**Hinton Minor Hockey Association**

**Spring AGM**

Thursday April 12, 2018 at Hinton AB

**Executive Present:**

Adam Ferguson, Tabi Arsenault, Charity Lawrence, Shelbey Donkin, Jamie Davy, Caroline Spalek, Neil Arsenault, Cindy Petrone, Mike Aspell

**Members Present:**

Amber Kapatch, Coreen Byers, Kayla Hewitt, Lisa Schwing, Randee Stewart, Blair Brydges, Pam Anderson, Matt Aspell, Sarah Siroski, Dan Brettner, Ryan Skinner, Dave Switzer, Cyndi French, Jocelyn Puchailo, Lindsay Carter, Bob Rivette, Jason Legary, Maegan Barnes, Lisa Robertson, Shannon Daniels, Dereck Daniels, Mandy Benbow, Jenn Bardarson, Judy Ramsey, Lindsay Descheneau, Jacquie Hore, Melanie Kos, Loralie Dammann, Shaun Jahnke, Nicole Fellows, Shaun Fellows, Alicia Humphries, Dave Hollingsworth

**Non-Members Present:**

Yvette Donais, Jennifer Fidler

**Executive Absent:**

Dan Parker, Greg Nagam

**Call to Order:**

Adam called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

**Adoption of Agenda:**

Sarah Siroski moved to adopt the agenda; seconded by Amber Kapatch.

**Adoption of Minutes:**

Jocelyn Puchailo moved to adopt the Fall AGM meeting minutes; seconded by Jason Legary.

**Old Business:**

1. Zamboni- Town reported they are still awaiting the arrival of the new zamboni.
2. Novice League- Adam will review in his report

**New Business:**

1. Season Overview- Adam states this season was one of the most successful seasons yet overall. Adam reported 6 Hinton Minor Hockey teams finished in 1 or 2 place in each of their divisions. NAI bulletin just released discussed the tiering model will be similiar to this year. It is planned that there will be 6 tiers, 2 teams in the same division would be tiered 2 and 3, or 4 and 5. Provincial format is said to change the upcoming season, more details to be available as the season nears.

2. Budget- Shelbey discussed the comparative income statement provided. Shelbey reported team revenue was much better this year, and the amount given back to the association as a whole was almost $10,000. Shelbey also reported the largest expense this season was the increase in ice fees due to the extended play for so many teams advancing in playoffs. Shelbey expects an income of roughly $8000, after remaining expenses for the season.

3. Fundraising- Charity discussed the Piano Show fundraiser that took place April 7, 2018. It is estimated that this fundraiser brought in a profit of $13,000+ for HMHA. Charity thanked everyone who stepped up to help volunteer for this event, and also to those who supported the event by purchasing tickets. The feedback following this event was positive, and the night was enjoyed by all. Charity also mentioned the disappointment in the associations inability to come up with enough volunteers for security for the night, which led to the hiring of another local group to be able to fill these mandated positions for the event which lessened the profit for HMHA. Suggestions came in from members present that asked if volunteer hours could be posted before tickets are sold so attendees can plan accordingly.

Tabi thanked Charity for organizing the Piano Show. Tabi reported $20,000 is needed in fundraised dollars for next season. Tabi states that the Drive 4 your Community fundraiser in September saw support from only 20 families from HMHA. Disappointment was expressed in the volunteer turn out. The Cash 4 Xmas raffle showed about 10% of tickets returned unsold by members. All but 3 of these tickets were sold by the executive last minute. The car raffle fundraiser previously discussed was called off due to the concern of lack of fundraising commitment by the association as a whole. It was decided the financial risk was too high, and this fundraiser was put on the back burner. The importance of fundraising was expressed again. Member asked how much fees would increase, Adam responded that amount is not yet determined. Sarah asked if free Initiation was removed, would that amount help the financial situation. Adam stated the concern is losing kids that may not have joined if the Initiation incentive wasn’t offered. Member asked why volunteer bonds are not inplace to ensure help is there when it’s needed. Another member expressed their preference to pay higher fees, than have to volunteer. Discussion was had surrounding volunteer bonds and

AGLC. Cindy reported AGLC states volunteer bonds cannot be attached to any event involving AGLC licenses. Further discussion was had regarding the amount of increase in fees necessary if fundraising did not take place. Adam noted 2 fundraisers are set to take place the upcoming season; 1) Cash for Xmas 2)Casino.

4. Sponsors- Mike reported new sponsors joined this year with the increased number of teams. Big thank you went out to all sponsors in the centre page spread in the Voice newspaper. HMHA players and families thank all sponsors for the 2017-18 season.

5. Novice half ice- Adam reported Hockey Alberta/Hockey Canada states Novice will go to halfice play by 2019. Details of play format as follows; minor Novice 7 with 7 year olds, major Novice 8 with 8 year olds, proposed season layout includes 4 on 4 plus goalie, recommended blue puck, no full time goalies, 1.5 minute shifts, game consists of 2x 23 minute halves.

Adam asked for member input on the new format. Sarah asked how this would impact the Novice League, will Edson and Jasper be on board with this format? MAndy discussed benefits to halfice. Concerns were raised about the net size. Neil discussed the purchase of medium sized nets. Neil also went on to discuss the formation of half ice models, and the years of research that have been done to prove the benefits of half ice play. Neil states trust has to be had in the people who designed these models. Jason states the model should be enforced now, as it will be mandated eventually anyway. Concerns were raised once again in regards to the novice league. Neil proposed a meeting with Jasper and Edson Novice teams prior to season start to discuss which format will be played. More information will be made available as the season nears.

6. Hockey Camp- Hinton Minor Hockey’s Summer Hockey Camp is set to take place August 13-17, 2018. Neil is still working on the details. Matt and Paxton will be back this summer. Details to come in the next week or so.

7. Atom TIer 4 Governor- Thank you to Amy Corrigan for taking on the roll of governor in the Atom Tier 4 division this season.

8. WPHA- WPHA was approved at council as a “user group”. This group presented as a “Junior A” sanctioned team to play in a 60 game regular season. This will affect ice availibility for HMHA and other user groups. AJHL not looking to expand, this league came out of the U.S. Hinton, Edson, Cold Lake, Morinville all have proposed teams. Everything is still in the early stages of planning, not alot of information available yet.

**Executive Reports:**

**President:**

Adam reported a good year overall for the association. A few issues needed to be resolved thorughout the season, but Adam feels those were resolved.

**Vice President:**

Tabi discussed most of report earlier. Tabi reported having spent less time at the rink this season with 2 kids of her own playing elsewhere, but felt things that needed to be dealt with were taken care of.

**Secretary:**

Charity stated alot of learning took place this 2 year term on the board, and she is stepping down from the secretary position tonight. She encouraged members present to join the board, and help out with the amount of work that goes into this association. We are all volunteers, and do what we feel is best for the association and all the kids.

**Treasurer:**

Shelbey states ice fees are going up $10 an hour over the next 3 years, which is the equivalent of $48 a player. Insurance for players is also going up. Credit card fees for registration was discussed.

**Registrar:**

Jamie reported 174 registrants this season which consisted of 42 Initiation players, 30 Novice players, 26 Atom players, 40 Peewee players, 18 Bantam players, and 18 Midget players. Jamie states 42 kids took part in last summers hockey camp. CRC’s and Child Welfare checks were collected in a timely fashion this year, Jamie is grateful for that.

**Equipment Manager:**

Dan was absent, Adam reported Midget jerseys will likely need replacement this season due to wear and tear but all other equipment is good. Neil states half McDonalds jerseys will be replaced with blue next season.

**Gaming Coordinator:**

Cindy reported 49 licenses were issued for 50/50 this year. Thank you to the 50/50 coordinators this season for keeping track of everything. This makes her job easier.

**Coaches Coordinator:**

Neil states teams just keep improving year after year. Neil reported 6 silver medals in division playoffs were brought home to Hinton this season, and he believes next season those will turn into gold.

**Ways and Means:**

Mike thanked all sponsors present, and appreciates their support this season.

**Referee In Chief:**

Greg was absent, but Adam read report.

28 registered officials this season, 11 were new. Officials were provided for 185 games this season. $16, 130 in referee fees were paid this season. All games were covered. Greg is very pleased with the level of commitment this season. There were no “no shows” reported. Greg thanks Caroline and team managers for scheduling. Discipline wise, Hinton is very good compared to other communities. Fair play is apparent here. Greg is hopeful all officials return next season. He asks coaches, parents, etc. to encourage these young refs and thank them for a job well done.

**Ice Convener:**

Caroline states NAI much improved this year. 85 home games were scheduled this year including playoffs. Ice meeting took place this week, all ice requests have been submitted long before season begins. All ice left over is requested by groups and shared amongst them.

**Elections:**

Adam explained the voting rules to members, and stated registration for upcoming season would not be open until all necessary positions are filled. Adam also reported that 2 members are stepping down before their term end; 1) Jamie will no longer be acting Registrar, Amber Kapatch previously appointed as new Registrar, 2) Cindy will no longer be acting Gaming Coordinator, Maegan Barnes previously appointed new Gaming Coordinator.

**President Position**- Adam states he was willing to stay on in this position, with hopes that someone else will take over this position next term. Adam called for any nominations 3 times; no nominations presented. Adam was appointed Vice President of HMHA 2018-19 season.

**Secretary Position**- Charity stated she will not stay on in this roll. Adam called for nominations 3 times; Mandy Benbow nominated Lindsay Descheneau, seconded by Jenn Bardarson; Jocelyn Puchailo nominated Sarah Siroski, seconded by Lisa Schwing. Nominations accepted by both. A vote was called; Lindsay Descheneau appointed new secretary.

**Coaching Coordinator**- Neil agreed to stay on in this position. Adam called for nominations 3 times. Dereck Daniels nominated by Kayla Hewitt, seconded by Lisa Schwing. Nomination accepted. Adam called a vote; Neil Arsenault appointed Coaching Coordinator.

**Treasurer**- Shelbey agreed to stay on in this position. Adam called for nominations 3 times; no nominations presented. Shelbey Donkin appointed treasurer.

**Equipment Manager**- Dan agreed to stay on in this position. Adam called for nominations 3 times; no nominations presented. Dan Parker appointed Equipment Manager.

**Round Table:**

Discussion was had surrounding Novice boards.

Corinne asked where the silver banners would be hung? Adam states banners will be hung up, but 3

is unsure where. Mandy states other arenas are decorated with sport stuff when you come in. Tabi states the banners could potentially be hung in the cafeteria, she will ask the town.

Mandy asked why the benches are so poorly maintained with the amount of money paid for ice. Mandy states there has been a donut in the corner of the arena since September that has never been picked up.

Discussion was had surrounding heaters in the timeclock box in the BTA. This will be looked into.

Discussion was had surrounding Novice League. Feedback is positive. Member asked if Novice will start earlier next season to all teams to be chosen, assessed, and changes made if necessary earlier on. Shaun commended Adam for heading the formation of the Novice League. Thanks to Caroline for the additional scheduling.

Member asked if camp will be the same dates yearly? Neil answered yes, this is necessary to have the same instructors and organizers. Same dates yearly makes for easier organization.

Member asked why prizes can’t be sponsored at tournaments form local businesses. Tabi explained people going to businesses multiple times asking for donations makes companies upset, and she has received complaints in the past regarding same. Ways and means is to be the only member asking businesses for donations. It is in the HMHA policies that soliciting to businesses by individuals in the association is prohibited. Discussion was had surrounding corporate sponsorship, and it was explained that corporate sponsorship is accepted in various donated amounts.If donations are being offered, not asked for, the board can evaluate and determine if it is acceptable.

**Adjournment:**

Adam adjourned the meeting @ 8:43 pm.

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