



2020-21 Season

Simons Valley Hockey Association  
Annual General Meeting  
May 26, 2021

Information Package

## Call to Order

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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

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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
Robb Price	Director of Safety & Conduct
Bill Kuzik	Director of Ice
Tanya Leukefeld	Director of Volunteers & Events
Elaine Wong West	Director of Communications & 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

## Award Presentations

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### 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.

Unfortunately, there will be no referee award this season due to Covid.



**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 and last year Amy Pawson and Wade Bowley.

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

Colin Beaman,	Luca Bilotta,	Chris Blood,	Jamie Doud,
Kurt Gordon,	Corey Lea,	Leroy McKinnon,	Darcy Riva,
Travis Rotariu	Frank Ventura		

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 Claggett, Rick Hogan, Doug Keebler, Glenn Labelle, Darren Way, Dan Lowe, Ed MacKenzie, Rick Prosser, John McMahan, Ken DeMille, Rick Remenda and last year Randy Groenveld

We are very pleased to announce this year’s recipient, Eric Carpendale

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



## 2019-20 Annual General Meeting - Minutes

The below 2019-20 Annual General Meeting minutes have been posted on our website for the past year.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the 2019-20 Annual General Meeting by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_. Motion carried.

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SVHA 2019/20 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: June 23, 2020

Location: Zoom due to Covid

Board of Directors:	Eric Carpendale	President
	Dan Giasson	Vice President Operations Peewee to Junior C
	Balv Virdee	Vice President Operations Timbits to Atom
		Director of Peewee
	Scott Timmerman	Secretary-Treasurer-Registration
	Robb Price	Director of Safety & Conduct
	Robert Trumper	Director of Events & Volunteers
	Rob Henderson	Director of Midget & Junior
	Scott Wright	Director of Bantam & Development
	Doug Thubron	Director of Atom
	Trevor Devnich	Director of Timbits & Novice
	Elaine Wong-West	Director of Communications & House League
	Stacy Baltzer	Director of Director of Ice

Start: 7:15pm

Adjourned: 8:31pm

Membership: **There were 73 members (compared to 33 the year prior) in attendance at the AGM. Note the meeting was conducted virtually, and it was very successful.**

### **1) Call to Order**

Motioned from the floor by Robb Price, seconded by Jeff Walker that the meeting be called to order. All in favor, yes, motion carried.

Housekeeping this year's virtual meeting.

- Everyone will be muted.
- We will review the President Report and the Treasurer Report, others are available for reading.
- Then will open a general chat. Put any questions or comments in the chat bar.



- Remember everyone can see the comments/questions.
- Then elections.

## 2) SVHA/Saints Amalgamation

Before proceeding with this annual general meeting, the Board of Directors would like to welcome all current Saints hockey players that will be a part of SVHA next year.

We are truly excited to add each and every player and family. Welcome to the STORM family!

## 3) Introductions of Board and Special Guests

Eric introduced the Board of Directors.

Eric introduced the Division Coordinators and other special guests that were present.

Eric welcomed all of the members to the meeting and thanked them for coming. All members were provided with a copy of the 2018/19 Annual General Meeting Information Package. The package will be posted on the web along with these meeting minutes.

## 4) Hockey Calgary Awards

Congratulations to **Wade Bowley** who was awarded the Hockey Calgary Volunteer of the Year Award for our association!

## 5) Referee Award

Congratulations to **Jordan Helmer** who was awarded the referee award. Congrats Jordan!

## 6) 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 Wade Bowley and Amy Pawson. 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 Randy Groenveld. Congratulations Randy, and thanks for your hard work and dedication (~25 years)!

## 7) 2018/19 AGM Minutes



The minutes of the 2018/19 AGM were included in the AGM Information Package. In addition, these minutes were posted on the SVHA website shortly after the AGM. The 2018/19 AGM minutes were not reviewed during the meeting.

Motioned from the floor by Lee Isaak, seconded by Tanya Leukefeld that the minutes of the 2018/19 Annual General Meeting be approved. All in favor, yes, motion carried.

Copy of the minutes are available upon request.

## **8) Executive Reports**

### **President**

Eric presented his report (see AGM Information Package). The main topics were:

- Naming Convention Change: Midget will be replaced with U18, Minor Midget will be replaced with U16, Bantam will be replaced with U15, Peewee will be replaced with U13, Atom will be replaced with U11, Novice will be replaced with U9, Initiation / Timbits will be replaced with U7.
- Boundary Review. For the 2020-21 season, the Saints Association will only operate U18 (Midget) and House League programs. Remaining/current Saints players will be distributed across the Associations of Simons Valley, McKnight and Blackfoot effective for the 2020-21 season with various conditions listed.
- League structure format and tournament policy changes coming.
- Covid-19 ugh!
  - Things we should be prepared for:
    - Delayed evaluations and a development phase to get players on the ice again.
    - Shortened season
    - Limited travel
    - Limited spectators
    - Limited coaching staff
    - Coming to the rink already dressed in gear
    - Modified or no ESSO Minor Hockey Week
    - Modified or no City Championships

A small question and answer period followed.

- Some great chat bar commentary, but nothing in particular noted.

### **Vice President of Operations – Peewee to Junior C**

Dan presented his report (see AGM Information Package). The main topics were:

- Thanks to all volunteers.
- Just do what is best for the kids.
- Covid-19 ugh!



A small question and answer period followed.

- Some great chat bar commentary, but nothing in particular noted.

#### **Vice President of Operations – Timbits to Atom**

Balv presented his report (see AGM Information Package). The main topics were:

- Thanks to all volunteers.
- No official evaluation review requests this season.
- A few disciplinary hearings and meetings as most issues were reviewed at the division level and did not require further escalation.
- Covid-19 ugh!

A small question and answer period followed.

- Some great chat bar commentary, but nothing in particular noted.

#### **Treasurer**

Scott 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, 2020 of \$142,020.
- We have a casino account balance as of May 31, 2020 sits at \$33,637.
- We have three GIC's that hold a total value of \$165,223 that we have for long term stability.
- This past year SVHA, with support from our members, ran a hugely successful raffle, with 10,633 tickets sold (10,974 tickets issued). Also reviewed the association raffle survey results.
- Lastly, Scott will be not be returning after 12yr on the board.
- Covid-19 ugh!

A small question and answer period followed.

- Some general puts/takes and discussions but nothing in particular noted.
- Noted that SG&A was higher due to software that required an updated subscription that was missed on the budget.
- Noted the player development was underspend as teams did not submit receipts for reimbursement, so money was left on the table for some teams.

#### **Director of Registration**

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

- SVHA had a total of 813 players (0.7% decrease), and a total of 47 teams.
- On average, across all divisions, SVHA is in line with other associations within Hockey Calgary.



- There were NO fee increases this year.
- There was \$100 decrease for Jr C this season.
- SVHA was happy to have a Junior C team again this year – thank you Randy Groenveld.
- Registration periods will be the same as last year. Registration will open June 15 and close Aug 31. Fees for next season will be determined by the new board.
- SVHA continue to accept cheques, payment plans, and for this year added a remote debit machine to pay by chip.
- Covid-19 ugh!

A small question and answer period followed.

- Some great chat bar commentary, but nothing in particular noted.

### **Director of Safety & Conduct**

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

- In this role it is particularly important to ensure both parents and Board members are treated equitably, as there can be a perceived influence differential.
- Day to day duties were
  - Addressed concerns and incidents involving SVHA Members, with investigation and reporting as warranted;
  - Navigated and made recommendations to the Board on how to address the ever-changing team-based social media and team chat concerns;
  - Developing and rolling-out clearly defined codes of conduct for: Board Members; Parents; Coaches; Players for the 2020-21 season;
  - Made recommendations for evaluations transparency and clarity for the 2020-21 season
- Looking ahead to 2020-21, I would like to recommend that the Board take steps to increase the role of the Director of Safety & Conduct to include regular discussions with Hockey Calgary and Hockey Alberta concerning safety (e.g. protocols, expectations, policy development).
- Covid-19 ugh!

A small question and answer period followed.

- Some great chat bar commentary, but nothing in particular noted.

### **Director of Ice**

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

- We continued to use the ice scheduling tool (OneClickIce) which helped a lot and provided transparency (through reporting by individual managers) of ice allocation.
- Our primary ice provider is Vivo.





- City ice is a secondary provider. This meant home games at City areas. But this did come at a premium price that negatively affected the budget, which had to be compensated with a raffle to generate extra revenue.
- Via OneClickIce, all managers were also given a unique team log in to take care of their own ice trades or giveaways. This feature was new for this season, the managers who used the enhancement thought it was very easy to use.
- Distributed 2910hr of ice to the association.
- Covid-19 ugh!

A small question and answer period followed.

- Some great chat bar commentary, but nothing in particular noted.

### **Director of Communications & House League**

Elaine presented her report (see AGM Information Package). Main topics were:

- Watch for us on Facebook and Twitter (@simonsvalley), we post a lot of information.
- Watch for us on our Website ([www.svha.ca](http://www.svha.ca)), we post a lot of information.
- And Instagram.
- House League. With increased registration numbers this year, we had (5) Atom Teams and (5) Novice teams – many teams reached their maximum capacity for players and were definitely playing with full rosters (as high as 19!). We also had a surprising abundance of goalies for the Atom division! Simons Valley “hosted” (2) Novice and (2) Atom teams this year.
- Covid-19 ugh!

A small question and answer period followed.

- Some great chat bar commentary, but nothing in particular noted.

### **Director of Timbits & Novice**

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

- Overall, the Timbits Division had a very successful season and much of that credit goes to Lee Isaac
- Watching some of the Timbits ½ ice games I now see how the smaller ice surface and smaller nets will help develop stronger players in years to come.
- The Novice division this year was also very much drama free. A big highlight for me personally this year with the Novice Division was the purchase and distribution to all teams of brand new CCM goalie gear! <said by a goalie parent lol>
- Covid-19 ugh!

A small question and answer period followed.

- Some great chat bar commentary, but nothing in particular noted.



### **Director of Atom**

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

- Congratulations to Atom 2 for being finalists in both Esso Minor Hockey week and the City Championship.
- Congratulations to Atom 4 Grey for being City Champions.
- Covid-19 ugh!

A small question and answer period followed.

- Some great chat bar commentary, but nothing in particular noted.

### **Director of Peewee**

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

- SVHA had nine teams playing across all Peewee divisions within Hockey Calgary.
- In speaking to the coaches, I understand that the players came to the rink with a positive and focused attitude.
- And finally, I would like to wish the outgoing members every success in their next endeavours. It has been a pleasure serving this board along side Eric Carpendale, Dan Giasson, Scott Timmerman, and Stacy Baltzer.
- Covid-19 ugh!

A small question and answer period followed.

- Some great chat bar commentary, but nothing in particular noted.

### **Director of Bantam & Development**

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

- I would especially like to thank our Bantam DC, Doug Palinkas, for all his time and efforts again this year.
- 2019/2020 evaluations went well but as always, the SVHA board is continually looking to improve this process and welcomes feedback from the membership to maintain transparency and ensure the process slots players in the appropriate division best suited for the individual player development. Our Bantam division was once again split between checking and non-checking divisions and overall SVHA's Bantam divisions had success against like competition.
- Player Development side of things, SVHA offered coach development sessions again this year with improved turnout.
- Also, in past seasons SVHA has provide team and player development opportunities with goalie development sessions and access to skills coaches.
- Covid-19 ugh!



A small question and answer period followed.

- Some great chat bar commentary, but nothing in particular noted.

### **Director of Midget & Junior C**

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

- Thanks all of our frontline workers that are SVHA family.
- This past season consisted of five Midget teams, and one Junior C team.
- The evaluation process was again at times a little stressful for everyone involved including players. We received quite a bit of communication regarding our process and where parent believe the players should be as opposed to where they were placed. Our ultimate goal was to place players in the best position for their development and the safety. The process works and we will continue to make adjustment to it for not only the success of your players but also SVHA.
- The Junior C team was probably the best-looking squad on the is this past season sporting new jerseys.
- Covid-19 ugh!

A small question and answer period followed.

- Some great chat bar commentary, but nothing in particular noted.

### **Director of Events and Volunteers**

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

- We need VOLUNTEERS.
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- During evaluations we need approximately 3500 hours of volunteer work.
- We would like to thank Tanya Leukefeld for her position as Mentor Manager.
- We would like to recognize all members who volunteered their time to make our association stronger. We would like to give an extra huge thank you to Coaches, Managers, Division Coordinators, League Chairs, Lead Evaluators and Legacy Tournament Organizers who volunteered many, many hours at the association level.
- Picture day was smooth, huge thank you to Bridget MacQueen.
- The SVHA Timbits Winter Classic took place at Vivo on February 14-16. Courtney Toon did an excellent job organizing the committee and ensuring the event went smoothly. Thank you Amy.
- The Bantam Kids Cancer Care Tournament (affectionately called BKCCT) was scheduled for March 20-22 however due to Covid-19 was cancelled on short notice. BKCCT still raised \$41,941,77. Thank you to Diana Gallant and your group of committed volunteers for all your time in commitment in preparing for this event.
- Covid-19 ugh!

A small question and answer period followed.



- Some great chat bar commentary, but nothing in particular noted.

## **9) 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 Trevor Devnich, Rob Henderson, Robb Price, Doug Thubron, Robert Trumper and Elaine Wong West.

Outgoing Directors that are seeking re-election are Balv Virdee and Scott Wright.

Outgoing Directors not seeking re-election are Stacy Baltzer, Eric Carpendale, Dan Giasson, and Scott Timmerman. We thank Eric, Scott, Dan and Stacy 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: Bill Kuzik, Mike Sabo, Jake Turgeon, Tanya Leukefeld and Chris Blood, Troy Cleghorn.

Chris Blood dropped out prior to the meeting.

Outgoing Directors that are seeking re-election are Balv Virdee and Scott Wright.

Call for nominations from the floor. None.

## **Introductions**

Everyone had a chance to talk.

## **Counting**

We did a virtual voting ballot via Zoom. Cool.

## **Results**

The following persons elected to the Board of Directors:

Bill Kuzik  
Mike Sabo  
Scott Wright  
Balv Virdee  
Tanya Leukefeld



Jake Turgeon

**New Directors**

It was motioned from the floor by Doug Palinkas, seconded by Brad Loewen that the new members be accepted. Motion carried.

**Destroy Ballots**

It was motioned from the floor by Stacy Baltzer, seconded by Sara Palinkas that the ballots be destroyed. Motion carried.

**Outgoing Directors**

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

**10) New Business / Open Discussion**

Nil.

**11) Adjournment**

It was motioned from the floor by Dan Giasson, seconded by Rob Henderson, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was carried

**END OF MINUTES**

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## **President – Balv Virdee**

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Good Evening and thank you for joining us.

Last year at the AGM, we sat here with much of the same uncertainty about what the 2020-21 hockey season would look like as we were just starting to see the impact of the pandemic and subsequent shutdowns. A year later, we are still dealing with shutdowns and concerns about the upcoming 2021-22 season although I do believe there is more optimism today versus last year. A lot happened this hockey season with continuous announcements and constant changes from AHS that flowed down through Hockey Alberta and Hockey Calgary to our association.

We improvised with each announcement to try and make the best of our hockey season for our members. Not only did we have to comply with the guidelines from Hockey Calgary, but we also had to follow additional guidelines from each of our facilities - Vivo and NES. We started the year with physically-distanced evaluations which meant no game play in our evaluations process. After evaluations, we formed our cohort teams for the “developmental” season which meant practices and mini-games within our association. We all had hopes of moving to a “competition” season and play against other associations but as we were about to embark on this transition in mid-November, hockey was shutdown until further notice. As you all know, we never did get back to playing hockey and eventually, Hockey Calgary called the end of the season in early February after an announcement from AHS.

With guidance from Hockey Calgary, our association was able to provide refund information to all our members by late February. SVHA refunded 60% of the registration fee, which was the highest refund in Hockey Calgary. We worked quickly, and with the help of our volunteer coaches, we were also able to offer a 6-Week development program in March at a nominal cost, which was the lowest priced program in Hockey Calgary. Our SVHA families are always at the forefront of our decision-making, and we wanted to ensure our players could continue development at the capacity we were allowed and at an affordable price.

I hope this AGM offers closure to the 2020-21 season and provides some information on what we are looking at for next season.

Let's start with what we know going into the 2021-2022 season:

### **League Operating Changes**

In the fall of 2019, a ‘League Structure’ sub-committee was created to review the current processes in place surrounding the operation of the Hockey Calgary Leagues. This sub-committee included key stakeholders from member associations (ice schedulers, administrators, presidents) and members of the HC staff.

The following changes were agreed upon (and communicated to the hockey community) for the 2020-21 season, but due to ‘Pandemic Requirements’ they were never implemented. Assuming that we play a traditional season, HC will implement these changes, and some new ones, for 2021-22.



## **1. League Structure Format**

- 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

## **3. U7 Scheduling**

- a. HC will pilot the scheduling of U7 Games for the 21-22 season
- b. HC will schedule 5-8 games for U7
- c. Target less utilized weekends (EMHW, Family Day Weekend, etc.)

## **4. U11**

- a. Change game length for 60-minute permit (regulation book)
  - i. 13-13-13 versus current 12-15-15
  - ii. Current format games are never completed
- b. Target 75-minute games if possible
  - i. Especially on weekends, where we have more ice
  - ii. Would play 15-15-15 for these

## **5. U18 (Pilot)**

- a. HC will test some 90-minute games on weekends
- b. 90-minute games will NOT be the standard practice, and HC will review again for the 2022-23 season.

## **6. U13AA**

- a. Moved to the Elite Stream

## **7. 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

There are many questions when it comes to what next season will look like. Registration for hockey will open July 1, 2021 and Early Bird registration will span to August 15th, 2021. No decisions have been made regarding SVHA Registration fees for the 2021-22 season but if the uncertainty remains the same, we may use the same approach as last year - registration may require a payment of \$250.00 as commitment to



the 2021-22 season. Once the season is more clearly defined, the new Board can make further decisions on the fee structure. We will still offer various payment structures, including monthly installments, to help with the economic impact of this pandemic.

I feel like there is good momentum with vaccinations and that September will bring a return to “normal” hockey. However, the final decisions on what hockey will look like is still very much at the discretion of Hockey Alberta, Hockey Calgary, and our Provincial and municipal governments.

After this meeting, I will remain active in my role as President of SVHA and 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! Lastly, I'd also like to thank Robb Price, our Director of Safety and Conduct, and Elaine Wong-West, our Director of Communications and House League, who will be leaving the Board this year. As you all know, this year was a very trying year for all of us and both Robb and Elaine played a big role in ensuring the safety of our players and members. Thank you, Robb and Elaine, and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Yours in hockey,

Balv Virdee  
President  
Simons Valley Hockey Association





## **Vice President of Operations for U7 to U11 – Doug Thubron**

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Thank you for taking the time to review my annual report for the U7 – U11 divisions.

The last year has been anything but normal and has challenged everyone involved in several unique ways. From having to limit parents in the rinks to building balanced cohorts for practices, 2020/21 proved that when asked our volunteers can really make anything happen. Through all the twists and turns that Hockey was required to navigate we did our very best to keep the STORM on the ice. I extend my thanks to the coaches, safety people, managers and all volunteers for their dedication and hard work to make it possible.

Our association continues to be volunteer driven, and we are always looking for new and productive ways to deliver a positive hockey experience to our membership. If you have the time to join us serving on the board or can assist in working with us on a committee, please reach out to any board member to tell us how you can help.

The 2020/21 season was impacted significantly by COVID-19 and the following is a refresher from the Presidents report of last year as to how the season would have operated without restrictions or cancellations:

Initiation / Timbits is now U7  
Novice is now U9  
Atom is now U11

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### **League Operating Changes**

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HC League will operate as follows for the 2020-21 Season:

#### **1. League Structure Format**

- Shortened 'Seeding Round' – 2-4 less games depending on Age Category
  - Reduced to 4 weeks (5 weekends) in duration.
- No schedule window provided for tournaments
- Longer 'Regular Season' – 2-4 more games depending on Age Category
  - More meaningful Games in League Play / season starts early December
- 7-9 Tournament Windows/Weekends available over course of season
- U9 Scheduling – No games before 8:00 AM
- Goal to increase the number of 75-minute permits for Hockey Calgary games
- Family Day – concerted effort to avoid games on Family Day itself. Unfortunately, games will still be scheduled on the weekend of Family Day



## 2. Hockey Canada U11 (Atom) 'Player Pathway'

- Introduction of the U11 Player Pathway as mandated by Hockey Canada
  - 4 pre-evaluation skates and no evaluations during the 1st week of September
- Designated development phases, seasonal breaks, and game and tournament maximums
- U11 'Hybrid Goalie' Policy which would allow registrants, who meet specific criteria, the ability to dress as both a 'skater' and 'goaltender'

## 3. Tournament Policy - Structured policy to address the following issues:

- To ensure qualified officials are available for appropriate levels.
- Tournaments being cancelled due to lack of available teams.
- Burning of ice when events are cancelled

**\*\* NEW** – Regular Season Schedule window can be used to 'Weekend Off' if desired

**\*\* NEW** – Tournaments are now permitted in Calgary during the League Play (with limits)

## 4. Pilot Projects

- U7/Timbit Pilot Scheduling – Hockey Calgary will pilot a 5-8 game schedule in parts of the city
- 'Set Days of the Week' (**Work in Progress**) – HC will attempt scheduling games on set days of the week. Pilot will be for select age categories and divisions.

Looking forward to the 2021/22 season I continue to be hopeful that hockey will return to a new normal. It is also my understanding that when we return to a normal season, Hockey Calgary will implement the above operation changes to the U7, U9 and U11 divisions. We are continuing to review the possibility of creating an evaluation committee and a coaching development committee that will assist with the evaluation process and build a stronger coaching development program within SVHA. Again, neither of these can happen without the continued support of our membership. It is always a challenge during evaluations to meet all the required timelines. For many years we have had volunteers at the rink for 14 hours a day during evaluations and I would like to see this change. It is our belief that the creation of an evaluation committee will ensure an even more structured and seamless evaluation process. We also continue to have challenges getting coaches for our younger and lower divisions. We anticipate that the creation of a coaching development committee will address and alleviate those challenges and start to build on the knowledge and skillset of the excellent and active coaches we currently have.

Again, 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**

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At this time, I would like to thank all SVHA Players, Head / Assistant Coaches, Managers, Volunteers that made what was a very uncertain and ever-changing hockey season the very best it could be given the ongoing pandemic and COVID-19 restrictions. What started out as optimism for a normal hockey season unfortunately turned to another season cut short due to COVID-19 with limited if any games played and players not being able to come together with their peers on their respective teams. I would especially like to thank our Board Members, Evaluators and numerous Volunteers who persevered and worked tirelessly through evaluations in hopes of a normal season but also so diligently in ensuring our Association members stayed safe and protected throughout our evaluation and cohort process. All your hard work and efforts in an unprecedented time does not go unnoticed. 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.

2020/2021 evaluations certainly were different with the never-ending protocols in place. Just to be able to hold evaluations made this season extremely challenging from the start. Even with all the restrictions, like no parents in the stands, limited numbers on the ice and literally changing things on the fly due to COVID contacts we managed to get through evaluations, into our first cohorts and eventually onto our respective teams. The introduction of tablets in the Evaluation process was a big step forward in real time tabulating and helped improve the overall evaluation process this season. The SVHA board is continually looking to improve our evaluation process and welcomes feedback from the membership to maintain transparency and ensure the process slots players in the appropriate division best suited for the individual player development.

If we salvaged anything from this past season it was on the Player Development side of things. In a season without games or competitive play, Coaches, Players and even Parents had to look at this season differently with much more emphasis and focus on individual player/goalie and coach development. Following the official cancellation of the regular hockey season SVHA implemented Development sessions in an effort to keep kids on the ice and from the feedback we have received from those that attend the program was a success. Online Coach Development sessions and virtual meetings were also offered to our many coaches and participation numbers were good. Once again, I would like to encourage more coaches from the Timbit, Novice and Atom divisions to attend the coach development sessions and volunteer their time to attend player/goalie sessions as part of our ongoing succession plan for the Association.

Hopefully, next season will be back to normal with kids on the ice and parents in the stands. Until then, wishing you and your families a safe and healthy off season and look forward to seeing you in September.



## **Treasurer & Registration – Robert Trumper**

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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 30<sup>th</sup>, so with that, additional revenue and or expenditures for this calendar year that ends June 30<sup>th</sup> have not been recognized yet.

The Simons Valley main operating account balance as of May 15, 2021 sits at \$154,882. See the following financial summary.

The Simons Valley casino account balance as of May 15, 2021 sits at \$6948.04.

Simons Valley has three GICs. One springboard GIC with a total value of \$32,645.31. The other two cashable GICs hold a value of \$80,000 and \$53,125. 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 2019 audit this year and are currently working on our 2020 audit. From the last audit there we no recommendations or issues identified.

Thanks in advance,

Robert Trumper  
Secretary-Treasurer-Registrar



## Simons Valley Hockey Association 2020/21 as of May 15 2021

<b>Player/Association</b>	<b>Actuals</b>
Total number of kids	782
<b>Revenue</b>	
Registration Revenue	\$813,145
Casino Funds/General Revenue	\$26,690
Operating account (Previous Season)	\$155,212
Registration Refunds	-\$402,409
Other Revenue	\$4,350
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b><u>\$596,988</u></b>
<b>Ice Costs</b>	
<b>Total Ice Costs</b>	<b><u>\$266,463</u></b>
<b>SVHA Costs</b>	
Evaluation Expenses	\$30,834
SVHA SG&A	\$20,221
SVHA Administrator	\$17,358
SVHA Insurance	\$5,603
Accounting Charges	\$8,242
Equipment	\$9,500
Development	\$13,012
Coaching	\$7,758
Jerseys All	\$8,807
<b>Total SVHA Costs</b>	<b><u>\$121,335</u></b>
<b>MHAC Costs</b>	
Registration MHAC Costs	\$54,308
HC Referee Costs	\$0
<b>Total MHAC Costs</b>	<b><u>\$54,308</u></b>
<b>Total Costs</b>	
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b><u>\$442,106</u></b>
<b>Total Budget</b>	
<b>Account Balance</b>	<b><u>\$154,882</u></b>



**Communities that registered in SVHA in 2019/20**

- Carrington, Castleridge Coventry Hills, Country Hills Village, Evanston, Falconridge, Hanson Ranch, Livingston, Kincora, Nolan Hill, Panorama Hills, Saddle Ridge, Sage Hill, Sherwood, Skyview Ranch, Taradale

**Hockey Canada Registration System (aka HCR) & TeamSnap**

- All players registered through Teamsnap this season.
- Players were then rostered to teams in Teamsnap and HCR.
- Tracking of coaches, managers, and certifications of coaches and parents.
- Credit Card payments are the only accepted payment method.
- The online system allowed parents to choose volunteer positions at registration time.
- Allows for U13 and above players to pick positions (Forward, Defence, Goalie).
- Respect in Sport (RIS) is required for all participants (parents and coaches).

**2019/20 Registration Summary**

- Registration numbers declined from last year – 4.5% **decline**.
- SVHA participated in the House League stream again for the 2020/21 season along with McKnight.
- Hockey Calgary strictly enforced coach certifications; all requirements had to be completed by coaches in order to receive approval for team rosters. SVHA was in full compliance.

Online Registration period	July 1 – August 31
Early-Bird discount of \$100	July 1 – August 15
Total Registrants	782



## **Director of Safety & Conduct – Robb Price**

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The role of the Director of Safety & Conduct is to ensure an objective focus is maintained on both safety and conduct throughout the course of the busy hockey season. While the 2019-20 season was mostly focused on conduct related concerns, this year was of course mostly focused on health and safety.

In addition to participating in the regular activities of the Board (monthly meetings, coach, and manager sessions, etc.) I undertook the following activities:

- 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, with investigation and reporting as warranted.
- Finally, it goes without saying that my role was incredibly busy with and mostly focused on COVID related concerns, procedures, and actions. Over the course of the season, we had to shut down cohorts while managing team and individual health concerns while working closely with Hockey Calgary and Alberta Health Services.

I want to commend our entire association for managing the ever-changing world of COVID and understanding when precautions needed to be taken and teams needed to be shut down to ensure health and safety were maintained. I'm very thankful that our kids were able to at least have a portion of a season!

My family and I are moving out of Calgary and I'll be departing the board of directors after volunteering for two years.

I'd like to wish the next director success, and less COVID, in their new role.

Here's to a safe and fun 2021-22 season! Go Storm Go!

Robb Price  
Director of Safety & Conduct  
SVHA



## **Director of Ice – Bill Kuzik**

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When I accepted the position of Ice Director, I was warned that the position is a challenging one and was up for the challenge, never did I expect that we would all be faced with a larger challenge that would impact not only hockey but every aspect of our lives.

We of course did not get to complete a normal season this year unfortunately, however this season presented its own unique challenges with ice scheduling, adhering to various rink policies, flood times, spectators, etc.

Due to the challenges this year I will not be providing a formal report on ice time for the 20/21 season as it will not correlate with other years due to the impact of Covid.

I will take this opportunity to thank the following who made the season that we had as successful as possible.

First and foremost, I would like to thank the Coaches, Managers and Volunteers for stepping up and helping with evals, cohort season and player development sessions. Carling from Vivo became my number one speed dial as I'm sure we set a record for ice changes this year. Sarah Palinkas would be my number 2 speed dial, she was the unfortunate recipient of all the changes we had and had to push those changes out on Team Snap, Sarah you are amazing! Shancy worked tirelessly to make changes to the OneClickIce program we use for scheduling to account for the many new scenarios we were faced with this year. Finally, thanks to Balv Virdee and Stacy Baltzer for assisting me with any ice questions that came up during the course of the season.

I will be returning next season as the Ice Director; work has already begun with Vivo and getting ice arranged for the 21/22 season. Looking forward to next season that we are able to have the kids back out on the ice doing what they love.

Cheers,

Bill Kuzik





## **Director of Communication & House League – Elaine Wong West**

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It is my second, and final year, as the Director of Communications. My role was focused on delivering association news, information, and events to our members through our email and social media channels in an engaging and consistent manner. With the constant changes that Covid brought this season, we did our best to communicate the most up-to-date information in a quick and timely manner as much as possible.

This season was definitely one unlike any other. But we stuck with it, we adapted to the ever-changing restrictions and made the best of what we could call a season. Thank you to all the families for their cooperation and patience as navigated through everything this year.

I also continued my role as Director of House League this year. On behalf of SVHA, I worked with Hockey Calgary and our partnered association to organize and oversee the season for our House League Program. The Flames Community House Hockey League is a partnership between the Calgary Flames organization, Hockey Calgary and its member associations. Our North Central House League (NCHL) is one of 4 regionally based House Leagues operating under the Flames Community House Hockey League umbrella, this year our players comprised of players from SVHA and McKnight. Navigating the same restrictions as we did on the regular Minor Hockey stream, House League had the same challenges with cohort groups and quantity of players on the ice, an etc. Our registration this year consisted of approximately (65) U11 players and (56) U9 Players resulting in (2) cohorts of teams per division.

I'd like to give a huge shout out to all the volunteers in the organization, especially in light of the challenging year and extra measures we had to put in to place - Thank you for stepping up and filling the many roles throughout the short season! And again, Special Thanks to my House League volunteers that helped me on and off the ice with the sorting process at the beginning of the season.

And lastly, Thank You to my fellow board members for getting me through another year on the board! This year was for sure one that we won't forget! Each of these board members puts an incredible amount of time and dedication towards the better good of all our kids and this association – I learn so much from each and every one of them. Last, but not least, a big shout out to Sarah Palinkas, she goes above and beyond for this association – Thank you Sarah.



## Director of U7 & U9 – Trevor Devnich

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As we all know the 2020/2021 hockey season was frustrating, uncertain, and ultimately a complete wash, so nothing significant to report. As a board we tried our hardest to do whatever possible to get the kids on the ice and enjoying the activity they love.....hockey! But in the end, we were all unable to move forward and our season was over before it started.

I want to thank all the Timbit and Novice parents, grandparents, siblings and players for their flexibility and understanding of all the strange changes and alterations we had to make during the evaluation process. As hard as it was on all of the players I can promise you it was even harder on the volunteers and board who spent countless hours trying and doing everything possible to get the kids on the ice as the rules changed by the day. We learned some valuable lessons and also realized how we can improve in some areas moving forward.

Thank you to all my Timbit and Novice volunteers who helped me and the kids during Evals. From my Division Coordinators, evaluators, on ice help, dressing room supervisors and check in persons. You all stepped up during stressful times and helped me get through some long days, weeks and what turned into months!

I am confident we will once again be able to play this game we love in the manner it was meant to be played and I look forward to it and seeing all the smiling, excited and familiar faces again!

To all my fellow board members/friends. I want to thank you and recognize the time, passion and love you all bring to the rink everyday on behalf of all the families and members of SVHA. It is often thankless, stressful, time consuming and hurtful, yet you all shake it off and move on with positive thoughts and motives. So on behalf of my family and kids who seamlessly hit the ice every season.....THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU DO!

Trevor Devnich



## **Director of U11 & U15 & Equipment – Robert Henderson**

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Good evening all and welcome to the SVHA Annual AGM

I would like to start off by personally thanking all of our frontline workers especially those in the SVHA family. Your sacrifice during the last 15 months has remarkable and inspiring. This past hockey season was definitely very difficult to navigate through for us all. But most of all it's the players that were deeply affected by the restrictions due to Covid-19. These are different times we all have face and now and into the future. Let's just hope that we can get back in September to what would be the new normal way of hockey life.

This season I was lucky to be the Director of U11 and U15 as well as Equipment which I enjoyed for the most part. I was very impressed by how well the players handled a start up then a shut down and then a start up and another shut down. They are all champs.

Evaluations were quite different for us all as we were limited to what we were permitted to do but we feel the teams that were put together were exactly the way they should have been. In the U11 division we for the first time had the Hybrid Goalie format. I believe we have a few kinks to work out in the process but over all I worked out. I wish to thank all the players and their families in the U11 Division for over coming all of the obstacles in getting your players to the rink on time in full gear for their ice times. I'm sure they appreciate it. As we did not have much of a season there is no other news to report.

U15 Evals were a little different as it was all skill related and we did not get to see players in game situations, but again we feel we got it right. There were a few situations where we had to make some adjustments and I would like to thank those involved for their understanding and support.

The feedback on the development season was very positive considering the limitations and restrictions. Players just wanted to be on the ice in some capacity. I heard that attendance was consistent and the coaches I spoke to had great things to say about effort and attitude.

This was season most of us would like to forget and hopefully in the near future, we can all get back to what we all love the most and that Hockey. Thank you all again for your support have a safe and healthy summer and I look forward to seeing you all in September.



## **Director of U13 – Mikael Sabo**

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The 2020-2021 season has been a tough and unpredictable one, for both kids and parents. The hardest part was not being able to see our kids getting out to play and compete, to apply their skills in a game setting.

As parents, you should be proud of the hard work done in their skills training and with your child's ability to accommodate the constant changes that were implemented throughout the season. It is a fundamental component of sport, being able to adjust to unpredictable situations.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the SVHA community, for your patience and understanding during this unprecedented season. A special shout out to all of the U13 volunteers. Thank you for your time, and hard work, you selflessly devoted to the season.

A season where we essentially had not one, but two evaluations, balancing the task of creating cohort teams, adhering to restrictions in hopes of keeping everyone safe, all so we could keep the season running to the best of our abilities.

I would personally like to thank all of the SVHA board members, for supporting and guiding me in my new roll, as Director of U13. Thank you and best wishes the outgoing members and every success in your futures.

To Robb Price, it has been a pleasure serving on this board with you. As the Safety and Conduct Coordinator, you had a very difficult position this year, and you did an amazing job.

An extra special thanks to Sarah Palinkas, SVHA's Administrator, for the endless hours of work, sending and receiving emails, for navigating and informing everyone of the ever-changing season, processing and sorting out refunds, the list is endless.

I look forward to meeting and working with the new elected board members, for the 2021-2022 season. May it be a more promising season than the last.

I'd like to acknowledge that the hours of dedication, and commitment this board provides to this association, as volunteers, is inspiring.

A big change for the U13 2021-2022 season, will be that the U13 AA will moving to quadrant hockey under the Northstars program. Best of luck to all the athletes trying out for it!

I wish everyone a healthy and fun summer. I am hopeful, and excited to see everyone at the rink next season, cheering on our kids and scoring!

GO STORM!!!

Sincerely,

Mikael Sabo



## Director of U18 & U21 – Jake Turgeon

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This was bound to be a challenging season right from the start. I would like to thank the players, parents, and coaches for their flexibility and understanding as we navigated the constantly changing regulations and guidelines from the government. I know this season or lack thereof was especially disappointing as it may be the last year of minor hockey for many, and it was difficult not to not have one last season. I hope for those moving on they will continue to find a love for hockey and find opportunities to continue to play the game.

The 2020/2021 evaluation season could have been difficult if not for the dedication of the evaluators, including lead evaluator Ken Burgess and DC's Natasha Gemby and Rachelle Austin, without this team our division wouldn't have run as smoothly as it did, and I appreciate all the time they put in. Overall players were able to follow the COVID-19 guidelines which enabled us to complete evaluations...in two rounds. SVHA as a whole was able to complete evaluations effectively and efficiently. Looking toward next season, as always transparency and clarification will remain important between the association and the membership and feedback is always welcome.

The efforts from our coaches to take this opportunity for development was very much appreciated as I know it was different from previous season and it can be difficult to keep engagement at these divisions without game play. Looking forward to a return to a more typical season in 2021/2022



## **Director of Events and Volunteers – Tanya Leukefeld**

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### **VOLUNTEERS**

SVHA is a volunteer driven association that requires thousands of volunteer hours to make the hockey season a success. Volunteers are required both at 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.

This year proved to be challenging and at times, a frustrating experience. The outbreak of the Covid-19 virus caused chaos amongst all sports in Calgary and unfortunately Hockey was not unscathed. New procedures needed to be developed and implemented, new positions needed to be created and creative ways to keep the players on the ice and volunteers safe needed to be made and followed through with. All our volunteers were incredible at this. Every person showed up to their shifts with the intent to make a difficult situation the best it could be and make every effort to have our players be on the ice. Even while volunteers were dealing with the uncertainty and stress of the situation with their own lives, work, family, etc, they were present for their shifts and could be seen smiling with their eyes through their masks and trying their best. We are so thankful and appreciative of this! We could not have made evaluations and the start up of our season be as successful as it was without each person who gave their time and volunteered.

Many, many association members were instrumental in making the evaluation process occur. Due to cohorting, several of our evaluation volunteers spent entire days on the ice, instead of in the past where they would have potentially signed up for 2 or 3 hours. We utilized approximately 208 volunteers, filling the positions of Evaluators, Lead Evaluators, and Division Coordinators. In addition to these volunteer roles, we also required On-Ice Helpers, Game Bench Help, Timekeepers, Gate Openers, Managers, Health & Safety Coordinators, Check in and Dressing Room Attendants and Goalie Shooters.

To make things even more complicated, due to restrictions, evaluations needed to be run twice. And, as always, our association parents stepped up and assisted with all evaluation positions for a second time. These volunteers made it possible for our players to be allocated to Teams and start with what was a short, but meaningful season.

We would like to recognize all members who volunteered their time to make our association and limited season so successful. We would like to give an extra huge thank you to Coaches, Managers, Division Coordinators, League Chairs, Lead Evaluators and Health & Safety Coordinators who volunteered many, many hours at the association level. We appreciate your dedication, flexibility and understanding through what we recognize as being a very different start up to a hockey season.

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

### **MENTORSHIP**

This year we had wanted to implement a mentorship program which included the concepts of 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. Although we were not able to initiate the program as planned, we were still able to have some Alumni come in and 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. All these volunteers will be receiving a formal Letter of Recognition for their contributions to the Association. This pilot project was a huge success given the circumstances, and we look forward to expanding this program for the 2021-2022 season. If your player is interested in becoming part of this program for the 2021-2022 season, please have them email [volunteer@svha.ca](mailto:volunteer@svha.ca).

### **EVENTS**

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 events were not permitted 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 2021-2022 season.

### **PICTURE DAY**

Team and Individual photos were unable to be held due to Covid-19 restrictions. We are hopeful however that Picture Day will be permitted for the 2021-2022 season. We have already started communications with several different vendors to determine if there are potential options for Pictures for the upcoming season.

### **LEGACY TOURNAMENTS**

The SVHA Timbits Winter Classic would have taken place at Vivo in February 2021, however due to Covid-19 restrictions, this tournament could not be permitted. We hope to have the opportunity to host this Tournament in 2022.

The Murray Copot Invitational Tournament, normally hosted by the U11 Tier 1 and U13 AA teams, would have taken place in December 2020 however due to Covid-19 restrictions this tournament could not be permitted. We hope to have the opportunity to host this Tournament again in 2022.

The Bantam Kids Cancer Care Tournament (affectionately called BKCCT), normally scheduled in March was not organized for a second year due to Covid-19. We are hopeful that restrictions will ease around the planning of Tournaments by 2022 and that this special Tournament will be able to take place.

Thank you again to all those who volunteered throughout the year at the association level or on their teams and we look forward to having you return as a volunteer in the 2021-2022 season!

Tanya Leukefeld



## **Election for the Board of Directors**

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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 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!

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

For the election to the SVHA Board of Directors on May 26, 2021 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**

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1. Nominations collected prior to the meeting are: Rajesh Angral, Kurt Gordon, Hanif Rayani, and Jeff Walker (Safety & Conduct)
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**

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

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\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

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.

## **SVHA Bylaws**

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The attached 2021 bylaws have been updated and will be posted to the website once voted on and approved at the Annual General Meeting

Results of the voting was \_\_\_\_\_ for and \_\_\_\_\_ against.

Motion to accept the results of the votes on the 2021 bylaws at the Annual General Meeting by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_. 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

