



**Vancouver Thunderbirds Hockey**  
**Annual General Meeting Minutes**  
**(University Golf Club, 5185 University Blvd.)**

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

**1. Call to Order**

The Annual General Meeting of the Vancouver Thunderbird MHA was called to order at 7:10 pm on June 18th, 2024, at the University Golf Club, by the President of the Board of Directors, Chantal Cotton. Sixty-two (62) members were officially registered and forty-four (44) officially attended.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion to adopt the 2024 AGM agenda as posted.

Motion: Chantal Cotton                      Seconded: Joe Meehan                      *Approved*

**2. Introductions**

Chantal Cotton recognized that we stand on the unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples, the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations. She then welcomed all present to the AGM and introduced Vancouver Thunderbirds Hockey Board members, staff, special guests, and life members.

Staff Members:                      Kaitlin McClurg – Administration Coordinator  
   Joanne Mahura – Senior Administration Coordinator  
   Tooka Shahriari – Executive Director

Life Members:                      Chris Eliopoulos, Nandia Eliopoulos, Bill Veenstra, George Georgeopoulos

Special Guests:                      Kristine Simpson – BDO Audit Partner

Board Members:                      Kevin Gibson – Secretary/Treasurer  
   Steve Gully – 1st Vice President; Director, Projects; Associate Director Rep  
   Bruce Gregg – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Director, Rep  
   Rhiannon Wong – Director, U7-U9  
   Mike Becir – Associate Director, U7-U9  
   Alvin Zhao – Director, Recreational  
   DJ Ramsbotham – Associate Director, Recreational  
   Mike Kauffman – Associate Director, Finance  
   Joe Meehan - Director  
   Kibben Jackson – Director

Chantal Cotton offered special recognition to Kevin Gibson and Kibben Jackson for their time and dedication to the board as they have chosen not to pursue another term.

**Approval of 2023 AGM Minutes**

Motion to adopt the 2023 AGM minutes as circulated.

Motion: Chantal Cotton                      Seconded: Joe Meehan                      *Approved*

### 3. Dale Cheney Scholarships Presentation

Chantal Cotton announced and congratulated the recipients of the Dale Cheney Scholarship Award for the 2023-24 season: Ethan Dallyn, Beau Hinch, Jona Jagas, Aidan Joa, Aiden Martin, Nolan Mueller, Connor Nishi, Brandon Park, Kyle Yamanaka, Tristan Yan-Klassen, Brendan Yeung, and Abiram Yogeshwaran.

### 4. Thunderbirds Awards Presentation

The Thunderbird award winners and years of service recipients who were announced in April at the TBirds Appreciation Dinner were mentioned. The award winners were Keven Goodearle, Pius Ho, Kevin Hunter, Bill Kerasiotis, Mark Yeung, Loretta Chun, Ann Mukai, and Scott Hinch.

### 5. AGM Presentation – Year in Review

Chantal Cotton acknowledged that administratively it has been challenging over the past few years. The team of Tooka, Joanne and Kaitlin will provide TBirds with operational stability. In addition, the documentation of our processes will provide staff, volunteers, and board a proper guide on our processes which should increase operational efficiency and effectiveness.

Chantal Cotton acknowledged and thanked everyone who was involved in helping TBirds with the 2023-2024 hockey season. Special recognition was given to all of the board members for their extra contributions to get the season started in light of staffing shortages. A special thank you was given to our Division Ambassadors and their efforts with placing players on teams for the season. She also recognized the dedication of the team coaches, on-ice volunteers, team/skill group managers and safety people who helped make this season for possible for sixty-five teams.

Chantal Cotton recognized the Thunderbird athletes that were awarded PCAHA bursaries at the U18 Joe Morellato Scholarship tournaments – Caelum Carey and Jonah Richardson. PCAHA Scholarship winners were also acknowledged – Brandon Park and David Zhu were awarded PCAHA Scholarships. Brandon Park was also recognized with a BC Hockey Officiating Scholarship and Chantal Cotton was awarded the PCAHA Don Akert Minor Hockey Executive of the Year.

Members of the Board provided a recap of the season for their respective oversight areas. Chantal Cotton provided an operational recap of the 2023-24 season.

### 6. Director Reports

Attendees were given the opportunity for questions about the Director reports which were posted online prior to the meeting. No questions were asked. Chantal Cotton thanked the Board for their time and dedication.

### 7. Financials

Kristine Simpson presented the findings of the audit conducted by BDO Canada

*"In our opinion, except for the possible effect regarding the completeness of donations, the financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Vancouver Thunderbirds Association for the year ended March 31, 2024 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations."*

*Mentioned that this was the second year of the new auditing standard (CAS315) which identifies and assesses risks of material misstatement and that it showed no significant deficiencies in internal controls.*

Kevin Gibson acknowledged the members of the Finance Committee and thanked them for their assistance this season. He reviewed the audited financial statements which resulted in an excess of revenue over expenses of \$66K. Kevin reviewed the revenue streams as well as expenses. Information on the trend (growth) in registration over the last 5 seasons was provided.

Jody Yau asked what the costs associated with employee severances were. Kevin Gibson was unable to provide the specific details as this involved confidential HR matters. Jody Yau asked what was spent on recruitment firms. Kevin Gibson responded that it was approximately \$12K. Jody asked if that was \$12K for each of the three searches. Kevin Gibson responded that it was a total of \$12K. Jody asked what has been spent on legal fees with former employees. Kevin Gibson responded that it was around \$2K.

Dian Moon asked if there was a plan for the reserve funds. Kevin Gibson responded that reserve will be used to offset inflationary costs to ensure only modest registration fee increases in the short term.

**Motion to accept the 2024 financial statements as presented.**

Motion: Kevin Gibson

Seconded: Bruce Gregg

*Approved*

**8. Other Business - None**

**9. Board of Directors Elections**

Cecilia Rosner, Chair of the Nominations Committee, provided an overview of the process followed in identifying the recommended slate of board candidates. The candidates include returning Board members Alvin Zhao, Mike Kauffman, and Steve Gully as well as two new candidates, Loretta Chun and Akira Teramoto.

Joanna Webber asked if the nominations were being presented as a slate or if they would be voted on individually. Cecilia Rosner responded that they were to be voted on as a slate. Shawn Dhanda inquired as to the total number of potential board candidates compared to the candidates being recommended. It was communicated that there were approximately seven candidates that the committee interviewed. The vast majority were not interested in volunteering on the board.

There was an opportunity for nominations from the floor. No nominations came from the floor.

**Motion to elect the 5 candidates as recommended by the Nominations Committee by acclamation.**

Motion: Cecilia Rosner

Seconded: Rhiannon Wong

*Approved*

Chantal Cotton asked if there were any questions before adjournment. There were no further questions.

**10. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

Motion: Chantal Cotton

Seconded: Joe Meehan

*Approved*

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.