Goosen who passed away suddenly at a very young age after giving so much to a young Simons Valley Hockey Association (see AGM Information Package) and is awarded to an individual with years of SVHA dedication and volunteering. It was presented this year to Eric Carpendale. Congratulations Eric, and thanks for your hard work and dedication!

6) **2018/19 AGM Minutes**



The minutes of the 2019-20 AGM were included in the AGM Information Package. In addition, these minutes were posted on the SVHA website shortly after the AGM. The 2019-20 AGM minutes were not reviewed during the meeting.

Motioned from the floor by Bill Kuzik, seconded by Jeff Walker that the minutes of the 2019-20 Annual General Meeting be approved. All in favor, yes, motion carried.

Copy of the minutes are available upon request.

7) Executive Reports

Reports were emailed to AGM attendees prior to the meeting. Reports were not reviewed. They will be available on the SVHA website for 14 days post AGM.

8) Treasurer

Robert presented his report (see AGM Information Package). Main topics were:

- All of our association filings are up to date with no issues.
- We continue to have a bookkeeper, Kelly Berry.
- We have an account balance as of May 31, 2021, of \$154,882.
- We had 5 different budgets this season due to the Covid changes. It was a challenging year.
- SVHA refunded 60% of the registration fees. We provided the largest refund in the city.
- We held a successful development season. It was \$200.00 and was deducted from player refunds which is why the budget number does not show a 60% refund.
- SVHA tries to carry over \$100,000 each season to provide financial stability and to pay for initial season costs. This year we have \$154,000 carry over but we took into account that our casino will be delayed this year due to Covid.

9) Questions

Q1: Would the association consider getting rid of the time trials portion of the evaluation process? As a cohort coach and on ice skills instructor I noticed once someone got into skating group A because of their speed they did not move down despite the fact kids in group B were stronger in other skills, coach-ability, effort and could not move up.

Without using this method, we would have to set initial groupings based on the previous years team. Matrixes do not remain consistent year over year because we



must keep our initial group size consistent and that leads to confusion as to how those groups are formed. We are establishing an evaluation committee for the 2021/22 season, and we definitely be reviewing the time trial process.

Q2: Other associations move kids up and down during the season due to effort, commitment, and attitude. Some kids develop differently during a season and would benefit a re-alignment in either direction. Is that something SVHA has considered (taking into consideration parental backlash of course)?

Hockey Calgary requires rosters for all players and their associated team at the beginning of the season. They also require a list of affiliations for those teams. Players cannot be moved up and down during the season, they can affiliate as needed. There are no HC associations that move players up and down during a season.

Q3: Same kids are better game players and may not have the speed....it seems that they always stay in the lower groups?

“Agreed, some players sometimes show better in games than time trials, but our evaluation process allows movement if a player demonstrates they can play at a higher level. This was a different year but typically players have 4 skates following time trial/skills to show their abilities in a game that determine if they move up or not depending on how they ranked in those skates.

First and foremost, we want to set players up to succeed and be able to develop to the best of their abilities. Secondly, there are many things that define a good skate, it's not just about scoring goals but also about Hockey IQ and what players do when they don't have the puck. As you move into the higher divisions skating becomes more and more of a factor on how you are able to perform as the speed in which plays develop and on ice decision making is that much faster. Whether it's passing the puck, picking up your check or getting a shot off everything happens that much quicker. Some players will be able elevate their game to match the speed of play and others will not. We want players to be placed where they can continue to develop their skills and speed by allowing them to have the puck more, make more plays, take more shots, etc. If a player moves up beyond their abilities, they will not experience the same opportunities or success and instead get frustrated and stop enjoying the game.

Again, our evaluation process, regardless of time trials, tries diligently to ensure all players have an equal ability to move up but also to place players at the appropriate levels.



Q4: Will the 2021-22 season still start in September/October?

Yes, our season will start in September.

Q5: If someone is not a board member are they able to be a part of the evaluation or coach selection committees?

Absolutely, we are hoping to have members of the association join both sub-committees. Please email admin@svha.ca if you are interested.

Q6: Is there an update on whether U11 will have hybrid goalies again this season?

We are still waiting to hear from Hockey Calgary on the decision. It was a lot of work during evaluations to have the hybrid goalies, but it does allow young players 2 more years to make a decision if they want to be a goalie full time. We will pass on the information has we get it.

Q7: Will parents be allowed to watch evaluations?

The decision is not for SVHA to make. It will be the decision of the Alberta Government and each facility. However, if the facilities and government say yes SVHA will not object.

Q8: Any idea what the registration fees will be for the 2021-22 season?

We have been told to prepare for a 4% increase in ice costs for the upcoming season. However, the SVHA board is determined to keep the cost affordable for all players. We will be requesting the \$250.00 deposit again this year to register and will be offering two different payment plans. Watch the SVHA Registration website for updates.

Q9: Will SVHA be offering any summer or pre-season development?

Yes, we are hoping to do development camps and pre-evaluation skates. Again, please watch the SVHA website for updates.

10) SVHA Bylaws

The SVHA Bylaws have been updated (no major changes). They were emailed to all the AGM Attendees prior to the meeting. We will be doing a poll through Zoom – you can either approve or disapprove the current SVHA Bylaw changes.

Poll determined 100% approval for the new SVHA Bylaws.



Motioned from the floor to approve the new SVHA Bylaws by Robert Henderson seconded by Mike Van Hee All in favor, yes, motion carried.

11) Elections

Elections are held at the Annual General Meeting to duly elect 6 Directors for a two-year term to compliment the 6 returning Directors (see AGM Information Package).

Returning Directors are Balv Virdee, Scott Wright, Tanya Leukefeld, Mikael Sabo, Jake Turgeon and Bill Kuzik

Outgoing Directors that are seeking re-election are Doug Thubron, Robert Trumper, Trevor Devnich and Robert Henderson

Outgoing Director not seeking re-election are Robb Price and Elaine Wong West. We thank Robb and Elaine for all their time served on the Board!

Board Vacancies

There are 6 two-year term board positions open.

Nominations

Nominations accepted prior to the meeting are Rajesh Angral, Kurt Gordon, Hanif Rayani, and Jeff Walker (Safety & Conduct)

Outgoing Directors that are seeking re-election are Doug Thubron, Robert Trumper, Trevor Devnich and Robert Henderson

Call for nominations from the floor. None.

Introductions

Everyone had a chance to introduce themselves and explain why they wanted on the board.

Counting

We did a virtual voting ballot via Zoom.



Results

The following persons elected to the Board of Directors:

- Doug Thubron
- Robert Trumper
- Trevor Devnich
- Robert Henderson
- Jeff Walker
- Kurt Gordon

Discussion with Hanif and Rajesh that we really want them to be a part of the board. They would bring great ideas and add depth to our board and association.

New Directors

It was motioned from the floor by Luca Bilotta, seconded by Scott Wright that the new members be accepted. Motion carried.

Destroy Ballots

It was motioned from the floor by Doug Palinkas, seconded by Jake Turgeon that the ballots be destroyed. Motion carried.

Outgoing Directors

It was motioned from the floor by Dacey Cooper Varga, seconded by Rajesh Angral that the outgoing directors be released from any and all obligations regarding their term on the Board of Directors. The motion was carried.

12) Adjournment

It was motioned from the floor by Elaine Wong West, seconded by Doug Thubron, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was carried.

END OF MINUTES



President – Balv Virdee

Good Evening and thank you for joining us.

It feels good to have an in-person AGM again after two years of Covid restrictions. It was great to complete a full season of hockey and to see the fun and expressions on the faces of all players. It was great to have family and friends in the stands cheering on our Storm players and teams. A big shout to all the players, team staffs, volunteers, and families for following the guidelines set forth by AHS, Hockey Calgary, and our facilities.

The year started off with a return to our traditional evaluations and evaluation process. We were able to successfully evaluate our players and form 41 teams from U7 to U21 including our U11 House League. Not only were we able to complete the season without any shutdowns but we also were able to participate in EMHW and the City Championships with minimal impact on our teams. One of the down sides to this past season was that we did see an overall drop in registration which we believe was due to the uncertainties around the pandemic and the fear of shutdowns. This has led us to rethink how we can make Storm hockey fun again and encourage registration for the upcoming year. Here are some of the things we have done to try and improve our registration moving forward...

1. We held our first SVHA Hockey Summit which included a few coaches from different Divisions. We discussed ideas about changing the culture around being a Storm player and trying to make it fun around our home arena at Vivo. We plan to continue these discussions once the new Board has been formed and are hoping to implement some of these ideas for next season.
2. We moved our Intro to Hockey program to run from April to June. We opened up registration to a wider age group so that they can try hockey. We partnered with Bauer Hockey and Flames Sports Bank to provide “free” equipment to all registrants to the program. We also partnered with Apna Hockey to try and diversify of registration and truly follow Hockey Canada’s mandate of “Hockey is for everyone”.
3. We are looking at different ways to help increase our goalie and defencemen registrations. This is still a work in progress and hopefully, we will have more to share before the 2022-23 registration opens.

I hope this gives you some insight into some of the work our Board has been doing this past season to increase registration and make hockey fun for everyone. As you can see from the other Board member reports, all in all, this season was a great success and we look forward to more kids registering and returning for the 2022-23 season.

I also wanted to share some information from a Hockey Calgary perspective and proposed changes to next season.

1. League Structure Format implemented this past season and continuing for next season

- a. Aligns to Hockey Canada ‘Player Pathway’ – four (4) pre-evaluation skates and no evaluations during the 1st week of September
- b. Shortened Seeding Round
 - i. Reduced to 4 weeks (5 weekends)
 - ii. Reduction in Seeding Games (approx. 2 per age category)
 - iii. No Schedule Windows During this time frame



- c. Longer Regular Season
 - i. Reduction in Seeding Round Games are added to Regular Season
 - ii. Means more meaningful Games in Regular Season
- d. Potential for 7 – 9 Tournament Weekends during year
- e. One (1) 'Schedule' Window per team/year
 - i. Only permitted during Regular Season
 - ii. Will allow teams to take window without a tournament sanction; therefore, if a team wishes to have a 'Weekend Off' (ie. Family Day) versus going to a tournament, they can choose to do so, but it is limited to one weekend per team

2. U9 Scheduling

- a. Weekend games
- b. No games prior to 8:00AM, only practices, schedulers to provide ice as such
- c. Schedule a few games at Hockey Hub YYC

3. U7 Scheduling

- a. Continue with scheduling of U7 Games for the 22-23 season
- b. HC will schedule 5-8 games for U7
- c. Target less utilized weekends (EMHW, Family Day Weekend, etc.)

4. Set 'Nights of Play' (Pilot)

- a. HC cannot move to set nights of play for 100% of program, but HC will experiment with an effort to 'target' set nights for different tiers
- b. Example: U13 Teams 1, 3, 5 play Monday, Wednesday, Saturday; U13 Teams 2, 4, 6 play Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday

Registration for hockey will open June 15th, 2022 and Early Bird registration will span to July 31st, 2022. No decisions have been made regarding SVHA Registration fees for the 2022-23 season and this will be the first action item for the new Board. We will still offer various payment structures, including monthly installments, to help with the economic impact of the pandemic and to help make hockey affordable. We have also partnered with the Flames Sports Bank to provide subsidies to qualifying families for their registration fees.

Personally, I hope to come back next year on this Board and continue the progress we have made. I look forward to the opportunity to work closely with Hockey Calgary and the new Board to prepare for the next season. I would like to thank all the volunteers who make this great association possible:

- a. Board members, who commit hundreds of hours of time navigating through the trials and tribulations that comes with the territory
- b. Division Coordinators and Lead Evaluators that get us through September - our most challenging month
- c. Coaches, Managers, and Health & Safety coordinators that keep the teams safe and players having fun playing hockey
- d. All the other volunteers who commit their time and expertise to making the season work.

THANK YOU! I'd also like to thank Scott Wright, VP of Operations U15-U21, and Mikael Sabo, Director of U13, who will be leaving the Board this year. Scott has been a member of the Board for many years and has been a tremendous asset in forming our current Development program for coaches and players.



Mikael has been our Director for U13 for two years and has done a great job. Thank you Scott and Mikael for your time and dedication to the SVHA, and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Lastly, I'd like to announce that Sarah Palinkas, who has been the SVHA Administrator for 9 years, will be moving on to a new opportunity. I am sure many of you have interacted with Sarah at some point in time during her tenure at SVHA. She has been a valuable asset and has done a great job of making sure our registrations go smooth, families are alerted of their evaluation times, and addressed numerous questions from our membership. She will be missed! Although I am sad to see her go, I do wish her all the best in the next adventure. Thank you for your time and dedication to SVHA, Sarah!

Yours in hockey,

Balv Virdee
President
Simons Valley Hockey Association



Vice President of Operations for U7 to U11 – Doug Thubron

All,

I am proud to say the 2021/22 hockey season was a success. Hockey was back and although it was different due to health and pandemic protocols, we as an association were able to successfully complete the whole season as well as tournaments and playoffs.

The U7 Timbits jamboree was a success. Thank you to the players, coaches, parents, and volunteers who came out to the 2022 jamboree. Also, thank you to Tim Hortons for their continued support of the Timbits program. The Intro to Hockey program spearheaded by Kurt Gordon, Tanya Leukefeld and Rob Henderson was very successful and we look forward to continuing this in future years. Thank you to Bauer Hockey and the Flames Sports Bank for their support in this initiative.

SVHA iced five U9 teams for the 2021/22 season. Thank you to all the coaches, managers and volunteers that made for a successful season.

It is my understanding that Hockey Calgary is continuing the U9 pathways program for the upcoming 2022/23 season. The U9 Development League (U9-DL) is a partnership between Hockey Calgary and its community member associations in which they operate the Novice age category as a skills-based age category. The U9-DL focuses on skill development and the fundamentals of hockey for kids aged 7 and 8. The purpose of this league is to address the need for more skill development in the novice age category. Our goal is to provide a positive environment for learning the fundamentals of hockey and to stimulate interest and desire to continue playing the game of hockey.

The U9-DL is a league in which the associations promote coach, parent, official and player education during the season. Each player will be evaluated fairly within each association and placed on a team where they are best suited. Teams are limited to when and how many games they can play. As a result, players will practice more and play fewer games to increase their skills before playing full ice games compared to that of other age categories.

SVHA iced eight U11 teams for the 2021/22 season. We also ran the U11 house league program. I have been getting a few questions about the U11 Pathway requirements.

As a reminder, please see the Hockey Alberta U11 Pathway - <https://www.hockeyalberta.ca/players/u11-pathway/#:~:text=The%20U11%20Player%20Pathway%20provides,the%20forefront%20of%20the%20programming.>

There are some elements that are different for Hockey Calgary, but it gives you an idea.

For the 2022-23 season, the U11 Pathway requirements (ex. pre-skates and minimum eval skates, etc.) will continue.

Again, thank you to the many coaches, managers and volunteers that enabled another successful season of hockey for our U11 players.



Our association continues to try and make improvements in several key areas. We are always looking for ways to improve our evaluation process as well as our coaching and player development programs. Thank you to Corey Lea for his efforts in furthering the use of the “coach them” application.

A common challenge every year is getting people to volunteer so please reach out to any board member to see where you can help – it is always appreciated.

In closing, thank you for taking the time to attend the AGM and I look forward to seeing everyone at the rink in September.

Regards,

Doug Thubron
SVHA VP of Operations U7-U11



Vice President of Operations – U15 to U21/Development – Scott Wright

To all SVHA Players, Head / Assistant Coaches, Managers, Volunteers I thank you for all your time, and efforts and dedication in our return to hockey as we once knew it prior to the pandemic. After and almost two-year hiatuses from the game we love it was great to see players, coaches and parents return to the rink and even more rewarding to have players back on the ice for a somewhat normal hockey season.

I would especially like to thank all our Board Members, Evaluators and numerous Volunteers who continued to work tirelessly through evaluations regardless of the uncertainty of a normal hockey season. Your diligence and devotion to ensuring our Association members stayed safe throughout evaluations and your continued hard work on behalf of our membership and our players throughout the entire season is appreciated. As always, it has been a pleasure working with all of you year after year and your continued dedication and commitment is what makes SVHA one of the best Association in the City.

In our return to a normal season the 2021/2022 edition of SVHA hockey introduced some new ideas and development opportunities for our players and coaches. Every year we commit to helping our players improve their skills and abilities through various development activities. Building off last season we introduced a full-time skills coach in Trevor Elias and TPG to work with coaches, players, goalies and teams to start to build good habits both on and off the ice. While some teams took advantage of these player and goalie development opportunities, our goal is to have all our teams benefit from these sessions to a point where we start to see positive results and outcomes. It's not about scoring goals or winning games but more about ensuring a positive player experience. This past season seen some highs and lows but to have success we need to stay committed to developing our players and coaches. This past year the Development Team introduced the Coach Them platform that allowed all coaches and teams to share information including drills and practice plans and to start to populate our very own SVHA Drill Bank. At this time, I would personally like to thank Corey Lea and some of the inaugural coaches who helped launch and manage this new platform. The Drill Bank will continue to grow, and information will continue to be added to help coaches develop with their player development which hopefully transitions into team success. As we move into next season the Development Team will look to introduce consistency and conditional training with a select palette of age specific drills that can be progressed for U7- U11 right up to U18. Repetition with progression helps build good habits and where some believe practice makes perfect, in reality "practice makes permanent".

In addition to the player develop, the Development Team has been tasked with compiling a Coaches Manual or Guidebook. The Guidebook will help layout what a season plan looks like and all the responsibilities that go along with being a coach. This will be especially helpful for new coaches to the association or those that are just starting out in coaching. As always SVHA will continue to support coaches through Coach Development sessions and clinics in addition to the Development Plan objectives. It's time SVHA developed its own identity, and the Development Team will continue to strive to make this happen.

Once again, I would like to encourage more coaches from the Timbit, Novice and Atom divisions to take advantage of the various coach development sessions and opportunities and to volunteer their time to attend player/goalie sessions as part of our ongoing succession plan for the Association.

Lastly, after a very difficult two years of unprecedented times, Mental Health has come to the forefront in our lives and the importance of Mental Health couldn't be more relevant than it is now. SVHA is looking



into programs and assistance to help players, coaches and parents recognize signs of mental health and awareness and provide avenues to help those that need support. More to come on this program and something SVHA will certainly be following up on for the upcoming season.

As this will be my final year on the Board, I would like to thank once again all those who served on the Board over the last several years. I have enjoyed my time and various roles on the Board and 12 years as a Coach in the Association. I am very fortunate and grateful for the opportunity to work with so many incredibly dedicated people and am confident that the Association is in good hands moving forward. I wish both the returning Board members and newly appointed members all the best in what has been a very rewarding tenure with SVHA.

Sincerely,

Scott Wright
VP Ops U15-U21 / Director of Development



Treasurer & Registration – Robert Trumper

I would like to start off by thanking those in attendance for your support of our association and my fellow board members for their hard work and dedication to SVHA throughout the year.

Just to point out a few items that pertain to our financials as you see them today. Our year end is June 30th, so with that, additional revenue and or expenditures for this calendar year that ends June 30th have not been recognized yet.

The Simons Valley main operating account balance (minus outstanding checks) as of April 20, 2022, sits at \$57,074.11. See the following financial summary.

The Simons Valley casino account balance as of April 20, 2022, sits at \$6,948.04.

Simons Valley has three GICs. One springboard GIC with a total value of \$33,249.25. The other two cashable GICs hold a value of \$81,040 and \$53,815.63. These provide long term stability to the association.

We have an independent accounting person to do our day-to-day booking keeping. On behalf of the board, I would like to thank Kelly Berry for her time.

We use MBD LLP Chartered Professional Accountants to complete our year end audits, they completed the 2021 audit this year. From the last audit there were no recommendations or issues identified.

Thanks in advance,

Robert Trumper
Secretary-Treasurer-Registrar



Director of Safety & Conduct & U15 – Jeff Walker

To say that the 2021-2022 season was a typical one from a Safety & Conduct perspective would be giving it too much credit. Focus for the season centered directly around promoting the safety of our players, volunteers, and coaches and attempting to balance the dynamic public health measures with our ability to play hockey.

Along with participating in regular Board duties, much of my time was spent on COVID-19 related activities. This included:

- Development and continual review of safety guidelines for players, coaches and volunteers that were in line with Hockey Calgary, City of Calgary, and Government of Alberta health measures.
- Application of those guidelines to hockey operations.
- During the 5th Wave that began in January, developed reporting and tracking methods for reported cases of COVID-19 on individual teams throughout the association.
- Worked with an outside secure data housing agency to track the vaccination status of SVHA players, coaches, and families.

On top of COVID-19 monitoring, regular hockey activities were able to take place, which meant that incidents and concerns needed to be followed up on. Those related activities included:

- Created a new disciplinary committee consisting of the Director of Safety & Conduct (as the tie breaking vote when disciplinary action is required) and 4 non-board or board-related members.
- Addressed concerns and incidents involving SVHA Members relating to both COVID-19 and regular hockey operations, with investigation and reporting as warranted.

COVID-19 presented many challenges throughout the season, and it elicited a wide range of responses. As I said multiple times in my communication throughout the season, we seemed to live in a different world than we did five minutes previous. While there were certainly some difficult conversations along the way, I would like to thank the entire Association for your support and flexibility during the season with the challenges the pandemic created, and I would like to thank the Board for their ongoing support throughout the season.

I hope everyone has a fun, relaxing, and healthy summer, and I look forward to seeing everyone for a much closer to “normal” 2022-2023 season!

Jeff Walker, Director of Safety & Conduct/Director of U15
Symons Valley Hockey Association



Director of Ice – Bill Kuzik

After a chaotic 2020/2021 season we successfully made it through a full year with minimal issues and a mostly normal season. It was great to have the kids back out on the ice.

Here is the Ice summary for this season

Ice Summary 2021/2022

Team	Total Practices	Total Practice Hours	Total Games	Total Ice Hours	Shared Practice	Full Practice
U7	40.00	40.00	7.20	47.35	38.00	2.00
U9	45.00	48.75	18.00	67.35	36.40	8.60
U11	44.00	47.88	18.00	67.78	27.00	17.00
U13	42.00	47.84	20.13	73.03	25.13	16.88
U15	36.00	43.29	22.00	70.88	0.00	36.00
U18	32.00	38.81	24.00	69.25	0.00	32.00
U21	22.00	28.00	28.00	79.25	0.00	22.00

We allotted full ice for the entire season for U15 and above, this was the first time we have done this, and we will be reviewing to determine if we stay with this or move back to a mix of full and shared.

We maintained our current ice allotment with Vivo for the 2021/22 season. Thanks to Carling at Vivo for all her help during the year making adjustments for us. We are already getting ice scheduled for next year. Vivo will also be adding Live Barn into the arenas to allow games to be watched via streaming

Our Hockey Calgary ice allotment was also maintained to secure our practice ice at Murray Copot, Village Square, NESS, Stew Hendry and Henry Viney. We also added Hockey Hub YYC and will continue to utilize their facility next year.

Both our U15 Kids Cancer Tournament and U7 Timbits Tournament were able to take place this year and were huge successes. Thanks to the countless hours spent by those running them and to the many volunteers that assisted in making them a huge success. We have already gotten the ice booked for next years tournament and are hoping they are even a greater success

Finally, I would like to thank all the Managers, Coaches and Volunteers who made this season a success.

Thank you,

Bill Kuzik



Director of Communication & Volunteers/Events – Tanya Leukefeld

VOLUNTEERS

SVHA is a volunteer driven association that requires thousands of volunteer hours to make the hockey season a success. Volunteers are required at both the team and the association level. SVHA Volunteer policy requires every family to volunteer a minimum of 10hrs or pay a \$300 Association volunteer commitment. Exact details of the Policy and the approved positions can be found on the SVHA website.

With the easing of restrictions, this season was able to return to a more “normal” season for our players. We were able to offer development sessions, camps, programs, practices, and games. It was so nice to move away from cohorts and although there were challenging times navigating Covid-19 and AHS guidelines, overall, everyone tried their best and worked together to make this season a positive one.

Many, many association members were instrumental in making the evaluation process occur. There was a group of parents who spent hours at the arena helping to evaluate players and took their responsibilities seriously. They were professional, persistent, and dedicated to ensuring the most appropriate, fair, and concise experience for all those involved. Approximately half of our association members filled the positions of Evaluators, Lead Evaluators, On-Ice Helpers, Game Bench Help, Timekeepers, Gate Openers, Check in and Dressing Room Attendants and Goalie Shooters. Without these positions being filled; evaluations would not have been able to run as smoothly as they did.

We would also like to recognize all members who volunteered their time to make our association and season so successful at the team level. We would like to give an extra huge thank you to Coaches, Managers, Division Coordinators, League Chairs, and Health & Safety Coordinators who volunteered many, many hours at the association level. We appreciate your dedication, flexibility and commitment to positions that are instrumental in ensuring a team’s success. These positions require countless hours of your time, and it is so very appreciated by the Board for all that you did, the learning you offered and the support you gave.

We will be looking to secure our Division Coordinators and Lead Evaluators in July/August. These are very important roles that add to the success of our association. If you are interested, please email admin@svha.ca.

MENTORSHIP

This year we were able to implement a mentorship program which included having the older age groups mentor some of the younger age groups. We also wanted to incorporate some of our SVHA Alumni and have them return to give back to their community and mentor teams/players. Players from the U15 Division were especially involved in mentoring this season. A few examples of the events they were engaged in were the Timbit Winter Classic Legacy Tournament and the Introduction to Hockey program. During the Timbit Winter Classic Tournament weekend, almost 30 players volunteered between 2-12 hour shifts each. They skated and kept the players entertained and engaged in-between shifts, they helped set up, take down and organize the off-ice portions of the event and were overall ambassadors to SVHA. During evaluations, we were able to have some Alumni, U15 and U18 players be Goalie Shooters for the U15 and U18 Goalie Evaluations. Additionally, some of our older Alumni were able to come out and assist with the U7 and U9 Evaluations as either Ice Helpers or Off-Ice Evaluators. And for the first time, our mentorship program expanded to have an Alumni become part of the U15 Coaching team. This initiative was a huge success, and we look forward to expanding this program for the 2022-2023 season.



If your player is interested in volunteering with evaluations, on or off-ice or in any other capacity, please have them email communications_volunteers@svha.ca

EVENTS

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 association events were not planned for this year. As disappointing as this was, we hope to make up for it next year and provide some opportunities for people to get together, socialize and enjoy being back as a hockey family. The Board will send out information in late summer detailing, if any, what events, or fundraisers the association can look forward to in the first part of the 2022-2023 season.

PICTURE DAY

Team and Individual photos were held this year and it was so great to have the players receive a memory of their hockey season. It was exciting to be hosted for the first time by Volkswagen Country Hills and I am happy to announce that they have welcomed us back again for the 2022-2023 season. We also used a new photographer, Prime Sports Photography. We have booked them to be our photographers again for next season and will be sending out date information to the association in September. Thank you to the volunteers who signed up for this day... we had a lot of fun, and it was a great experience getting to know some new people. An extra special thanks you to those who helped with the outside volunteer positions and weathered the cold for us and kept the parking lot and traffic well managed!

LEGACY TOURNAMENTS

The SVHA Timbits Winter Classic took place at VIVO in February 2022. This tournament, thanks to the help of this years Tournament Coordinator; Dallas Kitt, was a huge success. Approximately 250 players from near and far came out to enjoy, for what was for some, their first ever hockey tournament experience. With the help of some very dedicated SVHA volunteers, the U15 players and an incredible Tournament Committee, the tournament left many players and families with big smiles, a new experience, and the excitement of looking forward to next years event!

The Murray Copot Invitational Tournament, normally hosted by the U11 Tier 1 and U13 AA teams, would have taken place in December 2021 however, this tournament was not scheduled to return this season. We hope to have the opportunity to host this Tournament again in 2022.

The Bantam Kids Cancer Care Tournament (affectionately called BKCCT), took place for the first time since 2019 in March. This tournament involved over 30 teams from several provinces and many cities. This tournament began 9 years ago to show support for one of our SVHA players who was diagnosed with Cancer. This year, we honoured Luca, a Storm Player, who also passed from this horrible disease. This Tournament keeps growing but remains true to our initial goal – to support the more than 160 Alberta children that are diagnosed with Cancer each year. A special and emotional opening ceremony was held on the Friday evening at VIVO where Luca's family was presented with a framed SVHA jersey as well as a banner. The Banner will be hung at VIVO in the West Arena for all association members to see, remember and celebrated Luca for years to come. This tournament was housed at 7 different arenas, hosted over 550 players, and raised over \$90,000 towards Cancer Research. This event could not have been done without the dedication and heartfelt passion from the Tournament Committee, led by Dianna Gallant. We are so thankful to the group of ladies who spent many hours, prepping, planning, organizing, and supporting this weekend. I know those of us who spent time at any of the arenas felt the compassion, comradery and sportsmanship and look forward to an even more successful tournament next year!



COMMUNICATIONS

My role as Director of Communications focused on delivering association news, information, and events to our members through our social media channels in an engaging and consistent manner. The social media platforms used this year were predominantly Facebook and Instagram. We did our best to communicate the most up-to-date information in a quick and timely manner and hope that using another platform outside of emails was found to be helpful and interesting!

And lastly, thank you to my fellow board members for the fun times and the opportunity to work together on projects and events that we were excited to be involved with. What a great opportunity to make new friends get to know you all better and build community together. Many board members put an incredible amount of time and dedication towards the development and success of each of the players while remembering the FUNdamentals of hockey. It has been a pleasure to be part of this Board and being given the opportunity to represent such a fantastic group of players and parents.

Tanya Leukefeld



Director of U7 & U9 – Kurt Gordon

The 2021-2022 season was a return to hockey for many and, in the case of our youngest players, a chance to get into game action for the first time. The season started off exceptionally well with a strong group of on and off ice evaluators and volunteers. Being a volunteer organization, we rely heavily on our parent population and their support throughout September, and beyond, was something I am both proud and in awe of.

In U7, this season saw a new pilot program where half of the games were scheduled for teams while still allowing individual teams to enter tournaments. Hockey Calgary also implemented a “coaches Zone” during gameplay where the neutral zone of the rink was left open so that players could get individual coaching and tips while waiting for their next shift. During our annual Timbits Classic Tournament, this zone was frequented by a wide range of SVHA U15 players that helped improve players skills and added to the fun atmosphere.

The managers, coaches, volunteers, and parents in U7 were incredibly supportive throughout the year. Learning with me and teaching me, the support that I felt from this group was fantastic. Without them, our association would not have engaged with teams from here to Canmore and even twice during the Calgary Flames intermissions. I am excited to continue to watch our U7 players move forward as athletes and know they are in great hands with the strong community around them.

Our U9 teams were actively engaged on multiple fronts throughout the year. Taking extra time to learn how to set up and take down the half-ice boards, the coaches for the division were tireless with their planning and dedication to creating a memorable season. I was fortunate to watch each team play this year and the growth as individuals and as teams was something that each parent should be proud of. Though scores were not officially recorded, our competitiveness in each outing, particularly late in the season, is a promising sign for these players as they move forward.

Though the season was not without hiccups as some teams experienced Covid shutdowns, the return to structured games, learning the sport, and developing a passion for hockey were the big takeaways for the U7-U9 group.

I am excited to see the next steps for our youngest age groups and can't wait to see everyone back at the rink soon.

GO STORM!!!

Sincerely,
Kurt Gordon



Director of U11 – Trevor Devnich

Overall, the U11 division had a smooth and uneventful season. The evaluation process ran smoothly for the most part and my division coordinators Luca Bilotta and Frank Ventura did an excellent job of making sure everything ran smooth and quickly rectified any immediate issues.

Due to my own commitments coaching U15 in 2021/22 I did not have a lot of free time to visit U11 team games or practices to evaluate coaching strategies and team development. Unfortunately, this creates more of a reactive environment rather than proactive in developing strategies and contact between teams/coaches and the SVHA Division Directors. I only hope that coaches and parents know we should be the first point of contact for any questions or support during the season, and currently I don't believe this to be the case. This is something we as an association should be educating our membership on and enforcing more actively with our teams and coaches. ***"A good coach can change a game, A GREAT coach can change a life."***

Unfortunately, the U11 Hybrid goalie situation remains an evaluation nightmare. It is very difficult to manage and properly evaluate kids in two positions while still allowing all players equal ice time and opportunities. It became even more challenging and frustrating when parents accuse us of being unfair when they don't realize how difficult the situation is to organize and fairly evaluate. Hockey Calgary has determined that we must give this trial one more year to get a fair evaluation of whether it is working or not.

As the Director for our goalie evaluations and development I was happy with the partnership between SVHA and TPG this season. The evaluation process ran smoothly and based on team/coach feedback most of our goalies were placed in a division that challenged them and allowed for development and overall team success. Teams did have two SVHA paid session with TPG for goalies as well as any additional sessions paid for from team budgets. This is an excellent partnership that supports our goalie development program and will continue into the 2022/2023 season.

I would like to mention that our SVHA board is quickly aging out and most of us will soon be leaving the SVHA hockey community. It is critical that we start getting more qualified parent volunteers to step up and join the board while we still have mentors and experienced board members to pass on information and knowledge. This commitment and opportunity need to start at our U9 and U11 divisions as they will have the ability to spend the time and energy over the next numbers of years to continue the strategies, development and momentum that the current board has put in place to date.

My vision in my short time left on the SVHA BOD is to help develop and create an identity for ALL SVHA players and members. We currently do not have a unified strategy or identity that shows visiting teams what they can expect when they come to VIVO to play an SVHA team. Ideas like Home Team sponsored and new designed dressing rooms with individual lockers and Storm Logo's on the walls and floors. Trophy cabinets and Storm branding in the new designed lobby at VIVO, and a new attitude that every player brings when they step foot into the VIVO arena knowing that play time and school is over and it's time to go to work! It's not all about winning, it's about creating a positive and exciting environment that will inspire players, coaches and families to want to show up with a winning attitude, and once we accomplish that, we have already won! ***"Let's learn to play for the name on the front of the jersey and they will remember the names on the back"***



Lastly, I want to thank all my friends and fellow board members for all the hard work that is put in every year to make all the crazy stuff behind the scenes run smoothly (and there is A LOT of crazy stuff)! It is at most times a thankless volunteer job and for the months of Sept/Oct it is relentless with how much time is spent at the rink making sure everything is organized and ready for players to show up for their assigned evaluation skate, and then go home for a nice home cooked dinner while the volunteers are left for hours in a cramped dressing room getting ready for the next day. I have enjoyed working closely with each one of you and am proud to call you friends and I appreciate what is done to make sure my own kid can show up and just focus on doing their best on the ice!

“Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you, spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life”

Thank you,

Trevor Devnich



Director of U13 – Mikael Sabo

Going into the 2021-2022 season, was yet again an unpredictable season. Both kids and parents had to navigate through much uncertainty of what would be expected to happen this season. Fortunately, the best outcome happened. The kids along with their families, were able to attend regular practices, socialize by participating in team building activities, and compete while applying their skills in game settings.

As parents or supporters of your hockey player, you should be proud of the hard work done by the kids this season. After previous years of so much unknown, and being held back developmentally, they proved their resilience in the game they love. Seeing them back on the ice, smiling, looking forward to the next ice times, and games, is everything we want out of this sport.

For those who may not be aware, I will not be seeking re-election to the board for the upcoming 2022-2023 season. I have decided to focus on my family and other commitments, and to allow room for others to come on board. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the current SVHA board members, and committee members, for their unwavering time and effort during this season. All these positions are volunteer and require people who want to make a difference in the organization. Thank you for your dedication to the game of hockey and making the SVHA association a success.

A huge shout out to Elaine Wong-West, the U13 Division Coordinator, and Wade Bowley the U13 Lead Evaluator. Your time and guidance during this season, did not go unnoticed, nor unappreciated, thank you.

To all U13 coaches, thank you for agreeing to take on the responsibility of “coach” for your team. The commitment to be there for every practice, game, and team building event is one that can not be taken lightly and requires a special person to take on the mentorship of your players. The lessons you teach through your knowledge and your love of the sport, is vital to each players successes, present and future.

A special thank you to all the U13 volunteers and SVHA volunteers. Without your time, hard work, and your selfless devotion to the season, hockey would not be the successful sport in which it is, the sport that so many admire and love.

Last but certainly not least, this year and every year an extra special thank you to Sarah Palinkas, SVHA’s Administrator. It is not a job for the weak. Her endless hours of work sending and receiving emails, navigating (especially through covid changes), and keeping everyone informed, her “to do” list is truly endless. I don’t know how you do it?

I’d like to finish by saying, good luck to everyone next season. To the board, I know that you will do your very best to make SVHA the best association, keep things running smoothly and fair.

Please have a healthy and fun summer. Come September, I will be excited to see everyone at the rink for the 2022-2023 hockey season, cheering on our kids,

“GO STORM”!!!

Sincerely, Mikael Sabo
U13 Director (2020-2022)



Director of U18 & U21 – Jake Turgeon

The 2021/2022 evaluation process was successful due to the dedication of the evaluators and coordinators; including lead evaluator Ken Burgess and DC Natasha Gemby. Without the commitment and support of this team and all of our evaluators our division wouldn't have run as smoothly as it did. We all appreciate all the time they put in.

It was great to see the kids return to the game they love so much. The season proved to be challenging at times, as players and coaches navigated the zero tolerance from Central refereeing. We noticed a increase in the amount of suspensions. Moving forward into next season, I do believe the code of conduct for both players and coaches should be mandated. As a board, we need to set a standard for conduct and our expectation from our coaches and players, both on and off the ice. This will help establish our identity and reputation within the hockey community. In this ever-changing society we live in, things that were acceptable 5 or 10 years ago are no longer tolerated or acceptable, we need to support these changes.

Looking forward to another great season in 2022/2023

Jake Turgeon



Election for the Board of Directors

Elections are held at the Annual General Meeting to duly elect 6 new Directors to compliment the 6 returning Directors, unless otherwise instructed by the board of Directors (each Director is expected to complete a 2-year term unless otherwise deemed).

The prime concern of the SVHA Board of Directors is to organize and operate the association in accordance with accepted policies and procedures and ensure that they are administered in a fair and consistent manner at all times. The SVHA Board of Directors will strive to enable each, and every child registered in the program the opportunity to participate in this sport at a level where the child's talents, ability and commitment will be duly recognized. The development and enjoyment of all the players must be of paramount concern to the Board of Directors.

Board members are expected to attend all Board of Directors meetings of which there have historically been about 12, which include April/May (election meeting), May/June (fee and budget meeting), August (pre-evaluation meetings), September, October, November, January, February, March, and April (pre-AGM meeting).

Board members must file reports at each SVHA Board meeting.

Returning Directors are Doug Thubron, Robert Trumper, Trevor Devnich, Robert Henderson, Jeff Walker and Kurt Gordon

Outgoing Directors that are seeking re-election are Balv Virdee, Tanya Leukefeld, Jake Turgeon and Bill Kuzik

Outgoing Director not seeking re-election are Scott Wright and Mikael Sabo. We thank Scott and Mikael for all their time served on the Board!

Nominations accepted prior to the meeting are:

For the election to the SVHA Board of Directors on April 27, 2022, each voter shall vote for a minimum of one (1) candidate and up to a maximum of six (6) candidates. The six (6) candidates receiving the most votes will be elected to the Board for a two-year term. Note that only one vote per family can be cast.



Call for Nominations

1. Nominations collected prior to the meeting are:
2. We will be taking nominations from the floor, as per SVHA Bylaws Section 3.3a.
3. Candidate acceptance – confirm member will allow their name to stand for election to the Board of Directors.
4. Candidate addresses – if desired each candidate will be provided an opportunity to make a brief speech to the membership, otherwise we will proceed to a vote.
5. Call for the vote (use ballot provided to the family at the start of the meeting). Note that each voter shall vote for a minimum of one (1) candidate and up to a maximum of six (6) candidates. Note that only one vote per family can be cast.

Announcement of the Voting Results

The candidates elected to the board of directors for a two-year term are:

_____, _____, _____, _____,
_____, _____,

Motioned by _____, seconded by _____ that the new members be accepted. Motion carried.

Motioned by _____, seconded by _____ that the ballots be destroyed. Motion carried.

Motioned by _____, seconded by _____ that the outgoing directors are relieved of any and all obligations and liabilities relating to their term on the SVHA board of directors. Motion carried.

New Business / Open Discussion

Any other new business or open discussion to for this Annual General Meeting will be considered only during the ballot counting.

Adjournment

Motioned by _____, seconded by _____ that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Time _____.

