**Hinton Minor Hockey Association**

**FALL AGM**

October 11, 2018 at Hinton AB

**Executive Present:**

Adam Ferguson, Tabi Arsenault, Lindsay Descheneau, Shelbey Donkin, Amber Kapatch, Caroline Spalek, Neil Arsenault, Maegan Barnes, Mike Aspell, Dan Parker, Greg Nagam

**Members Present:**

Dereck Daniels, Chris Wloter, Darian Stewart, Angela Lehoux, Charity Lawernce, Melanie Kos, Jenna Musselman, Cindy Petrone, Nancy Skinner, Serge Cote, Dave Hollingsworth, Aliccia Hollingsworth, Brad Kopp, David Switzer, Clint Walker, Matt Aspell, Daniel Carre, Sarah Siroski, Mandy Benbow, Loralie Dammann, Jamie Davy, Amanda Parker, Shaun Jahnke, Jay Hore, Jacquie Hore, Nicole Fellows, Leon Bardarson

**Non-Members Present:**

**Executive Absent:**

**Call to Order:**

Adam called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

**Adoption of Agenda:**

Serge Cote moved to adopt the agenda; seconded by Mandy Benbow.

**Adoption of Minutes:**

Sara Saroski moved to adopt the Spring AGM meeting minutes; seconded by Mandy Benbow.

**Old 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 similar 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 in place 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 center 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 half ice play by 2019. Details of play format as follows; minor Novice 7 with 7 year old’s, major Novice 8 with 8 year old’s, 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 half ice. 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 role 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 availability 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 a lot of information available yet.

**New Business:**

1. Novice Half Ice: Adam discussed: Edson, Jasper and Hinton will still take part in a mini season. Hinton will be going half Ice. We will try to keep score. There will be only one faceoff in the beginning, 1 minute shifts if a child gets a penalty they will tell the coach and miss their next shift. There will be 1 big team roaster.

1. Initiation and Novice season plan: Adam discussed, there will be a meeting next week, Practices until November, then games will start. All practices will be station drills, starting and stopping.

Tabi also discussed the mentor program. The older kids Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget ages. Currently only some certain Junior kids can mentor as they need to have their respect in sport coach’s certificate.

3. Novice and Initiation directors: Adam mentioned that the board will be appointing a director, So there will be one person to relay information between the division and the board.

4. Tournament Coordinators: All of the current coordinators have been choosen,

5. Provincial’s: Adam reported that the Pee Wees will not participate in play downs this year, The league is going to try something different. The winner of league will be moving on to a provincial weekend for tiers 1-4. It will be a 8 team tournament style. The winner of 6 leagues will participate there will be 1 league winner and 1 wild card per league. Season will end Feb 18. Everyone will continue playing until the end of March. This will be a trial run this year. If it works well it will be put into play next season. Nai will keep scheduling until the end of March.

6. Fundraising: Adam reported we will get 3 wildcat games. One in October, November and March we need 6 volunteers per game (4 security and 2 Sellers). Casino we have been approved to work a casino, we will need 10-20 people. Teck have offered us to work and have the 50/50 this year at their Christmas party, Cash for xmas will start selling in November. There will be another gold tournament this year Date to be announced.

7. NAI Season: Everyone will start with 3 – 4 games for tiering. After that everyone will get a 3 – 4 week schedule, Two weeks after you will get the rest of the season.

**Executive Reports:**

**President:**

Adam reported it is a very busy time. If you have any questions or concerns phone number is always on the web site as well as email. Feel free to call or email anytime.

**Vice President:**

Tabi discussed this year will be her last season on the executive as both her children are playing elsewhere. If anyone is interested in learning the ropes she is happy to mentor anyone along this season.

**Secretary:**

Lindsay has nothing to add.

**Treasurer:**

Shelbey reported that there is a positive $1591.00 in the general account after the year end was completed. This years budget is 97 thousand dollars, up from last year the budget was $86 thousand. The cash for xmas brought in approx. $11 300. The golf tournament brought in approx., $ 4200.00 Dueling Pianos brought in approx. $13000.00. We will need $35000.00 this year to keep the balance up. Shelbey mentioned that everyone will be given a small amount of tickets to sell. WE do not force anyone to sell the tickets. They all do have to be sold. It is appreciated if they are sold. If they are given back the executive has to sell them.

**Registrar:**

Amber reported 185 registrants this season which consisted of 54 Initiation players, 22 Novice players, 32 Atom players, 30 Peewee players, 30 Bantam players, and 17 Midget players. Amber reported that Criminal Record checks & Child Welfare checks are due Oct 31. Criminal Record checks are good for 3 years now, Respect in Sport now expires, Is good for 3 years. Everyone needs to look and see if theirs have expired and it will need to be updated if expired.

**Equipment Manager:**

Dan reported We have new pucks. Atom got new McDonalds jerseys. We are getting new Bantam and Midget jerseys. We are going to buy new practice jerseys and have the H put on them. The 2 sets of mini nets that we have we are going to do a sealed auction bid and sell them as a pair. Looking into licensing and a place to put them for the association to see.

**Gaming Coordinator:**

Maegan reported that she is looking to getting a licensing for selling squares on a sheet not just the 50/50 tickets.

**Coaches Coordinator:**

Neil reported that the camp went really well. WE had more kids registered this year than in the past. We went straight into evaluations with a new program this year. It was way less work, each of the evaluators entered information on to the app it uploaded and did all the work. It worked amazing. It can be given to the coach’s who want it and can be used throughout the season.

**Ways and Means:**

Mike reported Initiation has Tim Hortons as a sponsor, Novice has Canadian Tire, Atom has McDonalds, Pee Wee has Alstar and Gus Pizza. Bantam has Vara Auto Motive and Ok Tire, Midget does not yet have a sponsor.

Nicole Fellow asked what is required to be a corporate sponsor? Adam reported that it is $1500 and above to sponsor. It was mentioned for Mike to approach Tarpon and Wayfinder for sponsorship.

**Referee In Chief:**

Greg reported that there has been changes at the Hockey Alberta level, the referee numbers are down. Registration costs are up. Nov 24 there will be another clinic. To become a referee the child needs to be 13 years old and older. The association is short on Adult referees. Last year there were 24 Referees, This year there are only 20. Most of the new referees from last year are back, we lost 2 or 3 adult reffs. In the past we haven’t had to bring to many out of town reff’s in. Half ice hockey will be great for the new reffs to get used to and not worry about to many penalties.

Serge Cote: Asked why we don’t pay more, Adam stated that our association mays the maximum that Hockey Alberta allows. They regulate the pricing,

**Ice Convener:**

Caroline reported All preseason games have come in, All the dates and times have worked out. Hopefully the rest of the season will be the same. Caroline also stated that she has a full-time job out side of the home so her accessibility has changed this year please be patience.

**Round Table:**

Mandy Benbow had asked if there is a position on the board for Tournament director?

Adam discussed that we are looking at appointing someone with in the board to take on the position because of the confidentiality.

Question was asked. When are pictures this year.

In January. We can not get the earlier unless another association backs out then we can take their spot hopefully.

Looking into getting apparel sizing kits in for next week.

**Adjournment:**

Adam adjourned the meeting @ 8:14 pm.

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