

**Whistler Field Hockey Club
2022 Annual General Meeting Minutes**

Date: March 15, 2022

Location: Zoom - virtual meeting

Chairperson: Amy McCarthy

In attendance: Amy McCarthy, Maria Florencia Tomaghelli, Joelle Tiessen, Florencia Poggi, Florencia Pellandini, Majo Lecea, Bart Scicchitano, Dre Voros, Liz Barrett, Frank Sham, Kate Adamson, Nikki Cooper, Eilidh Pearson

Absent: n/a

Guests: n/a

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm..

2. Approval of minutes

There were no previous minutes as this is the first meeting.

3. Approval of agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as circulated.

Moved: Amy McCarthy

Seconded: Nikki Cooper

CARRIED

4. Report from Joelle Tiessen

Joelle reported that the adult indoor season has been extended to include Mondays from April 4 - May 30, 2022. The cost of the extension is \$150 per person. The kids outdoor spring season will begin May 2 until June 27. The cost will be \$75 per child. The Municipality has given the club access to use the children's sticks and the bag of balls for the season. The adult spring/summer session begins June 6 and runs until September 26. The cost will be \$192 per person for the entire 4 months or \$60 per month to encourage people to pay for the whole session by offering a discount. The website should be ready to take registrations starting March 20. We now have a bank account set up at BlueShore Financial to accept payments through the website. We need to get the word out to the parents because we cannot get access to last

year's parent contacts due to privacy issues with the Municipality.

General discussion ensued about how best to reach the local parents. There were suggestions of putting up the new posters in local gyms and at neighbourhood mailboxes. Nikki offered to talk to Whistler Tourism about getting it added to the Events calendar. Flor offered to get the poster info to the Pique NewsMagazine. Flor Poggi said she would post to Babysitting Whistler.

Brief discussion of coaching and the need for all coaches and volunteers with access to the children, to have a criminal record check done with the police in the volunteer's home town. For example if a volunteer lives in Squamish, they must get their check done in Squamish. Joelle will provide a volunteer letter to be presented to the RCMP to allow for the check to be done free of charge. We need to have a coaching specific meeting before the end of March to ensure we have commitments from enough coaches and to get details sorted.

4. Report on Funding from Florencia Tomaghelli

Flor reported that we have submitted a written request in February for funds to the Community Enrichment Program by the Resort Municipality of Whistler. We will be presenting to Council on March 22, 2022 at 2:00pm via a Zoom meeting to ask for the funds we require. Mostly this is funds for equipment such as goalie gear, nets and other large price items that we need to get fully equipped as a club..

We will also be requesting funding from the Whistler Blackcomb Foundation. The deadline for applications is April 1st, 2022. Again this is to gain access to funds for the purchase of costly items and regular expenses such as field/gym rentals, insurance, etc. Nikki Cooper mentioned that it is good to focus on our children's program for this request as the Foundation has a special focus on kids programs.

There was also discussion about fundraising by creating team wear such as t-shirts, jerseys and hoodies with our future logo. Flor Poggi said she could assist as she is a fashion designer. Joelle mentioned that she has already approached the local Source for Sports shop as a supplier for custom sportswear and received good quotes.

Eilidh Pearson added that she has approached Whistler Real Estate Company to sponsor our club and they may be prepared to provide funding to buy goalie kits. General discussion ensued regarding adding sponsor logos on team clothing.

5. Election of Directors

PRESIDENT: Amy requested nominations from the attendees for the position of President. Amy then created an online poll for all attendees to vote. The result of the vote is that Amy McCarthy has been voted in as President. Amy accepted the position.

VICE PRESIDENT: Amy requested nominations from the attendees for the position of Vice President. Amy then created an online poll for all attendees to vote. The result of the vote is that Maria Florencia Tomaghelli has been voted in as Vice President. Flor accepted the position.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Amy requested nominations from the attendees for the position of Director of Operations. Amy then created an online poll for all attendees to vote. The result of the vote is that Joelle Tiessen has been voted in as Director of Operations. Joelle accepted the position.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS: Amy requested nominations from the attendees for the position of Director of Communications. There were two nominations and Eilidh declined the nomination. As the sole nominee remaining, Flor Poggi accepted the position of Director of Communications.

TREASURER: Amy requested nominations from the attendees for the position of Treasurer. Amy then created an online poll for all attendees to vote. The result of the vote is that Nikki Cooper has been voted in as Treasurer. Nikki accepted the position. Discussion ensued that Nikki is a good choice as she has finance experience and has acted as the treasurer for Whistler Animals Galore.

That concluded the election of directors.

6. Other Business: none

7. Next meeting: **Sunday March 20, 2022 at 7pm or 8pm (TBD)**

8. Chair adjourned meeting at 7:49 pm.