



District XII - Cumberland Referees Association (CRA) Annual General Meeting

Thursday April 25, 2024 18:30 – 21:00
255 Centrum Blvd, Room 340

1. Attendance Sign In & Welcome

2. Approval of Agenda

- Approved, no new items added.

3. Referee In Chief's Report – Serge Gervais

- Great season overall, very proud of our accomplishments and the performance of our officials this season.
- Annual report (summary of season) has been prepared for the district and will be posted on our website. Officials may review the report at their leisure.
- Next season, hard copies of the Hockey Canada rule books will be available for a nominal cost.
- There will be fewer referee clinics for the upcoming season; all returning officials are encouraged to sign up as soon as clinics are open for registration, in late August.
- 3,754 assignments were completed. Average # of games per official = 57. 21 officials did fewer than 20 games; 5 officials did more than 150 games. One official did 200 games.
- With the season now over, officials are highly encouraged to clean / wash gear – especially whistles.
- Some positions will be opening up on the Executive beginning for the 2025-26 season. Inquire within if interested.
- HEO will have a new Director of Discipline beginning in the 2024-25 season whose role will be to deal with more severe issues related to an officials' conduct.

4. Secretary Report – Neil Armstrong

- Meeting attendance – 62 active members in the Association, 61 active officials. Average turnout rate at body meetings was 67%; 68% amongst new officials. Vastly improved over previous seasons.
- 12 officials attended all 6 body meetings through the year, of which 3 were members of the executive, and 4 were new officials.
- 5 officials obtained their Police Record Checks as required over the season.
- Follow-up email will be sent to all officials over the summer to reconfirm intentions on returning to the CRA for next season.

5. Assignors Reports

a) House League (HL) – Lucio Paiano

- 99.99% of all games were covered with the required number of officials.
- Assigning was done as best and as equitably as possible based on availability.
- For this year's new officials who will return next season, you should expect to be assigned to more games in future seasons if your availability allows.

b) Competitive – Serge Gervais

- Overall good season, all games covered. We worked well with other districts to get tournament games covered and it worked well.
- Those officials considering officiating in summer AA / AAA hockey tournaments, reminder that the games are not sanctioned by Hockey Canada or by HEO; you must cover your crests. Additionally, you are not covered by insurance; highly recommend securing your own insurance prior to officiating any non-sanctioned games.

6. Supervisions Report – Stephane Rollin

- 550 supervisions completed and uploaded to TTM website this year. Great job!
- Any officials who would like to discuss ratings can contact Stephane, and we can evaluate next season.
- Pay rates for supervisors will increase to \$7 per official beginning next season.

7. Development Report – Ken Commerford-Everett

- New official tryouts will take place in mid-late August, date and time and venue TBC. Tell your friends!
- We intend to run a 2-official on-ice session late September / early October (date TBC), geared for new officials in order to better prepare them for their first games.
- We will run a 3-official on-ice session in late November (date TBC) geared for new / newer officials. Returning officials who would like a refresher will be welcome to attend.

8. Mentorship Report – Ken Commerford-Everett

- a) Mentorship
 - Mentorship reports suggest mentor-mentee communication was improved over previous seasons.
 - If you are interested in being a mentor next season, please see Ken.
- b) Quiz Program
 - Overall good job on the quiz program this season. We will be placing even more emphasis on participation and success in the quiz program in future seasons.

9. Web Master's Report –John Dunn for C Daniel Gory

- There were 1,400 games were uploaded to the website over the course of the year, no major issues.
- Rule of the Week videos were posted throughout the season, and this will continue into next year.
- Running quizzes in Kahoot was very successful – we will continue this next season.

10. Treasurer's Report – Serge Gervais

- a) Financials
 - Insurance refund cheques were distributed to those officials who paid the Hockey Canada insurance premium twice (as a player and as an official). Refund ensures insurance is paid only once.
- b) Pay Rates
 - Pay rates will remain the same for the 2024-25 season, are slated to increase in the 2025-26 season.
- c) Other
 - Final cheques cover all games from March 1 to end of season, as well as all supervisions completed and uploaded into TTM from Dec 15 to end of season.
 - CRA development budget for the 2024-25 season was submitted to CMHA with no major concerns. Approval is pending.

11. Discipline & Appeals Report – John Dunn

- Overall it was a good year discipline-wise, not many missed assignments. Some instances of discipline were assessed for lack of quiz program participation.

12. Referee Representative Report – Mark Winder

- a) Referee Representative
 - No items to report. All discussions were informal, no items raised to the Executive throughout the season.
- b) Apparel Program
 - CRA have instituted apparel items for years of service at 1 year, 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 years of service. Long-sleeve polo shirts were distributed at the AGM for 5+ years of service.
 - CRA will continue its work to catch up on apparel items with those officials who have hit these milestones in the last few seasons.



c) Referee Awards – 2023-24 Season

- CRA Ron Pompeo award winner: Danny Methot
- CRA Rookie of the Year award winner: Juliette Lalonde
- CRA President's award winner: Dylan Stone
- HEO Minor Most Improved award winner: Elizabeth Bernardi

d) Hockey Canada and HEO award winners from the 2022-23 season were issued their award plaques at our AGM

- Hockey Canada Most Promising: Xavier Francis
- HEO Minor Mentorship-Leadership: Neil Armstrong

Congratulations to all award winners!

13. New Business

a) Elections

- Referee Representative: Mark Winder was the sole nominee and accepted nomination. Congratulations!

b) Pizza

14. Adjournment of Annual General Meeting at 7:23pm.