



# NOTICE

## Georgetown Minor Hockey Association (GMHA) Annual General Meeting for 2010

The meeting will be held on

**Thursday, May 20th, 7 pm  
at the Mold-Masters SportsPlex**

**Any proposed amendment to the by-laws by a member must be in writing, signed by a member in good standing and received by the Secretary no later than 12 noon on May 19th, 2010**

### The following positions are up for re-election:

- VP of Administration
- VP of House League Hockey
- Director of Senior House League
- Director of Junior Representative
- Director of Select Hockey
- Director of Sponsorships
- Director of Equipment
- Director of Fundraising
- Secretary

*Nomination forms available from all executive members and on our website [www.gmha.on.ca](http://www.gmha.on.ca)*

# Man charged for 'stiffing' lifeguards

The provincial labour ministry has charged a twice-bankrupt Acton businessman for failing to pay more than \$60,000 in unpaid wages to student lifeguards.

Peter Check, 62, was charged Thursday under the Employment Standards Act with six counts of failing to comply with orders to pay 68 former teenaged members a total of \$63,527.91 in unpaid wages from 2007 and 2008.

Last June, a *Toronto Star* investigation found Check had been withholding wages to students for years, changing the name of his pool-supply company each summer and leaving a trail of lifeguards (aged 16-22) owed thousands of dollars. At the time, the ministry had issued a series of orders to pay students, but never laid charges.

Recently, the *Star* reported on the ministry's unsuccessful attempts to retrieve money from Check. After two years, the ministry was able to extract only four cents of every unpaid dollar, about \$3,277.88.

A government official tipped the *Star* last week that charges were finally being laid after Check again failed to comply with three separate orders that he pay the staff of his pool company when it was going by the name Aquatic Pool Solutions and All Pool Solutions.

Still out more than \$60,000, Check's former employees say they are pleased by the ministry's decision to press charges but

aren't holding out hope that they'll ever see their money.

Jessica Machado, 19, worked for Check during the summer of 2008. She filed a claim with the ministry of labour for \$562.07. She has only recouped \$24.63.

Other students had similar experiences. The *Star* found the ministry had previously issued 12 orders for outstanding wages. There are also new orders for unpaid wages from another group of students after Machado.

Check could not be reached for comment Friday.

To collect money from Check, the ministry has tried to find assets in his name. The *Star's* own search turned up only a 2001 Ford F250 pickup truck. Five other cars seen parked in his driveway are registered to his wife. Even the Timberlea Blvd. property where Check's pool business operated for 20 years was listed in his wife's name.

Check's Acton home is currently on the market for \$699,900. However, the house is registered in his wife's name.

The employment standards act provides a range of penalties, including jail time and fines if a person is convicted. Check is to appear in a Brampton court June 8.

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—Story, photo by Torstar News Service



**PETER CHECK**



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