In attendance: Roger Lorenson, Josh Van de Kraats, Greg LePage, Theo Dykstra, Kelly Hofstra, Tanya Klapstein, Jennifer Overeem, Crystal Saxty, James Rennie, Cindy McGrath, Daleen Shaver, Tasha Kennedy, Melissa Emmerzael

1. CALL TO ORDER: Josh called this meeting to order at 6:43pm
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes March 12, 2018. Greg motioned to accept minutes with minor changes. James seconded. All in favour – approved.
3. ADDITION/APPROVAL AGENDA: Additions: Humboldt Broncos tragedy. Theo motioned to accept the agenda, Kelly seconded – all in favour - approved
4. REPORTS:

a) **PRESIDENT** – Roger Lorensen

 - Roger would like to acknowledge the terrible tragedy involving the Humboldt Broncos team that took place on Friday, April 6, 2018 and the effects it has across the country including connections to our area. There were local players who have been affected including the Dunlop family as well as the Smith family whose son was on the bus at the time of the crash. We would like to do something as a hockey community and community to express our thoughts and prayers to all affected. There was a photo taken right after school on Monday with a few MMHA players that will go into the newspaper as a reminder for April 12, 2018 being Jersey Day. This years jersey day will also have extra meaning as it falls so close after the crash in Saskatchewan. There was discussion about how we can show our care and support. Ideas such as a floor hockey tournament were discussed. It was decided something should be done right away not leaving enough time for a floor hockey tournament or anything on a larger scale. Kelly will contact the Town of Millet about posting a Broncos flag and a message of support on the front electronic sign. Cindy will looking into purchasing a Humboldt Broncos flag to hang in the Agriplex. There has been a public message on FB as well a message will be posted on the website.

* Roger will not be seeking re-election as President and expressed his thanks at working with the board for the past few years.

 **b):VICE-PRESIDENT** – Josh VandeKraats

* Brief update on the recreation league hockey: Don from Coach’s Source for Sports intends to have 3 levels running next year. The groups are probably as follows: 6-8 years, 9-11 years and 12-14 years old. This would be considered house league playing closer to home (Ponoka, Winfield, New Sarepta and possibly Camrose). These teams would practice once a week and 1 game on the weekend and cost between $225-$250 (estimate for now). He also hopes to start a “Rootbeer League” for ages 14 and up which would only get together to play games. This may not start this year. All of these teams would be non-contact, fully insured and properly refereed.
* There was discussion about keeping this style of hockey on MMHA radar and offering up information about who to contact for those in our community who are actively looking for an alternative to minor hockey. The idea for looking into this is to encourage those who are not playing but would be interested in something less organized may be a great way to introduce potential players to the sport and hopefully they will like it so much they will want to become involved in a team as a part of Millet Minor Hockey. There may be some who would rather play pond hockey but potentially it can increase MMHA numbers.
* Discussion about pond hockey tabled and Josh will check into the possibility of registering a Millet team in a pond hockey league. Josh will check with NAI possibly at their AGM.
* A reminder that NAI is not taking contact out of the system yet for next year.
1. **TREASURER** –Theo Dykstra (see attached report)
* Account Balances: Bingo $39739.5 , Casino $6.09 , General $60097.75 Raffle (2016) $ 14.08, Raffle $10.00
* **Banking:**
* We are running a deficit this year mostly attributed to the decision to allow teams to use the profits from their home tournaments.
* As this is the first year we have used tournament profits toward team expenses, we will have to look at the implications. Discussion about a better way to disperse profits from tournaments as well as continue to use the home tournaments as way to raise funds for our association. The idea about a cap of $100 maximum per family to use towards tournament expenses is an idea. Wish MMHA still paying for an away tournament, but all profits from the home tournaments going towards the teams, the reality is running a deficit. This will be tabled until the new board is appointed.
* Theo will not be seeking reelection as treasurer. All board members thanked Theo for his contribution and getting the books in order and all the work he put into this position. He will help with transition.
* Cindy motions to accept the treasurer report, Tasha seconded. All in favour.
1. **REGISTRAR** – Tanya Klapstein
* Registration will be set up and ready to go for May 1.
* Discussion about polling parents: Would it be extra work or worthwhile to send out a document to get potential numbers for players next season. Based on discussion we will ask parents if their children will be playing again next year to have a better idea of numbers before the AGM.
* Tanya motions: All families will receive a $50 credit per family for attending the entirety of the AGM on Wednesday, May 9. Crystal seconded. All in favour.
1. **ICE COORDINATOR** – James Rennie
* Nothing to report.
1. **REFEREE IN CHIEF** –Greg LePage
* The ref windup went really well. There were only two unable to attend and everyone had a good year and were commended on their efforts. The refs were very grateful for their gift certificates as well. The goal is to get some new up and coming refs for next season.
* Hockey Alberta may be taking over the reffing clinics and such. Hopefully Greg will hear more clarification about this in the next few weeks.
* This upcoming season will likely be a rule change year (Hockey Canada usually does this every 2 years). Still waiting to hear on any information.
* NAI AGM is on May 5 at 11am in Stony Plain. Greg will hopefully attend and asked if anyone else is able as well. Tanya will also plan to attend.
1. **BINGO COORDINATOR** – Daleen Shaver
* Daleen has submitted an application for the FCC AgriSpirit Fund. Asked for $15000. Will find out in August 2018 if we were successful. Daleen has also mentioned to the Ag Society and Town of Millet about the applications. They were supportive. Daleen will also contact Terri with the Town of Millet and Tim Knull with the Ag Society in order to determine future needs in order to be looking for more grant opportunities (ie: Zamboni, floor repair etc.)
* Daleen is working on submitting overdue financial forms from raffle licences over the past year and the current one. It is taking some time and she has let AGLC know it is being worked on and will get done ASAP.
* There are a few families who still had outstanding bingos and they have all been contacted by Daleen. They are all registered to work bingos coming up and will hopefully all be done their required volunteer commitments by the first bingo in June (that was set up as an extended date for those who didn’t get them done by the deadline).
* Going forward to alleviate the unfinished bingos at year end, Daleen will send out monthly reports to the level coordinators showing which families have and have not worked their bingo requirements so there is more discussion and knowledge so coordinators can remind those families to sign up for bingos.
* For the AGM there was a discussion about how many bingos to post on Signup.com. We discussed volunteer cheques as in the past but it will be 4 @ $200 each. There will be signup sheets for the first few bingos through the summer that can be signed up for at the AGM and after that it will be online.
* Welcome letter: Discussion about having a welcome letter made up to send out before the AGM with information such as points system, volunteer commitments required, registration costs etc.) Melissa and Greg will work on this letter with input from the board via email in order to get it finalized and sent out before the AGM in May.
1. **EQUIPMENT** – Sheldon Hanson
* No report.
1. **PUBLIC RELATIONS** – Kelly Hofstra
* Chili cook off was a success. There was $208 raised by donation for the Ken Ogsten fund. The money was turned into Theo to be given to the Ken Ogsten fund.
1. **MIDGET** – No coordinator
* No report.
1. **BANTAM** – No coordinator
* No report.
1. **PEE WEE** – Tasha Kennedy
* Nothing to report.
1. **ATOM** – Cindy McGrath
* Nothing to report.
1. **NOVICE** – Crystal Saxty
* Novice 2 attended a tournament in Hinton and a great time was had. The highlight was a team cooked Easter dinner. It was a great time together as a team and the kids had a fun time even though the 5 games may be been a bit much for them.
1. **INITIATION** – Jennifer Overeem
* Initiation hosted their home tournament on March 24 which was a huge success and they may still have a small windup party.
1. **OLD BUSINESS**
2. Bylaws – have been posted for over a month already in the concession area of the Agriplex. A reminder will be sent out via the MMHA website as well as in the newspaper that the AGM will have new bylaws being voted on.
3. Points System – There was another long discussion about the points system. A review of the reasoning for the two points system was given for those who missed the meeting last month as well as reminder for those who attended the meeting. Further discussion about reasoning for points with the main idea being to try and compensate those people doing many jobs in the association who were not being compensated at all in the past. There is no way to perfectly set up a points system that works for everyone but the idea is to try something new and use next year to grow and make changes to the system as needed after next season. There were minor changes made in the points system based on further discussion and time was spent calculating if there will be an adverse affect on bingos. A great deal of time has been spent trying to determine the best case scenario for using a points system. It will not be perfect but after a lot of discussion MMHA will try this for next year and make changes as needed going forward. Josh motioned to present the points system at the AGM, Kelly seconded. Greg and Roger will speak to it at the AGM and answer questions/concerns.

- Team Coordinator Meeting – in order to help streamline and help teams to be carrying out things in a similar style, the idea of having a coordinator meeting before the season starts with just coordinators was brought up. This way the coordinators are all on the same page and can inform the team managers on the ways to decide positions as jobs may become more of an issue with the points system being implemented.

 - Also discussion about how points would be kept track of was discussed. Most points will be quite easy to keep track of (ie: coach, board member etc.). Smaller points such as time box and bingo will need to be updated regularly. Ideas of setting up a google doc with Daleen and each specific level coordinator was discussed so all points can be updated on that document. It will be part of coordinator position to keep points updated other than bingo points. Points system also need to show only 2 members per child can hold top tier positions, 3 time box max per game for higher levels (Atom and higher) and be accounted for points and board discretion will be used for any issues that come up.

1. Midget & Bantam numbers – Tanya provided a list of all the potential players based on who has played in Millet in the past. Neither Midget or Bantam have enough numbers to run a team. There will be discussion with other associations to see if there are teams who also aren’t able to run a team and see if their players would like to come to Millet to help out our numbers. This will be discussed at the next meeting(s) going forward in order to make a decision that gives players enough time to find somewhere to play. All players still need to register with MMHA before anything can happen.
2. Team Numbers – polling families will be done ASAP with Tanya creating a google doc to send out to all families so they can let MMHA know if they will be playing hockey next year.
3. AGM – decision on incentive for attending AGM (made above which will be $50 / family). Also discussion about who has voting rights based on current bylaws (reference bylaw 4A, bylaw 15A,B,C). As per current bylaws there are two members per child able to have a vote and they also need to be in good standing. Also discussion about players who are not in MMHA this season because of not having a team and whether or not they are able to vote. Any of those players are able to register the night of the AGM and they also have their two member votes per family. Cindy motioned for pizza dinner to be brought in for May 9 executive meeting @ 6pm from Leanne’s as well as drinks, cookies etc. to be purchased for the AGM to a maximum of $300.00. Jennifer seconded. All in favour – carried. Also a reminder for the AGM whose position is up for re-election: President, Treasurer, RIC, Ice, Equipment and Fundraising Coordinator are all up for renewal.
4. **NEW BUSINESS:**
5. Player evaluation – A very long and detailed discussion about player evaluations was had. There was discussion on things that have gone well in the past and things that need to be improved. We have tried having evaluators who were not paid but from outside the association as well as paid evaluators from outside of the association. Scenarios have ended up with players / family members upset at the process. Going forward the procedure for the actual evaluations will need to be made up before evaluations begin. MMHA would also like more information from the evaluators in order to help make decisions if we go ahead having a ‘bubble’ in order to help place those players accordingly. Procedures will be put together by coaches, board members and coordinators before the evaluations start and it will be discussed at the parent meeting. Going forward the timeline will be to have a parent meeting about evaluations with our intentions on how to set them up being very clear. There will be a discussion with the parents on how they wish to see teams split (50/50 solely based on outside evaluators, equal teams, differently tiered teams, 1/3 including ‘bubble’ etc.). After the parent meeting the procedures will be made up so everyone is aware exactly how the teams will be split.
6. NAI AGM May 5 in Stony Plain – Greg and Tanya will both plan to attend.
7. Discipline Rules and Regulations – Based on past seasons, Roger recommends we add a discipline section to our rules and regulations as part of our new bylaws. There have been a lot of discipline incidents in the past that have made it hard to deal with the incidents without having rules and regulations to follow for discipline. They were brought forward in the past when we first changed the bylaws. A reminder to keep this in mind once these new bylaws are passed in order to have that important information in our rules and regulations before there are discipline issues.
8. Coach evaluations – reminder to ask parents to turn those in ASAP.
9. **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**:
10. Humboldt Broncos (discussed in President report)
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12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, May 9 @ 6:00pm & AGM Wednesday, May 9 @ 7:00pm

9. **ADJOURNMENT**: Meeting adjourned 10:27pm