



AGM 2021: Frequently Asked Questions

Reference Documents: The Constitution and Policies and Procedures are referred to in the FAQs. Links to both documents can be found on the SDGHA website on the Governance tab.

1. The SDGHA did not hold its 2020 AGM due to the pandemic. How does it plan to address 2020 matters:

As part of its due diligence in planning its upcoming AGM, the Association Executive (commonly referred to as “the Board”) received legal advice on how to move forward in these unprecedented times after not holding its 2020 AGM. As a result of this legal advice, the Association Executive was informed that given the Covid-19 pandemic and related restrictions, it is a reasonable approach to address matters from 2020 at the 2021 AGM including but not limited to financial statements.

Notes:

- a. Like many hockey associations, the SDGHA is an unincorporated entity. The provisions of the Corporations Act (Ontario) do not apply. The SDGHA is governed by the rules of its Constitution. The Association Executive acknowledges that the Association did not meet its constitutional obligation of holding its 2020 AGM by June 30, 2020 and informed the OWH of this. The legal advice received indicated that the Covid-19 global pandemic has had a dramatic effect on all aspects of society including on organizations. In all previous years, the AGM was an in person gathering. Hopes were that restrictions on public gatherings would lift enabling the Association to maintain the in-person format but that did not occur.
- b. 2020 Financial Statements will be available upon request after the 2021 AGM to members from 2019/2020. Should questions arise, a phone meeting will be arranged with the SDGHA Treasurer and President.

2. What are the key dates of the 2021 AGM?

May 5: Notice of the AGM

May 19: Nomination Form Deadline

May 26: Registration Deadline

June 9: Virtual AGM, 7:00pm via Zoom

*Further details and meeting link will be provided.

3. How is the Notice of the AGM being posted?

As per the Constitution, “five weeks prior notice of the meeting must be given by posting a notice on the SDGHA Website” (not via social media). Therefore, the timeline and posting process meets the constitution requirement.

4. Who can participate in the 2021 AGM?

2020/2021 SDGHA members are eligible to participate in the 2021 AGM.

This decision was based on legal advice and the Constitution. As per the Constitution, page 5 states that “an AGM of the membership must be held once a year ...” as the AGM is intended for its members. Page 2 defines membership and page 5 outlines voting rules for members during the AGM. Online voting will be anonymous which meets the requirement of “secret ballots” in the constitution.

5. How do I register for the AGM?

Click on the link in the section titled ‘Pre-Registration’ and this will open a Form that needs to be completed.

6. Does the Nominator need to meet any criteria?

The Nominator must meet the criteria of being a 2020/2021 SDGHA member. The Nominator must use the Nomination Form to nominate an individual for a position.

*The Nomination Form is located in the Nomination section.

7. Does the Nominee need to meet any criteria?

A Nominee must be nominated via the Nomination Form by a Nominator who is a 2020/2021 SDGHA member.

- i. SDGHA Members who are Nominees will not have outstanding invoices owing to the SDGHA and will not be under any disciplinary action. SDGHA members can self-nominate.
- ii. Non-SDGHA Members: Nominees do not need to be current SDGHA Members but must be nominated by a 2020/2021 SDGHA member and cannot self-nominate.

- 8. I am not a 2020/2021 SDGHA Member and therefore I do not meet the criteria to participate in the 2021 AGM. However, I understand from #7 that I can still be a nominee and run for a position on the Association Executive. How will I present my related experience and interest if I am not eligible to participate in the AGM?**

All Nominees will be given the same opportunity to present themselves prior to members voting. Formats are still being decided upon. Examples of two potential formats are a written submission, or a video presentation. More information will be shared with all Nominees shortly after the format is finalized and after the Nomination Form Deadline.

- 9. Can I be nominated for more than one position?**

Yes. A Nominator can nominate the same individual for more than one position. A Nominee can accept being nominated for more than one position. Each Nomination requires its own Nomination Form and must meet criteria requirements listed in #6 and #7.

- 10. Where can I find a list of duties of the Association Executive Members that are listed on the Nomination Form?**

The duties of the Association Executive Members are listed in the Policies and Procedures link found on the SDGHA website on the Governance tab.

- 11. How do I complete and submit the Nomination Form?**

Completing the Form:

- Print it off and manually and complete it (pen to paper)
- Download the form from the website which automatically formats a PDF and complete it on the computer. Electronic signatures will be accepted (assuming they are names and not numeric as used in some organizations).

Submitting the Form:

- Email the completed form to: inquiry-sdgha@outlook.com

*Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we cannot offer for individuals to pick up a printed copy or hand one in-person to the SDGHA Office.

12. I have a 2021 AGM question that is not answered in the FAQs, how do I ask?

Please email all AGM 2021 questions to inquiry-sdgha@outlook.com

Questions that have been addressed in the FAQs will not be answered.
