

KAMLOOPS MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:09pm by Jon Pankuch

163 Voting Members present

Motion: to accept minutes from Monday, May 11, 2015 Annual General Meeting

- Motioned by Willy Saari, Seconded by Kecia Turunen
- Motioned carried

Financial Report (Tenisci Piva)

- Financials for year ended March 31, 2016 presented by Mario Piva
- Revenue debt \$112,000.00 – expenses exceeded Revenue
- Association purchased New Rep team Jerseys
- More players registered so ice costs were more than expected
- Lost some sponsorship revenue that was slated to come this year
- The Association is still in good financial standing due to our cash reserves.

Questions from members:

- Do we start the year with a budget – Yes we had projected a break even budget
- Are the account receivables reflected in the financials – Yes
- How did KIBHIT no make money this season – Ian answered - we sponsored a team from Hungary at a cost of around \$9000.00.
- Who is responsible for providing the financial statements to our accountants – KMHA provides the financial statements
- Jon stated we do try to run the association at a break even basis every season
- What controls are in place to approve spending – Jon we work with the Treasurer and the board to work through the budget

Head Coach Report (George Cochrane)

(Report attached – May 9, 2016)

Questions from the members: no questions

Presidents Report (Jon Pankuch)

(Report attached – May 9, 2016)

Questions from the members: No questions

Retirement of Existing Board Members

Elections of Officers (hosted by George Cochrane)

Officers:

President: Jon Pankuch

1st Vice President: Paul Crawford

2nd Vice President: Sean Pitts

3rd Vice President: Troy Larsen

Treasurer: Ian Shaw-MacLaren

Secretary: Leah-Ann Cochrane

Registrar: Kathy Fidanza

Directors at Large names were taken to have the Board of Officers elect (please see the attached list)

Motion: To destroy all ballots

- Motioned by Theresa Viventi, seconded by Frank D'Amore
- Motion carried

New Business

Paul Crawford addressed the membership about the changes to the BC Societies Act coming November 28, 2016. The new act requires changes to our constitution, polices and bylaws.

The key next steps will be to bring recommendations to the first the board and then the membership. The plan is to have in place prior to the 2017 AGM with a special AGM before to vote on our new Governance.

Questions/Comments/Concerns from Members:

Why is there not a proxy set up for members – This will be addressed in the new constitution.

Motion to Adjourn meeting at 8:45pm.

- Motioned by MJ Bruno, seconded by Kailee Kopetski
- Motioned Carried

Director at Large names brought forward

Harleen Price

Jennifer Thor

Dana Hanna

Cameron McDivitt

Candace Martin

Shane Dekkers

Renee Barrow

Megan Bishop

Kailee Kopetski

John Campbell

Steven Day

Nicole Larsen

Kreg Anderson

Theresa Viventi

Wanda Cowles

Mike Rankin

Chris Persad

KMHA HEAD COACH REPORT 2015-16

The season started with our Rep and Atom Development Coach Selections in June. We had a good number of applicants for the positions and as always, there were some age groups with more than others. We filled most of the positions at that time and the others were done during tryouts. We followed those selections up with pre-season planning meetings with the successful candidates in preparation for the upcoming season. That continued with regular meetings throughout the year. I attended practices with teams throughout the season.

We continued our Rep tryout process with ice times for all KMHA players in April. We followed that up by starting Rep tryouts the last week of August. We feel this format continues to help us do a better job of preparing for the start of the season. We had Tier 1 and 2 teams in all age groups, two Tier 3 teams in Pee Wee and Tier 4 in Bantam. We had a Bantam and Midget Female rep team. We did our Atom Development tryouts in mid-September and had 3 teams this year. We had two "A" teams and one "B" team. This year, that B team played in the C Division of OMAHA and had a very competitive season which was very positive for players and coaches as opposed to the past couple of seasons in the B Division. We had a successful OMAHA season winning banners in Midget Female, Pee Wee Tier 1 and Bantam Tier 1. These teams all participated in Provincial Championships along with Female Bantam as hosts and Bantam Tier 4 as a result of finishing 2nd in OMAHA. Our Midget female, PW T1 and Bantam T4 teams finished 2nd at Provincial Championships.

Our Recreational Team Selection Process took place in late September. We had a draft night with all the Atom, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget divisions together. This was very successful as having all the coaches in one place for all of the divisions worked well. We had regular monthly meetings with all the Recreational coaches. I evaluated all the Recreational players from Novice Orange through Midget this year at the end of the season in preparation for the 2016-17 season.

We had our Initiation and Novice Coaches Orientation Nights for the coaches of those age groups in late September. Coaches were on the ice and went through a typical practice for each of the age groups, then met off the ice to discuss each of the program's plans and goals for the season. We are continuing to emphasize the need for individual skill development in that program. We had monthly coaches meetings during the season. We introduced half-ice hockey to Novice this year as a part of an initiative from Hockey Canada and OMAHA. All games up to Christmas were half-ice with a transition to full-ice after that time. This was met with mixed reviews at the start, but the benefits to player development far outweigh any negatives and the results showed that as we moved through the season. It has been shown that children who begin their hockey training in this environment have an outstanding hockey experience and develop a better base of skills as they progress through the sport.

In July, we hosted our 9th annual Coaches Conference where we had guests such as Ken Hitchcock, Don Hay, Terry Bangen, Ray Bennett, Darryl Sydor and others present to coaches. For the first time, it was held in conjunction with BC Hockey's HP1 clinic and was another successful event.

Our Summer Camps continued with 3 on 3, a Checking Camp, a Defenseman Camp, Powerskating, Hockey School, Future Stars Female Camp and Elite Prep Camps. We hosted our annual Summer Goalie Camp - Francois Allaire program in August. We also added two Hockey-Soccer camps in conjunction with KYSA. Our Skill Development Programs continued through the season. There were sessions prior to Christmas and again after Christmas. We ran Goalie Development clinics throughout the season too.

We hosted 3 Hockey Canada Coach Certification clinics – one Developmental 1 in November and two Coach 2 in November and December of 2015.

We hosted all of the Female Provincial Championships in conjunction with the Women's Worlds. Part of the successful spin-off of this has seen a large registration for our female Future Stars camp featuring Marie-Phillip Poulin this August. We hosted a Bauer First Shift program for six weeks from late October to early December. The program was full 45 first-time hockey players registered and another 32 on the waiting list. All of the players received head to toe equipment from Bauer and we provided 6 ice times of 75 minutes each for them. There were 24 that joined KMHA after that.

I thought it was another successful season for KMHA on the ice. As mentioned earlier, we won 3 OMAHA banners and had 2 Provincial Silver medallists, but more importantly the Association continues to grow in numbers. I think that's a credit to all the people in the Association that do the jobs they do and for my role, the volunteer coaches we have that continue to develop players and largely foster a positive and enjoyable environment for those players. As we move forward, I think it's critical that we continue to focus on the development of our players as both players and young people. I continue to feel there are still opportunities for us to grow in the areas of coach and player development. The goal is to enhance that growth and development while continually finding ways to provide the best possible development and enjoyment opportunities for all KMHA players and coaches, both on and off the ice.

Respectfully submitted,
George Cochrane
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President's Report

May 9, 2016

Good evening everyone, and thank you for attending the 2016 KMHA AGM. Once again the hockey season is completed and behind us, yet the planning for the 2016/17 season has already begun. The 2015/16 season brought, as always, some challenges and successes.

Registration continues to grow within Kamloops Minor Hockey. In the past season we some numbers increase from around 14000 in 2014/15 season, to just shy of 1460. Our initiations and Novice programs have been extremely strong. Which is great as these feeder programs will allow other divisions to remain strong as well. Early indication has the 2016/17 season to be as strong if not stronger.

This past season we also hosted the 2016 Women's World Championship here in Kamloops. This event brought to Kamloops the best female hockey players from Canada, USA, Finland, Sweden, Switzerland, Japan, Check Republic, and Russia. As the event over lapped our year end, we are still in the process of reconciling the event. We are very confident the event produced a significant legacy that will be use to promote, educate and develop the female game. In conjunction with the 2016 women's worlds we also hosted the best in minor female hockey. The provincial championship was hosted in Kamloops for the pee wee, Bantam, and midget divisions, as well as the Western Shields, which is the best in senior female hockey in western Canada. These events, as well as the 2014 4 Nations Cup have allowed us to work with and develop relationships with some of the best hockey minds within BC Hockey and Hockey Canada. We trust that these relationships will help us in the future, whether it is for future events, or the development of programs within KMHA.

This will be our fifth season where we have kept registration rates steady and have not raised rates with the hope to lower them in the upcoming seasons. Yet we continue to offer better service and do more for our membership. We have found ways to cut costs and increase sponsorship to offer the best hockey experience.

As with any season we have worked hard on developing a stronger relationship with all our hockey partners, both abroad and local. Partners like BC Hockey, Hockey Canada, Kamloops Blazers and the Kamloops Storm. We will continue nurture these relationships and fine tune the programs we have with all on them.

Without going into to many details, a governance committee has been structured and is doing work currently on updating our policies and constitution. We will have someone from the committee up here in the new business portion of the meeting to update on the status of this project.

I'd be remised if I did not mention our KMHA Staff. These individuals work very hard each season to ensure a smooth and flawless season for the kids. These individuals give up many of their own hours during the season, without even a whisper of negativity. This association would not be what it is today without these individuals. On behalf of myself and the board members we thank you. We all know who they are. Please make sure the next time you see one of them, thank them for their service.

I want to finish with things to ponder. We as any association, from any sporting group, need to look at our game with open minds. We continue to look at ways to make our game more affordable, develop better players and coaches, and improve the over all enjoyment of the game. As administrators are challenged with things like, ice time, costs, competing sports, enrollment, overall development, an many other topics.. You as parents are challenged to embrace change, give constructive feedback, and encourage your participant to develop and have as much fun as the can. We work in a very competitive not for profit business. We compete to have your child remain interested in our game and return, also allow them to participate in other sports.

Can you image our game, having three different seasons. Where kids can play all season, or maybe from Sept to Dec and ski from Jan to March, and return to hockey for April and May. Or play soccer from Sept to Dec and play hockey from Jan to April? Or any of those combinations. Does hockey always need to be played on ice. To combat our ice challenges, do we have one night a week of ball hockey on solid surface? Do we have leagues where there are no practices, for the recreational levels that just want to play for fun? Do we have a strictly 3 on 3 league? Can you enroll for just development ice? Do we continue with more multi sport summer camps that are administered by KMHA? Do we have a summer league? These are some of the challenges and discussions that are being brought up at our association and above. The game is always changing. The association needs to keep up with the trends and demands. Also to develop the best players we can, but also adapt to the players that are here for recreational purposes only.

As always if you would like to speak with me on any hockey matter, please feel free to send me an e-mail and I can set some time aside.

This is my report, and is submitted as presented.

Thank you.

Jon A. Pankuch



President
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