



CIHA AGM Minutes
Meeting Held at Bealey Quarter, 263 Bealey Ave Christchurch
17 November 2024
13:30-15:50

Committee

Jill Boul
Neil Carey
Tom Fontaine
David McKinnie

Jeff McLean
Alison Reid
Matt Sandford
Kat Tobin

Mike Tobin
Dave Wallace

Members

Michael Atkinson
Kathryn Carey
Nelly Daudova
Rinat Daudov
Mark Dawson
Jodi Hart
George Hopkins
Phil Lattaney

Ben Leighs
Indie Lewis
Mick Murphy
Dan Nicholls
Craig Riach
Rachel Riach
Sarah Redmayne
Pip Scotter

Jerard Stock
Cameron Tobin
Joseph Tobin
Darren Ward
Lauren Wallace
Valerie Yu

Apologies

Julee Binns
Geoff Bland
Bridie Gibbings

Amanda Greaves
Sally Tappin
Graham Tappin

Mitchell Hill
Kat Gordon

Welcome

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

Confirmation of Minutes from Previous AGM

Move the minutes from the AGM held 12 November 2023 be taken as read.

Seconded and passed unanimously

Move the minutes from the AGM held 12 November 2023 be adopted.

Seconded and passed unanimously

Matters Arising

None

Correspondence In/Out

None

Treasurer's Report

Jeff McLean recapped the Treasurer's 2023 report:

Overall it was a steady year for CIHA financially

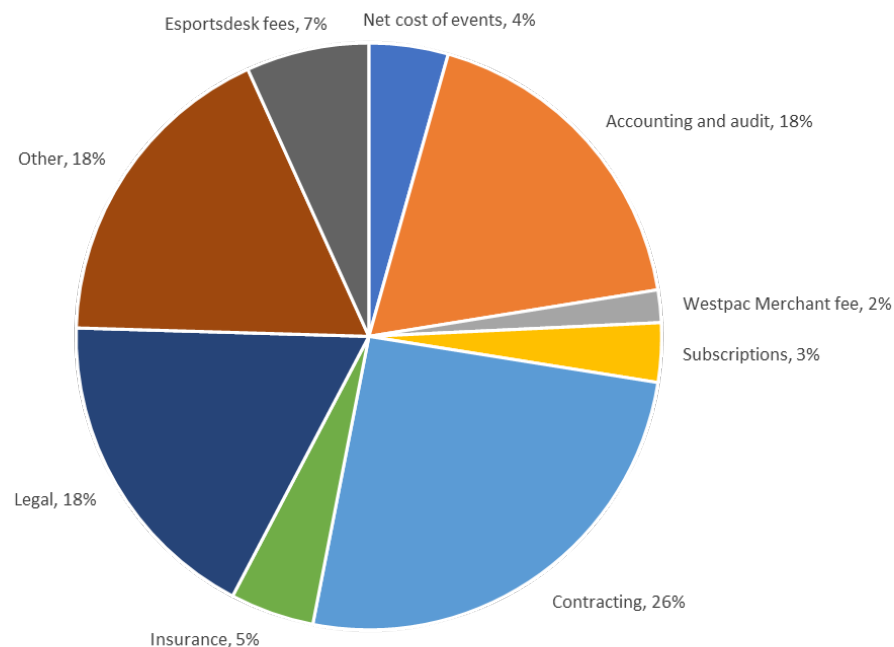
Review of 2023 FY

- Overall deficit \$15,600
- Bad debts written off \$4,891
- Timing adjustment was required for summer season revenue

Timing Adjustment

- Senior league fully transitioned to Esportsdesk by 2023
- Before transition summer revenue received after balance date
- After transition summer revenue partially received before balance date
- Annual accounts include adjustment to account for this

CIHA Membership Fee Allocation for 2023 FY



Review of 2024 FY

- Overall surplus \$97,600
- Includes advance summer revenue of \$91,500
- Expected surplus approximately \$6,000

Audit vs Review

- CIHA Constitution has required accounts review and audit
- Legal requirements (Charities Act 2005) are for review only for organisations with expenses below \$1.1M
- Audit costs \$4-7k per year
- CIHA will conduct a periodic audit - say every 3 years

Move the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Seconded, and passed unanimously

President's Report

President Tom Fontaine expressed his appreciation to all who contribute to CIHA and presented highlights from the 2024 club and representative seasons, progress against goals, and objectives for 2025. Key points from the full filed report:

- **Youth Club Leagues:** All youth programs ran well. Learn to Play welcomed over 50 new players and averaged around 37 participants per session. The U12 Super League expanded from five to six teams, and CIHA again hosted the national U12 tournament, welcoming over 150 players from around New Zealand. Club U15/U18 leagues also grew from five to six teams (four U15 and two U18), while the High School League maintained four teams, though with noticeably lower playing numbers than in previous years.
- **Adult Club Leagues:** The Women's League expanded from three to four teams. The Masters program maintained sustainable participation using a \$25-per-game fee model. Senior League operated well overall, though uneven team strength in winter Grades 2 and 3 led to some lower-quality games, with too many players "playing up" a grade; adjustments were made for the summer season by reducing G2 to six teams and better promoting G4 to help guide players to "play their grade". Premiers moved from winter to summer, resulting in four full teams, up from 3 the previous winter. The CIHA hosted a successful Premier social draft night, described by some long-time members as one of CIHA's best events, and the event will return in 2025.
- **Youth Representative Teams:** Increased youth participation resulted in competitive trials and larger training squads. The U15s placed fifth in the round robin and last overall but showed excellent team culture and strong post-season survey results. The U18s finished tied for second in the regular season and earned silver in the tournament round, also reporting positive team dynamics.
- **Adult Representative Teams:** The Inferno finished second in round robin play and took home silver. Both home weekends saw strong attendance and merchandise sales. The Red Devils, under Head Coach Anton Purver, faced on-ice challenges following relocation of several strong players out of Canterbury, but the Red Devils succeeded off the ice with new sponsorships, strong

collaboration with Alpine Ice, and excellent game-day attendance and merchandise sales.

- **Progress Against 2023 Goals:** Membership remained largely stable at 549 players, as did overall satisfaction (3.6/5). The goal of expanding the roster of officials and first aiders was successfully met, with two well-attended referee training sessions and new young officials joining the ranks. Several experienced players also returned to officiating. However, limited progress was made toward exploring the hiring of a General Manager.
- **2025 Objectives:** In addition to ongoing goals of growing membership and improving satisfaction, the President recommended:
 1. Reviewing all youth programs in light of modest survey satisfaction dips, declining High School participation, expected changes to available ice times, and the NZIHF's planned expansion to three youth representative league tiers (U14/U16/U18).
 2. Building even closer event and program collaborations with Alpine Ice, which is mutually beneficial and follows on from an increasing level of support from Alpine Ice, especially with regards to Inferno and Red Devils.
 3. Hiring a General Manager, noting that all major NZ ice hockey associations and the NZIHF have one in place to great benefit.
- **Overall Summary:** The club experienced stable membership and satisfaction levels and mixed progress toward 2023 goals. Despite this, approximately 550 members enjoyed another great year of hockey, with many memorable moments on and off the ice. The President concluded by again thanking the many volunteers who make CIHA's success possible.

Move the President's report be accepted.

Seconded and passed unanimously

Special Resolution

Tom presented a special resolution to replace the current CIHA Constitution with an updated version that removes the requirement for an annual full audit. As outlined in the Treasurer's report presented earlier in the meeting, CIHA is not of a size that requires an annual audit under Charities Commission regulations, and the rising cost and delays associated with conducting one each year have become a significant burden on the organisation and its members.

After discussion, motions to vote by show of hands and to accept the update were approved:

Move the voting be done by a voice vote:

Seconded and passed unanimously

Move "That the existing constitution of the Canterbury Ice Hockey Association Incorporated be revoked and a new constitution be adopted in the form presented at the meeting"

Seconded and passed unanimously

Election of Officers

Elected Committee 2024-2025

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: Alison Reid
 - Learn To Play (All Ages): Tom Fontaine
 - Youth U9/U12: Neptune Jiang
 - Youth U15/U18: David Wallace
 - Women's: Julee Binns
 - Masters: Geoff Bland
 - Women's Rep Teams: Jodi Hart
 - Men's Rep Teams: Michael Atkinson

Move election voting be done by a voice vote:

Seconded and passed unanimously

Move that the full slate of candidates be approved:

Seconded and passed unanimously

Any Additional Motions to be Considered

No additional motions were proposed for consideration

General Business

Tom invited anyone from the floor to speak.

Phil Lattaney noted that for some members, not including himself, transparency on CIHA Committee is an issue, along with the "why" of league costs. He suggested that information sharing be improved.

He also noted the need to encourage more adults to play goal. He offered to help with adult goalie coaching and the loan of his goalie equipment.

Dan Nichols said that he appreciates the recent improvements to the Alpine facility. He expressed his (continuing) concern, however, about the quality of the ice surface. He stated that the current state of the sheet creates safety concerns and affects play.

He also noted that some pick-up games effectively compete with CIHA. He raised the question of whether pick-up game organisers pay the same rate as CIHA, or whether CIHA, which books over 1000 hours a year, receives a discounted rate.

Finally, Dan suggested that the senior league teams could be asked to help provide score bench coverage either before or after their own games.

Indie Lewis raised the issue of being asked to referee very early or very late games and noted that other organisations pay officials more for these games. She suggested that CIHA do the same, perhaps a 20% bonus for officiating these games. A discussion followed about contracting and taxes--the current \$30 per session keeps the payments under the tax threshold. Dan suggested an alternative of offering CIHA credits at \$40 per session, for example. An official could choose between the standard rate or receiving a credit. As secretary, David said the Committee would look into the issue early in the New Year.

Finally, Dan and Jodi Hart offered enthusiastic appreciation to Kat Tobin for her marketing work on behalf of the Inferno and Red Devils.

On behalf of CIHA members, Dave Wallace thanked Tom for his considerable efforts on behalf of the organisation.

Meeting Close

The 2024 AGM closed at 15:55 with Tom inviting participants to pick up an appreciation mug as they left.