



Barrie Minor Hockey Association

Constitution

(As amended April 2009)

Note: any reference to the word "he" shall indicate he/she in this constitution.



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ARTICLE I

NAMES AND INSIGNIA

SECTION 1

This organization shall be known as the "Barrie Minor Hockey Association", member of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association. Reference to this association shall be referenced as "BMHA" in this constitution and in policies and procedures of the association.

SECTION 2

The team colors shall be approved by the executive committee for rep teams and for house league teams.

SECTION 3

The BMHA official names for teams will be "The Barrie Colts".

SECTION 4

Aims and objectives:

- A) To encourage, promote, teach and govern minor hockey within the city of Barrie.
- B) To promote fair play, sportsmanship, team play, good fellowship and good community spirit.
- C) To provide, through a carefully organized tiered system of competition, an opportunity for every participant to take part and to enjoy the game of hockey at his appropriate skill level.
- D) To encourage excellence positively but without pressure.
- E) To guarantee, through careful control of expenditures and active fundraising, that the cost of participation is maintained at the lowest in order to ensure that involvement in hockey is accessible to all.
- F) To encourage an association with no discrimination.



ARTICLE II

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1

The authority to govern BMHA shall be vested in the BMHA executive committee unless otherwise specifically designated by these presents.

SECTION 2

The executive committee shall meet as required and stated in article 9 Section I.

SECTION 3

The executive committee shall not have the power to alter or amend this constitution except under the provisions of Article X Section 1C.

SECTION 4 A

The executive committee will consist of president, three (3) vice presidents, no more than eight (8) directors, past president, rep head coach, and league representatives as required, as appointed, (to represent BMHA in competition and league play).

SECTION 4 B

The following members of the executive committee shall be entitled to vote at executive committee meetings: the president, the three vice presidents, the directors, the past president, and the league representative (as required to represent the BMHA in competition and league play).

SECTION 5

All BMHA executive members and members of standing committees, who are required to handle BMHA funds, must be bonded to a figure established by the BMHA executive committee.



ARTICLE III

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SECTION 1

The president will be elected at the annual meeting to hold office for a two-year term but may seek re-election.

SECTION 2

The three (3) vice presidents will be elected at the annual meeting to hold office for one year and may seek re-election. Each vice president will be elected as chair of the committee declared by the candidate at the time of the election at the annual meeting.

SECTION 3

Directors will be elected for a two (2) year term at each annual meeting. Terms of office are set to alternate in order that all director positions are not elected each year. If there are vacancies, as many directors as required will be elected for the term of office left vacant by any retiring director. Any director may seek re-election.

SECTION 4

The elected executive officers will appoint to the executive committee the head coach, the referee-in-chief, secretary-treasurer and league representatives as required to represent BMHA in competition and league play. Only the York Simcoe rep will have voting rights on the executive.



ARTICLE IV

ELIGIBILITY FOR ELECTION

SECTION 1

To be elected to the office of president, a candidate, during the year immediately preceding the election, must have served as a member of the executive committee. If no candidate(s) are available from the executive committee, then, the candidate must have served as a member of a standing committee chaired by a vice president for rep or house league within the last two (2) years.

SECTION 2

To be eligible to stand for election to the office of vice president, a candidate must qualify as follows:

During the year immediately preceding the election.

- A) Will have been a member of the executive committee
- B) If standing for the office of vice president rep convening committee, been a member of that committee,
- C) If standing for the office of vice president house league, been a member of that committee,
- D) If standing for the office of vice president finance & ice, been a member of that committee or been a member of any of the committees' b or c.

SECTION 3

To be eligible for election as a director, a candidate must have served, during any of the two years immediately preceding the election, as a member of a standing committee of BMHA or, in the alternative, as a coach, manager, assistant coach and trainer.

SECTION 4

If for any reason an appointed officer fails to complete a term of office, the elected executive officers of BMHA, by majority vote, have authority to appoint a replacement who will hold office for the balance of the term of office only.

SECTION 5

In the event there are no nominations to and no candidates for one or more of the elected positions, the BMHA elected executive committee members shall fill such position (s) by appointment for the remainder of the term of the executive.



SECTION 6

If for any reason, an elected executive officer fails to complete the term of office elected for, the term of that officer will be completed by an officer elected at the next association meeting. Eligibility requirements must be adhered to. The association membership shall be given three (3) weeks notice of such election. Until such election and association meeting if the vacancy occurs:

- A) In the office of the president, then the immediate Past president but if this arrangement cannot be completed, then the executive committee will elect, as an interim president, one of members of the executive committee, by majority vote.
- B) In the office of vice president, then the executive committee will elect as an interim vice president, by majority vote, either a member of the executive committee or one of the members of the respective standing committee.
- C) In another capacity, the executive committee may either, elect an interim officer from members of any standing committee or, in its discretion, leave such position vacant until it is filled by election at the association membership meeting or annual meeting.



ARTICLE V

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

SECTION 1

Any member of the executive committee, except for the president, VP Rep, VP House League and BMHA head coach, may also serve as a coach, assistant coach, manager, or trainer of a BMHA rep team. The member must however abide by the conflict of interest policy established in the policies of BMHA.

SECTION 2

No member of the executive committee shall hold more than one position on the executive committee at any one time. However executive members may be members of more than one standing committee or any sub committees established for a specific goal.

SECTION 3

Honorary executive members of BMHA may be appointed by the executive committee for outstanding dedication and contribution to BMHA. An honorary member shall have no voting rights.

SECTION 4

A recommendation for discharge of any elected member of the executive may be made by the BMHA executive committee. The president must, within thirty (30) days, under the articles of his constitution, call an association membership meeting where two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the attending members will be required for a discharge. A discharged member will not be able to run for an elected position for the period of two (2) years.

SECTION 5

Discharge of an appointed member of a standing committee, may be made by the executive committee by a simple majority vote of the executive committee.

SECTION 6

Discharge of an approved member of a standing committee can be made by the executive committee by majority vote after recommendation by the chair of that committee.



ARTICLE VI

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP, VOTING MEMBERS AND VOTING

SECTION 1

Those members who are eligible to vote at all association membership and annual meetings are:

- A) Any executive officer
- B) Any member of a standing committee
- C) Any past president
- D) Any one parent of a family which has one or more children all registered in good standing in the association for the year during which the meeting takes place. In this section, the term "parent" means the natural parent, or a person who has lawful custody of the registered child.
- E) Any coach, assistant coach, manager, trainer of a BMHA team who has been designated in writing as such by BMHA, by the rep convening committee or the house league committee
- F) No person shall be entitled to more than one vote

SECTION 2

A parent of a family may cast a vote in that capacity even if another member of the family has cast a vote in a different capacity. The onus of proving that a person is eligible to vote is on the person desiring to vote.

SECTION 3

Non-voting members are:

- A) All players registered in good standing.
- B) Any other person designated in writing by BMHA as a volunteer worker, whether or not that volunteer receives remuneration from BMHA.

SECTION 4

A member in good standing is any person who has paid all membership dues or other fees owing to the BMHA and who is not the subject of a disciplinary investigation or sanction by the Association.



ARTICLE VII

STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 1

The following are the standing committees of BMHA

- A) Finance and ice
- B) Rep convening
- C) House league
- D) Equipment
- E) Barrie tournaments
- F) Communications
- G) Constitution/by-laws/policy and procedures

SECTION 2

The chair of committees (a - b -c) shall be the three Vice Presidents. The chairmen of the remaining committees shall be appointed from time to time by the BMHA executive committee from the elected directors of BMHA.

SECTION 3

The chairmen of the standing committees shall be empowered to conduct the usual business of their committees and shall report on this business to the executive committee at the regular executive committee meetings.

SECTION 4

Additional committees may be formed by the executive committee of BMHA for various purposes. The structure and mandates for these committees will be for the term of one year from the date of election. These committees are not standing committees of BMHA



ARTICLE VIII

DUTIES OF ELECTED OFFICERS, APPOINTED EXECUTIVES AND ALL COMMITTEES

SECTION 1

All duties, responsibilities, mandates, policies and procedures will be established and maintained as required by the executive committee and will be recorded as policies and procedures of BMHA. Access to these records is made available to all members of BMHA.

SECTION 2

Additions, changes corrections etc., to the policies and procedures of BMHA can be requested by any member of the association. Requests must be in writing to the president of BMHA. Requests will be addressed at the executive committee level and if further development is required the request will be forwarded to the appropriate mandated committee, defined in the policies and procedures of BMHA.



ARTICLE IX

MEETING

SECTION 1

- A) The BMHA executive committee meetings shall be held at least once monthly
- B) Notice of meetings shall be given by the secretary- treasurer to each BMHA executive member at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting date. Notice of special meetings called by the president to be given at least two (2) days in advance. At the BMHA committee meetings, a quorum of seven (7) voting members (other than the president) must be present before a motion can be carried.

SECTION 2

There shall be one association membership meeting between September 1st and March 31st. Date to be determined by the BMHA executive committee, at which time the audited financial statement of the association will be presented for ratification. A change in a meeting date can be made by the president within seven (7) days of the meeting date. A quorum of Twenty (20) members is required to conduct business at an association meeting.

SECTION 3

An annual meeting will be held during the latter part of the season, (usually by May 15, but no earlier than March 15), on a date set by the BMHA executive committee at which time an election of executive officers will take place. The annual meeting agenda will include:

- A) A financial statement of BMHA will be tabled for audit
- B) Recommended changes in the constitution of BMHA will be given and voted on by the membership.
- C) A report by the president of the activities of the association during the past season shall be given.
- D) Any other important business of the association will be dealt with
- E) A quorum of thirty (30) members shall be required to conduct business at the annual meeting. Three (3) weeks notice in writing must be given to all members of the annual meeting; the same advance notice may be given by advertisement in a local or on the Barrie Minor Hockey website in lieu of written notice.



ARTICLE X

CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION OF BARRIE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

SECTION 1

- 1a) Changes to the constitution may be made only at the annual meeting.
- 1b) Changes to the by-laws may be made at any general membership meeting.
- 1c) Any non-material changes to the constitution and or by-laws such as type o's, name changes (e.g. CAHA to CHA) or deletion of sections no longer applicable, may be made by the BMHA executive at any executive meeting providing is a quorum and a two thirds majority vote in favor of the proposed change.

SECTION 2

A quorum of (30) members not including members of the executive committee will be required with at least a two-third (2/3) majority vote of the attending members to approve a change.

SECTION 3

A notice of proposed changes in the constitution must be made available to all association members at least two (2) weeks prior to the annual meeting. Additional changes may be made presented at the meeting itself by the president without previous notification.

SECTION 4

The executive committee may adjourn any motion for amendments to the constitution and or by- laws, which it deems, in its arbitrary discretion, may be against the best interests of all members of the association, but only to the next annual meeting.