



**CONSTITUTION
OF
STONEY CREEK OLDTIMERS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

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HEAD OFFICE

- 1.01 The head office of the Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association shall be in the City of Hamilton, Province of Ontario.

MISSION STATEMENT AND OBJECTIVES

- 2.01 The Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association is an organization founded by persons whose primary purpose is to continue the fellowship and comradery developed by those who have enjoyed playing hockey in the past and to promote the same to all new members in the future.
- 2.02 The Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association promotes and encourages members to play hockey to the best of their ability, to improve their physical conditioning, to enjoy competition, and to enjoy the friendship of team play.
- 2.03 It is the intent of the Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association to be a not-for-profit corporation.

MEMBERSHIP

- 3.01 The classes of membership in the Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association shall be:
 - a) Regular members (voting).
- 3.02 The conditions of membership as a Regular Member shall be:
 - a) The person must be at least thirty(30) years of age in the calendar year he becomes a member.

- b) Persons 25 years of age (in the calendar year) to 29 years of age may be allowed to play in the Junior Division, with a current player sponsoring this player and Board approval.
 - c) The person must pay the fees as determined by the Board of Directors from time to time.
- 3.03 Applications for membership in the Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association shall be in a form approved by the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall process applications and shall present them to the Executive Committee. Admission to membership shall require the approval of the Executive Committee contingent on all conditions being met as expressed on the form provided by the Secretary, and ratified by the Executive Committee.

RIGHTS AND DUTIES

- 4.01 Every Regular Member in good standing shall have the following rights:
- a) the right to vote at any meeting of the general assembly,
 - b) the right to seek any position on the Executive Committee except for President, Vice President (Junior), Vice President (Intermediate) and Vice President (Masters) for which one term on the Executive Committee is mandatory,
 - c) the right to participate in as many hockey games as possible within the scope of equitable distribution of playing time, as determined by the Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association from time to time, in its discretion;
 - d) the right to attend the annual members dinner if held;
 - e) the right to receive notices of all Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association social events and other events including meetings;
 - f) the right to attend all events exclusive to the Regular Members;
 - g) the right to receive all minutes and publications issued by the Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association;
 - h) the right to participate in any distribution of the assets of Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association upon its dissolution.

4.02 Every Regular Member shall have the following duties:

- a) to pay all dues on a timely basis as determined by the Executive Committee;
- b) to conduct themselves in a proper manner and to obey the rules and regulations of the Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association as determined by the Executive Committee from time to time and the rules and regulations of any other hockey organizations with which the Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association may be associated from time to time.

RULES RELATING TO MEMBERS

These rules were moved to the SCOHA Operational Document by vote at the 2023 AGM.

RESIGNATION AND DISQUALIFICATION

- 6.01 Any member may resign for whatever reasons from the Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association at any time. However, all payments on account of dues and membership fees are non-refundable unless otherwise determined by the Executive Committee.
- 6.02 Any member may be disqualified as a member of the Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association on the following grounds:
- a) for conduct which in the opinion of the Executive Committee is offensive, detrimental or unbecoming of a member of the Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association,
 - b) for conduct which in the opinion of the Executive Committee is in breach of the rules and regulations of the Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association, as passed from time to time, or
 - c) For non-payment of dues
- 6.03 Any member subject to disqualification (except where disqualification is for non-payment of dues) is entitled to a hearing before the Executive Committee at a date and time to be specified by the Executive Committee with notice by registered mail having been given to the member at least seven days in advance, at which time the member will have the opportunity to explain why he or she should not be disqualified.

- 6.04 Disqualified members shall not be entitled to a refund of any dues paid for the then current playing season.

MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- 7.01 A general meeting of the membership shall be held at least once a year at a time to be determined by the Executive Committee. A report of the activities of the Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association for the previous year shall be presented at the aforementioned meeting.
- 7.02 The Executive Committee may also call a general meeting at any other time as they deem necessary with reasonable notice, a minimum of 30 days prior to that meeting.
- 7.03 A general meeting must also be held within 3 weeks of when the President received a written request for such meeting from at least 25% of Regular Members, and in such case at least 10 days notice shall be provided to the members.
- 7.04 For any and all meetings of the general assembly, 10% of Regular Members must be present in order to constitute a quorum. If a quorum does not exist, a second meeting shall immediately thereafter be called with at least 30 days notice and at the second said meeting, a quorum will be deemed to have been established regardless of the number of regular members present.
- 7.05 At all meetings of members every question shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the regular members present in person unless otherwise required by the by-laws of the Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association, or by law. Every question shall be decided in the first instance by a show of hands unless a poll be demanded by any member. Upon a show of hands, unless a poll be demanded, a declaration by the Chairperson that a resolution has been carried or not carried and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association shall be admissible in evidence as prima facie proof of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes accorded in favour of or against such resolution. The demands for a poll may be withdrawn. In case of an equality of votes at any general meeting, whether upon a show of hands or at a poll, the Chairperson shall be entitled to a second casting vote. The President shall preside over all General Meetings. In his absence, any Vice-President shall preside. In the absence of both the President and any Vice-President and the Past-President shall preside.

VOTING RIGHTS OF REGULAR MEMBERS

- 8.01 Each regular member is entitled to one vote.
- 8.02 No member shall be entitled to vote at meetings unless he has paid all dues or fees then payable to him.
- 8.03 Secret ballot voting shall be permitted at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- 8.04 Notice in writing of any motion intended to be made at any meeting by any regular member shall be given to the President of the Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association at least 14 business days prior to the holding of the meeting in which case the motion shall be presented at such meeting. The President, however, in his discretion, may permit the introduction of any motion without notice.
- 8.05 No proxy voting shall be permitted.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 9.01 The Executive Committee shall be elected/appointed from the regular membership at the annual meeting (except as provided for below) and shall number a minimum of 7 and a maximum of 13. The Executive Committee shall consist of the following:
 - a) The President:
 - 1) shall hold office for 2 years, commencing June 1 of the election year
 - 2) shall call general meetings, ensure an agenda is placed before the membership as said meetings, and shall conduct said meetings in accordance with "Roberts Rules of Order", unless otherwise authorized in this constitution
 - 3) shall conduct all votes at general meetings, and ensure their accuracy and recording.
 - 4) shall preside over all meetings of the Executive Committee including membership meetings.
 - 5) shall represent the Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association at such meetings and functions necessary to the clubs interest but may delegate this function from time to time to other members of the Executive Committee.
 - 6) may hold supernumerary positions in other Committees
 - 7) may not simultaneously hold another position on the Executive Committee
 - 8) shall assume the position of Past President upon completion of his term

- b) The Vice-Presidents (3):
- 1) shall hold office for 2 years commencing June 1 of the election year
 - 2) shall assume the full duties of the President to completion of term should the President resign from the Executive, cease membership, change membership status, or become incapacitated for a period greater than 2 months
 - 3) may assume the temporary duties of President at the request of the President for any period less than 2 months, notice of same must be given to the membership
 - 4) shall organize, monitor and control most aspects of the Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association annual Hockey Tournament. He will ensure that group captains are named and that their duties and responsibilities are defined. He shall coordinate closely with the secretary-treasurer on his financial needs. He shall advise the executive closely on all aspects of the tournament and shall work in close consultation with them.
- c) The Treasurer:
- 1) shall hold office for 2 years commencing June 1 of the election year
 - 2) may hold supernumerary positions in other committees.
 - 3) shall accept other duties and tasks from time to time at the request of the president
 - 4) shall be in receipt of all revenues of the Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association and shall deposit same into the Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association account held at the chartered bank as designated by the executive committee from time to time
 - 5) shall disperse all monies by cheque against the Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association account. There shall be no petty cash or cash float available
 - 6) shall disperse no Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association monies less than \$1,000.00 without the approval of the executive committee.
 - 7) shall keep a proper record of all revenues and disbursements for review at any time by the executive committee or with advance notice by the regular membership at a general meeting
 - 8) shall collect all fees and/or dues as directed by the executive committee
- d) The Secretary:
- 1) shall hold office for 2 years commencing June 1

- 2) may hold supernumerary positions in other committees
 - 3) shall accept other duties and tasks from time to time at the request of the president
 - 4) shall record accurately the salient points of discussion, the motions and votes at a general meeting. He shall disseminate the minutes to all regular members on individual request.
 - 5) shall record accurately the salient points and resolutions of the executive committee meetings and shall disseminate same to all members on request
 - 6) shall record accurately all participation in both hockey and club activities, and provide same to the director of player participation
 - 7) shall inform all members of forthcoming meetings whenever and however possible
- e) The Directors at Large:
- 1) shall hold office for 2 years commencing June 1
 - 2) may hold supernumerary positions in other committees
 - 3) may accept other duties and task from time to time at the request of the president
 - 4) shall coordinate all aspects of team participation in tournaments, exhibition games, and practises. In connection with the past president/director of player of participation he shall forward rosters when required and assist in informing participating players
 - 5) shall coordinate SCOHA projects and social activities if held.
 - 6) shall be responsible for all uniforms(sweater & socks)
 - 7) shall be appointed by those executive committee members elected by the regular members
- f) The Past President
- 1) shall hold office for one year commencing June 1
 - 2) may not hold any other positions in other committees and shall not have any voting rights on the executive committee
 - 3) shall accept other duties and tasks from time to time at the request of the president
 - 4) shall assist the executive committee in informing members of their participation in hockey games

9.02 The Executive Committee shall appoint 5 signing officers. The signing capacity of the Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association shall require the signature of any 2 of the following:

- a) the treasurer and any one of the president, vice president (3), and secretary
- 9.03 Three regular members may stand for election to the executive committee in any given year. Executive committee elections will be held each year at the annual general meeting. The outgoing president shall assume the position of past-president upon the election of a new president
- 9.04 Any executive committee member including the directors at large after having served for at least 1 term (2 years) may run for president
- 9.05 A nominee for the office of president must have served at least 1 term (2 years) on the Executive Committee during the past 8 years

REMOVAL OF EXECUTIVES

- 10.01 The position of an executive committee member of the Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association shall be vacated:
- a) if he ceases to be a member in good standing;
 - b) upon 30 days notice in writing to the Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association if he resigns his office
 - c) the executive committee may, by resolution passed by at least all of the executive committee members less one, at a meeting of the executive committee of which notice has been properly given, remove any executive before the expiration of his term of office for improper conduct

LIABILITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 11.01 No executive of the Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association shall be liable for the actions, receipts, neglects or defaults of any other executive or member or employee or for joining in any receipt or expense happening to the organization or for the insufficiency or deficiency of any security in or upon which any monies of the organization shall be invested, or for any loss or damage arising from the bankruptcy, insolvency, or tortuous act of any person with whom any of the money, securities or effects of the organization shall be deposited, or for any loss occasioned by any errors of judgement or oversight on his part, or for any other loss, damage or misfortune or whatever shall happen in the execution of the duties of his office or in relation thereto unless the same are occasioned by his own wilful neglect or default, and is proven.

QUORUM FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

12.01 A quorum for a meeting of the executive committee, shall be the majority of the executive

SUB-COMMITTEES

13.01 Sub-committees may be struck by the executive committee, made up on such a number of members as deemed necessary by the executive committee, and the duties of these committees will be assigned when struck

FINANCIAL YEAR

14.01 Unless otherwise ordered by the executive committee, the fiscal year of the Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association shall terminate on the 31st of May in each year.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

15.01 The above shall be the Constitution of the Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association and shall supersede the existing Constitution and all other by-laws and take precedence over all motions and decisions taken to date which conflict with this Constitution.

INTERPRETATION

16.01 In this Constitution and in all other by-laws of the Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association hereafter passed, unless the context otherwise requires, words importing the singular number or the masculine gender shall include the plural number of the feminine gender, as the case may be, and vice versa, and references to persons shall include firms and corporations.

TRADEMARK

17.01 Any souvenirs or promotional items produced with the Stoney Creek Old Timers Association name and/or logo must have written approval of the Executive Committee

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2023

WITNESS the seal of the Stoney Creek Oldtimers Hockey Association



President

Secretary