



Hockey West Island

Minutes from the Annual General Meeting

Thursday, May 5, 2024, at 19:00

Chalet Arthur-E.-Séguin

365 Saint-Louis Ave, Pointe-Claire, H9R 2A1

100 Attendance: See the full list of attendees at the end of the minutes in Appendix 1.

200 Adoption and Approval of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda

Proposed by: Drena Walker

Second by: Eric Webber

Unanimously adopted

300 Reading and Adoption of the Minutes from the 2023-2024 Annual General Meeting (May 9, 2024)

Proposed by: Mike Nyisztor

Second by: Silvia Pedicelli

Motion to adopt the Minutes from the 2024 Annual General Meeting held on May 9, 2024 was

Unanimously adopted.

400 Reading and adoption of any changes to the by-laws of Hockey West Island Inc.

Proposed Modifications (see attachment)

Proposed by: Eric Webber

Second by: Silvia Pedicelli

Motion to adopt the proposed changes to the HWI by-laws was *Unanimously adopted.*

500 Reports of the 2020-2021 Season

501 Treasurer/Accountant

The 2023-2024 Financial Report has not been completed by our accounting firm.

Temporary financial report submitted by HWI Director Christine Latreille.

Unanimously adopted to accept the temporary report in place of the official report that will be submitted by the accounting firm by late spring.

502 Secretary – Rick Ness

Rick noted the turnout, citing a huge difference last year to this year. Rick previously (501) discussed and passed the preliminary financial report (as Christine was still admitting and checking attendees).

503 Vice President: Administration and Development - Christine Latreille

TEAMSNAAP

HWI again purchased the TeamSnap for Clubs and Leagues package which gave all of our teams a “free” team account. After speaking with various team staff who use the Retroaction app at other associations, we have decided to stay with TeamSnap for next season and will be renewing our contact for the 2025-2026 season at a cost of \$2,759.00 USD

CLINICS

Goalie clinics started in mid-October and all took place at Bob Birnie over 20 weeks during the season. Even with a slight price increase to \$350, this is still a very, very inexpensive clinic (at \$17.50 per session. When we look at the prices at other associations and private schools, most average around \$45 per session.

Most, if not all of the goalie clinic fees were paid for from their team budgets. Even with the increase in price, HWI still lost money on the goalie clinics due to the needed high coach-to-player ratio. We had 12 goalies in each of the two sessions with a new goalie coach from the KHL who was praised by both players and parents.

As usual, Monday and Tuesday evening player clinics (this year our Monday clinics were at Westwood Arena in Dorval) were a huge success with three different groupings for a total of 90 players. There was a fall session and a winter session. Despite a small increase in price from last year, these clinics remain incredibly inexpensive at ~\$17.50 per session. The Tuesdays at 4:30pm were full even with the awkward time and are a good way for HWI to utilize this hour.

Mondays at 6pm for U9 & U11

Mondays at 7pm for U13 & higher

Tuesdays at 4:30 for U9 & U11

SPECIAL CLINICS

We held a couple of last-minute Ped Day clinics; some specialized shooting, defence, forwards clinics; and more over the Holidays and after New Years. Not as popular as our weekly clinics but only because I think we set them up and advertised them too late in the season and parents had already made other plans or registered their kids in clinics at private hockey schools. We will try again but with better advance notice and consolidate the levels.

We did not hold a Spring Break camp or clinics. Even our regular practices and tech team clinics during Spring Break had very, very limited turnout. To look at for 2026 and see if we should cancel all activities during this week.

EXTRAS

Some teams took advantage of Pointe-Claire’s offer of the Ovide Chalet on Wednesday nights for off-ice training or used it for end-of-season or Christmas parties. Always well-appreciated and a great option for “extra” training for those who want it.

Pointe-Claire allowed us to use two outdoor rinks when the ice was ready. Teams signed up using a Google Sheet. Teams again needed to be reminded that all team activities need to be sent to Butch and added to their “official schedule” so that they are covered under Hockey Canada insurance. Unfortunately, Mother Nature wasn’t on anyone’s side this winter (again!), but our teams were able to use the rinks for a couple of weeks and feedback was that the kids found it to be a fun and different kind of practice time (yay for hot chocolate!).

WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Updates continue to be added to the website and I continue to try and make it user-friendly, informative, and full of useful info for first-time members. The Manager's Guide seemed to be popular with managers and coaches and had all of the seasons' rules, information, and forms in one spot. This year we offered it online AND as a printed reference.

Social Media has been active throughout the season and numbers keep climbing with lots of engagement.

OUTREACH AND RECRUITMENT

Our promotional video by HWI parent and videographer Jason Bolanis was very popular and was used on our website and social media to attract new players. The focus was on fun, inclusivity, and hockey for all - no matter your skill level, gender, or experience.

HWI members attended the Valois Fair in Pointe-Claire during the summer to share info about our program.

FIRST SHIFT

This was our third year participating in the Bauer/Hockey Canada/NHL First Shift Program for 45 new-to-hockey players between the ages of 6-10. We thank Pointe-Claire for letting us use the Valois Nautical Centre for the Welcome Event, and to Dorval for the use of extra dressing rooms during the on-ice sessions at Edgar-Rouleau Arena. There were quite a few issues this year including a lack of communication from Bauer, missing equipment from Bauer, and late arriving equipment for the players. We have not asked to host the program for 2026, but may focus on our own "new to hockey" program that will be only for Dorval and Pointe-Claire residents.

Fuller Cup TOURNAMENT

Thanks to the amazing efforts of our tournament director Karen Chan Kee-Nolan and with Mike Vallée, Butch Kennedy, and many amazing volunteers, the 28th HWI tournament was a great success. It was also a BIT easier to plan and participate in this year, despite some 15-hour days on site. This year we had 74 teams participate (down from 76 in 2024 because of some associations not allowing their teams to register for tournaments in case of playoff or tournament conflicts). Because of the change in rules at the Regional level, HWI was forced to schedule games around all playoff and regional games, which resulted in a very difficult schedule and late notice to teams. HWI has asked to change the tournament dates for next year. TBD.

We had enthusiastic and involved sponsors, GREAT SUPPORT from our partner cities Pointe-Claire and Dorval, super help from arena staff, a popular raffle table and merch, and super canteens at Pointe-Claire and Dorval. Approximately \$10,000 in raffle tickets and HWI merchandise was sold. During and after the tournament there was great feedback from teams.

THANKS

Special thanks to Lyne and Raymi from Hockey Lac-St-Louis who are always willing to answer questions and give guidance, Mike for the almost daily phone calls, Butch for my generally last-minute requests (can we have ALL THE CLINICS!), Pointe-Claire and Dorval staff for their help during the season, all of our fantastic Convenors, and all our coaches, managers, and parent volunteers who give SO many hours for the kids.

504 Vice-President, Single Letter - Eric Webber

It's been a record year for HWI.

We had 5 Single Letter teams win playoffs, one team win first place in the regular season, and seven teams go on to represent us at Regionals in U11-U18. Of those seven teams, four made the semi-finals!

On a numbers standpoint, we added one team over the previous team count, and continue to grow.

The new Retention effort was successful, having convinced 11 players who had quit to return. We also had a 12th player decide to return, but only after teams were made, so he was not able to join.

At most levels, the balancing seems to have been a success, with the majority of teams ending the regular season within a couple of spots of their counterpart team.

Additional offerings such as skills clinics and spring hockey have sold out quickly, and we expect to continue to evolve on this path. We are limited in what times we can offer practices to teams, so less uniformly desirable times (such as the 4-6 timeslots) are perfect for secondary offerings such as clinics that suit some players well, but which would be difficult to schedule for a full team practice

At the younger age groups, we have fantastic interest in goaltending - in some levels, our goalies went elsewhere or shared the net. In the older groups, we continue to lack goaltending, with U18B having the most significant issue. The U18B Monarchs had to use call-ups throughout the season, but made the best of it, having had a deep run at regionals.

While the successes of our teams this season were cause for celebration and point to the hard work of our players, coaching staff, and tech team, the most important factor is how many players return. Of the 5 years of records we have, we had our best return rate, our best growth numbers from new players, and the introduction of records to track WHY those who left chose to do so. Leaving because of moving away or going to school hockey is not the same as someone deciding they had a terrible experience and are done. We should - and do - congratulate those who continue their hockey journey, whether it is with HWI single letters, the Grizzlies, the Lions, School Hockey, or any of the other associations around.

I'd like to thank our outgoing President, Mike Vallee, for all he has done. Thanks to his hard work, HWI is in better shape than ever, and the future of our single letters program is in good hands.

Thank you

505 Vice-President Double Letters - Mark Brown

Grizzlies

We wrapped up a successful year two of the C.H.A. Grizzlies, Hockey West Island's double-letter alliance with Dollard Hockey and the Pierrefonds MHA.

There is no player quota per association; players are selected based on merit. With Hockey West Island players making up 32% of the Grizzlies from M11 through M18 this season, this shows that HWI is evenly represented and offering a good double letters experience to deserving players from Dorval and Pointe-Claire.

Our teams fared well this season with many progressing to regional finals and beyond. 7 out of 10 Grizzlies teams were LSL finalists, with 4 of these teams winning the regional championship. These 7 Grizzlies teams participated in the Chevy Cup this year, and our M15-AA team were provincial runners-up placing 2nd out of 16 teams in a competitive field. Congratulations to coach Luca Manglaviti and his team for the stellar achievement and for winning the regular season. I would also like to highlight the success of our M18-AA team and staff who won their regular season.

These results show that we are building on a program that works, and that yields good results regionally. However, not to undercut our achievements, the challenge remains our competition level provincially. This is something for us to fine-tune as we move into the post-season and plan for next year. We plan on even greater involvement next year from team to team from our technical director Jesse Goodsell and staff so that all players and coaches get to where they need to be.

Grizzlies year-end finances will be submitted shortly.

Junior and Senior Hockey

As mentioned earlier in the season, our Junior and Senior offerings grew in popularity this year. With a good group effort, we were able to add a 2nd Senior A team and a 3rd Junior B group.

Big thanks to our Senior convenor Silvia Pedecelli, Junior convenor Cheryl Lafrance, and all our volunteer coaches and managers who came together to make this season happen. A special thanks to the bench of the Junior B Flyers (Stefan, Elise, Greg, Kelly, and Kevin) who really made our goal of adding the Junior B Flyers a success.

Finally, some congratulations: Hats off to the HWI Junior A Rois (coaches Mike Cross and Roy Halpin) for winning the LSL Regionals along with their season. And kudos to the Senior A Rois for topping the regular season standings in their division!

Mark Brown

506 – Past President – *Vacant*

507 – President - Mike Vallée

Mike thanked everyone for attending, noting the huge turnout compared to previous years. Thanked the cities of Pointe-Claire and Dorval for their help and support over the past four years

since he's been HWI President. Wished the candidates good luck.

600 Election of the Executive Committee

601 President

Eligible:

Eric Webber [\[Candidate Statement\]](#) – Has accepted the nomination and is eligible for the election

Mike Nyisztor [\[Candidate Statement\]](#) – Has accepted the nomination and is eligible for the election

Not eligible:

(1st nomination) – Mike Vallée – Has been nominated for President but has declined the nomination, thus will not be a candidate for election

(2nd nomination) – Mike Vallée – Has been nominated for President but has declined the nomination, thus will not be a candidate for election

602 Vice-President, Single Letter

Drena Walker [\[Candidate Statement\]](#) – Has accepted the nomination and is eligible for the election

Paige O'Keefe Carlyle [\[Candidate Statement\]](#) – Has accepted the nomination and is eligible for the election

603 Secretary

Andrew Miller – Sole nomination – ACCLAIMED

604 Treasurer (currently vacant, election is for a 1-year term)

Roberto Longo – Sole nomination – ACCLAIMED

The Executive of Hockey West Island for 2025-2026:

President: Mike Nyisztor

Secretary: Andrew Miller

Treasurer: Roberto Longo

Vice-President Double Letters: Mark Brown

Vice-President Single Letters: Paige O'Keefe Carlyle

Vice-President Administration and Development: Christine Latreille

Past President: Mike Vallée

700 Questions and Comments:

Question:

Liam Cox: Will Player clinics on Mondays move back to BB? No, because there are goalie clinics at BB at the same time. Player clinics were moved from Wednesdays to Mondays to free up mid-week ice for team practices. Clinics were probably stay on the days and times they were this year.

Mark Spencer: Regarding Grizzlies: How can U18 players be expected to be able to make DL if they're always getting ½ practices.

Laurie Corbett: Asks for a similar-style AGM for Grizzlies. Rick Ness says that himself and Mark Brown are attending a Grizzlies wrap-up meeting this week and will discuss about an AGM.

Daniela Malisia asks if association mergers are voted on every year and can an association essentially be kicked out from the (CHL) league?

800 Adjournment:

Proposed by: Mike Vallée

Second by: Rick Ness

Motion to adjourn the Annual General Meeting passed.

Unanimously adopted

Minutes submitted by Christine Latreille

Appendix 1. AGM Attendees:

<p>Nicole Forsythe Christine Latreille Michael Nyisztor Stephanie Kobzan Paige O’Keefe Jennifer Kobzan Andrea Stanford Silvia Pedicelli Maria Argento Mike Vallée Rick Ness Roberto Longo Sharon Denenfeld Drena Walker Patrice Légaré Maureen Miller Laurie Corbett Nicholas Murphy Christian Laroche Lyne Sauvé Jason Bolanis Samuel Bélise Rochelle Pererra Andrew Miller Stephen Barrette Tracy Palmer Eric Webber Matt Gibson Tyler Gibson Alexander Grisé Rob Mills Karen Chan Kee Nolan Mark Spencer Jenn Donaldson Elaine Lee Anthony Granato Geneviève Cormier David Zielinski Jason Della Porta Daniela Malisia</p>	<p>Marc-André Huard Anastasia Wilhelm Lisa Deveau Kris Clement Nicola Busu Michael Glaser Tara McNally Lauren Houghton Oksana Yakimiw Andrew Martin Andrew Phan Evangeline Soriano Eric Paradis Rebecca Lelidis Barbara Di Vito Rob Boicey Simon D’Arcy Julie Chalifour Catherine Miller Tim Miller Natalya Djera Tom Starnino Mike Bayan Jaiseema Kaur Seyan Jonathan Smith Carlo Menniti Daniela Quad Pater Ejupovic Bethany Brassard Charles P Blanchard Cesar Beauchamp Liam Cox Shari Spanier Chris Hopper Patrick Roche Mark Brown Scott Donaldson Chris Cioban Mike Carlyle Alissa Goddard Jeff Black Patrick Brisebois</p>	<p>Bruno D’Amico Karen Stewart Patrick Gallant Ben Brown Kyung Ryan Lee Trevor Downs Mark Israel</p>
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