



### **CIHA AGM Minutes**

**Meeting Held at Bealey Quarter, 263 Bealey Ave Christchurch  
12<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 13:30**

#### **Present**

Committee members: Tom Fontaine, Alison Reid, David McKinnie, Jeff McLean, Neil Carey, Bridie Gibbings, Matt Sandford, Kat Tobin, Mike Tobin, and David Wallace.

Members: Julee Binns, Leana Butler, Kathryn Carey, Tim Carey, Kelvin Clark, Kerryn Clark, Kat Hulton, Mick Murphy, Dan Nicholls, Matt van Orsouw, Sarah Redmayne, Nick Stefanissin, Lauren Wallace, David Williams

#### **Welcome**

President Tom Fontaine welcomed everyone and declared the meeting open at 13:37. He also introduced the current committee members present.

#### **Apologies**

Geoff Bland, Graham Tappin, Sally Tappin

#### **Confirmation of Minutes from Previous AGM**

**Move** the minutes from the AGM held 20 November 2022 be taken as read.

*Seconded and passed unanimously*

**Move** the minutes from the AGM held 20 November 2022 be adopted.

*Seconded and passed unanimously*

#### **Matters Arising**

None

#### **Correspondence In/Out**

None

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Jeff McLean recapped the Treasurer's 2022 report:

- The 2022 performance report is available on the Charities Commission website.
- CIHA had 548 playing members who among them played 1,221 hours of ice hockey
- CIHA received roughly \$36,000 in grants and sponsorships
- CIHA's surplus was approximately \$14,000 in 2022, which includes a timing adjustment to recognise that more revenue for the summer playing season was realised prior to the October 31<sup>st</sup> balance date due to some leagues shifting to online registration
- The auditors report for 2021 suggested the CIHA consider a review of the financial accounts rather than a full audit. That consideration should be made in the future, but at this stage CIHA decided to carry out an audit

And for 2023:

- The performance report is expected to be available by April 2024
- Estimates for the 2023 financial year include 559 playing members and about 1,080 hours of ice hockey
- CIHA received approximately \$45,000 in grants and sponsorships
- The CIHA completed its shift to online registration with esportsdesk, moving Senior Grade 2 and Grade 3 to the system, which resulted in a significant portion of summer season income being received prior to the balance date (but with expenses being incurred after the balance date)
- As a result, CIHA's surplus overall was approximately \$87,000 before a summer timing adjustment; after this adjustment we expect a small surplus

Further, Jeff noted that:

- All CIHA league players, except for representative players, were now registering and paying through esportsdesk, helping to rationalise CIHA accounting and financial management.
- Audit costs are about 25% of CIHA costs. Other organisations simply conduct financial reviews, but some grant making organisations may require audits and simply conducting a review might have implications for fundraising. CIHA should continue to monitor the cost/benefit of yearly audits.

He also provided information about the distribution of CIHA accounts, receipts, and payments, as well as Westpac fees and related matters.

Full report filed.

**Move** the Treasurer's report be accepted.

*Seconded, and passed unanimously*

**Move** that Ashton Wheelans be retained as CIHA Auditors for 2024.

*Seconded and passed unanimously*

### **President's Report**

Tom Fontaine offered his thanks and appreciation for all who contribute to CIHA. He provided 2023 club and rep league highlights, progress, and 2024 objectives. Highlights from his full presented and filed report include:

- Youth Club Leagues: Learn To Play saw over 100 new players giving it a go and averaged about 35 players per session. U12 Super League expanded from 4 to 5 teams and CIHA again hosted the national U12 tournament welcoming over 150 players from around the country. Club U15/U18s continued to grow and expanded from 4 to 5 teams (three U15, two U18), and High Schools again saw 4 teams in an enjoyable winter season.
- Adult Club Leagues: all refereed adult leagues moved to online registration, meeting a goal set in 2022. Women's League shifted to summer and expanded from two to three teams. Master ran consistently, despite a shift to Tuesdays in winter due to scheduling conflicts, and all senior leagues operated well. Due to ice constraints, Grade 4 was deferred to summer and incorporated coached practices. Premiers was poorly attended relative to 2022, resulting in just three teams instead of four, with a number of Red Devils players citing physical and financial stress in the winter season—as a result CIHA may move Premiers to summer in 2024.

- Rep Teams: Youth rep teams fared fairly well, with U15s placing 3rd of five teams and U18s placing 2nd of four, with very good off-ice camaraderie. While the Inferno had a challenging year on the ice with a number of young players, the fan support was great and a shift from gold coin door donations to online tickets sales was a big success, grossing over \$5k for the team. The NZIHL saw the return of imports post-COVID, which resulted in a noticeable step-up in skill level across teams. The Red Devils season was similar to the Inferno with mixed results on the ice but very solid fan support, merchandise sales, and sponsorship.
- Progress: membership stayed largely unchanged at 559 players in 2023, as did overall player satisfaction according to the annual survey (an overall happiness score of 3.5 out of 5, unchanged over the past two years). In a huge positive development, the Alpine Ice business was sold to new owners, local to Canterbury, which should present exciting opportunities for our club and ensure our ability to play for many years to come.
- Objectives: (1) with new ownership, ice booking processes, and ice cost increases, CIHA will need to be open to changes in ice times and league formats—a key objective is to manage any changes so CIHA still provides members with an enjoyable and affordable playing experience, (2) promote more volunteerism, especially with reimbursed roles including on- and off- game officials and first aiders, (3) explore adding a General Manager, and (4) formalise a referee recruitment, training, and advancement program.

Full report filed.

**Move** the President’s report be accepted.

*Seconded and passed unanimously*

**Election of Officers**

**Move** election voting be done by show of hands.

*Seconded and passed unanimously*

**Elected Committee 2023-2024**

David McKinnie presented the slate of candidates for Elected Committee positions as follows:

- President: Tom Fontaine
- Vice President: Alison Reid
- Treasurer: Jeff McLean
- Secretary: David McKinnie
- Director of Officiating: Jill Boul
- Marketing: Kat Tobin
- Player & Coach Development: Matt Sandford
- League Directors
  - Seniors: Mike Tobin
  - Learn To Play (All Ages): Tom Fontaine
  - Youth U9/U12: Leana Butler
  - Youth U15/U18: David Wallace
  - Women’s: Julee Binns
  - Masters: Geoff Bland
  - Women’s Rep Teams: Bridie Gibbings
  - Men’s Rep Teams: Neil Carey

**General Business**

Tom invited anyone from the floor to speak.

Dan Nicholls expressed his appreciation to the youth league organisers for helping to encourage kids to come to Red Devils games. He expressed concern about the development path for junior players, noting that the Red Devils would face roster challenges over the next few years as there are not as many strong junior players coming up through the ranks.

Finally, he noted the positive approach of the new Alpine owners, but stated that serious health and safety issues remain, including exhaust fumes from the Zamboni and the state of the ice surface and dasher boards.

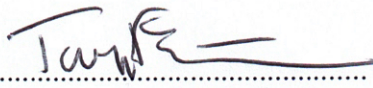
Discussion among the members followed, which included brainstorming ideas for strengthening the pipeline to the Red Devils and approaching Alpine owners with the health and safety concerns.


**Meeting Close**

All present were given a CIHA souvenir magnet on departure.

**Meeting Closed at 15:50**

Next meeting November 2024  
Date and venue to be confirmed

President.....

Secretary.....

Treasurer.....