In attendance: Roger Lorenson, Josh Van de Kraats, Theo Dykstra, Greg LePage, James Rennie, Tanya Klapstein, Kelly Hofstra, Sheldon Hanson, Jennifer Overeem, Crystal Saxty, Cindy McGrath

1. CALL TO ORDER: Roger called this meeting to order at 7:35pm
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes November 14, 2017. Greg motioned to accept minutes with minor changes. Kelly seconded. All in favour – approved.
3. ADDITION/APPROVAL AGENDA: Additions:new members, Novice: away tournament, player movement, novice fundraising, PR (santa skate). Josh motioned to accept the agenda with the additions, Jenn seconded – all in favour - approved
4. REPORTS:

a) **PRESIDENT** – Roger Lorensen

 - Appoint Crystal Saxty as novice coordinator with the vacancy left by departing Novice coordinator who resigned in between meetings. 1 abstained, all other in favour, carried. Crystal will be the new Novice coordinator fulfilling the remainder of this term.

 - Atom skills competition was 85 kids. It was nice to see the stands full. Fans were impressed. Thank you to whomever set it up.

 - Lana Grapentine has removed her kids from MMHA. Review email sent to the board.

 - Request to look at new bylaws. Wish to discuss them at the January meeting. Please add to agenda in January.

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

* Email was not sent to coaches but discussion was had with most coaches about safety concerns.
* Attended developing defense course discussed concerns with training kids with hitting in peewee. Teach how to deal with tight quarters (standing on feet) not teach direct contact (checking).
* Look into close quarter games ie: pucks in corners.
* Fear is that we will lose bantam and midget hockey if there remains to have hitting in tier 3 – tier 5 hockey because kids are scared of getting hurt.
1. **TREASURER** –Theo Dykstra (see attached report)
* Account Balances: General , Bingo $ , Casino $ , Raffle (2016) $ , Raffle $ Total $
* Bee Langabeer has acquired tickets for the gift of flight : need to check into the paperwork to set up raffle tickets for the ‘gift of flight’ and how it relates to where the money is going. Cindy will look into it. We also need to check into rules about how much money we can keep. Theo will speak with Myrna about that.
* Theo would like to look into making business accounts for each separate team to solve some accounting problems. He will do further investigating to find out the best way.
* The Junior C money will be transferred to the Ken Ogston fund as agreed by MMHA and Junior C prior to the fold. The amount was $1517.45.
* Motion to accept the treasurers report: James motioned, Greg seconded. Carried.
1. **REGISTRAR** – Tanya Klapstein
* Lana’s fees to be prorated. Cindy motioned to charge Lana a prorated rate for ice used up to Dec.5 and players will not be released until fees paid. All volunteer cheques are to be returned. James seconded. 1 abstained. Carried.
* Waiting on a small amount from a miscalculation.
* All other fees have been collected.
* Coaching certifications were all completed November 15, 2017.
* Provincial playdown declaration: As requested by the board, Tanya sent communication to the coordinators/coaches/managers to ask for the families of the teams to be polled regarding provincial playdown. Atom 1 & Atom 2 were a yes and have been entered. Peewee has opted not to enter this year.
* An email was circulated to the board earlier with information from the Hockey Alberta Rules and Regulations Handbook showing that based on our numbers in the Atom Division, Atom 1 will be placed in Division C whether or not Atom 2 were to participate. Atom 2 will be placed in Division D.
* Based on the Nov.27 Special Meeting (re: Novice/Initiation players), NAI has responded through Karen Gabel who said it is far too late to move Novice 2 into tier 5 as the schedule are already set. There is no option to move even with paying a penalty fee.
1. **ICE COORDINATOR** – James Rennie
* November ice will be sent to Theo.
* James will be gone on holidays Dec.21 – January 5. If anything comes up please see Greg or Josh.
1. **REFEREE IN CHIEF** –Greg LePage
* There was a ref clinic on November 19th with only 4 kids showed up but many had games to be reffing.

1. **BINGO COORDINATOR** – vacant
* Discussion about having a points system for credits towards volunteer duties. Greg will come up with something.
* $50.00 gift card has been purchased and given to Peace Hills Bingo for their anniversary event.
* Tanya would like to send out an email to the association detailing how many spots are left vs. how many requirements still need to be filled.
* December 15 bingo still needs 7 spots filled. Bingos have not been getting filled via the team bingo method well and most of the feedback has been negative as people’s schedules are already busy and being restricted to a few dates creates even more difficulty.
* The winter meeting was held at Peace Hills Bingo hall. Many associations were not present as there was an error when the email about the meeting was sent out and many did not receive it. We need to select dates. Tanya sent out an email to association asking for feedback about weekend vs weekday and evenings, afternoons etc and will make requests based on the feedback. Based on discussion we will request 24 bingos as we are revenue equal.
* There was a call for fundraising/volunteer coordinator through email. One response came back via email and one through phone. Contact information was passed onto Roger who will contact both individuals who responded. Roger will call Dalene and Tara in regards to bingo coordinator and if there is commitment we accept their name as coordinator.
1. **EQUIPMENT** – Sheldon Hanson
* Power skating is booked for Monday Dec.18.
* Locks on front cage has not always been locked – reminder needs to go out to all coaches to keep it locked.
* Ice packs are in cages and coaches cage to be used as needed.
* Stick racks: $1000 for 4 racks. We will go ahead with the stick racks as discussed and motioned in November meeting.
* Wetaskiwin wants to borrow MMHA bumpers.
* Goalie academy: Needs to be booked.
1. **PUBLIC RELATIONS** – Kelly Hofstra
* **Santa Skate** – need numbers from coordinators. Snacks will be bought. Reminder this is a ‘bring a friend’ event and for the community. Josh will be Santa if no one else steps up. Roger accepted Santa duties. McConnoll family will be handing out sweaters/ goodie bags. Peewee will not be attending as they have an away game. Klassen family is donating candy from parade leftovers. Drinks, chips and other candy will be purchased and Michelle Tolsma is helping make up bags. Clarification if it is a community or association event – it is community event.
* **Sponsorship from McConnels** – Kelly motioned for a picture to be bought $95 and signed and frame $100 to send to Mcconnols as a thank you on behalf of MMHA. Greg seconded. All in favour – carried.
* **Photos**: SDI charges $30 for 10 thank you cards – too expensive. Kellyis getting prices on the cost of a digitial team photo to make thank you cards. Thank you cards / email need to be sent out from each tournament to the businesses that are supporting MMHA. As an association this is a weak area and we need to set our tournament coordinators up for as much success as possible by providing a template. (Kelly will you set this up and send out templates to each tournament coordinator?)
* **Hockey Day in Millet** - schedule will be determined once we have decision made for initiation team.
* Coordinators / managers need to pair your kids with another player(s) from your assigned teams and encourage the families to make signs etc. to cheer on your assigned team
* 50/50 for Hockey day in Millet needs to be set up. It will be donated to Ken Augsten fund. Kelly will get it set up.
* Kelly will set up a volunteer schedule to be filled out by each team filling time box, raffle and 50/50.
* Board members will need to commit to help out with preparation and on the day for raffle table, puck toss, 50/50.
* Include an opening ceremony in the schedule.
* MMHA puck toss will pick up puck at raffle table. It will take place during 1st and 2nd periods of the coach game.
* Announcer for Hockey Day in Millet – will ask Darren Max with Millet jersey to wear for the day.
* Get papers signed for kids who want to skate with the flag.
* Kelly motioned to purchase larger flags (Canada & Alberta).
* **Oil Kings:** Date is February 19. Email will be sent to coordinators with details/information.
1. **MIDGET** – No coordinator
* No report.
1. **BANTAM** – No coordinator
* No report.
1. **PEE WEE** – vacant
* James motions to appoint Tasha Kennedy to peewee coordinator. All in favour. Carried.
1. **ATOM** – Cindy McGrath
* Tournament approximately $5600 profit.
1. **NOVICE** – vacant
* Money for Hinton tournament. Poll parents from Novice 1 team for tournament in Hinton. Poll all parents to go to Hinton from Novice 1, 2 and potential Tom Thumb and email board.
* Novice 2 has gone from 12 to 10 kids. There are parents who can not commit 100%. See special meeting minutes for more details about player movement/discussion.
1. **INITIATION** – Jennifer Overeem
* Jenn Overeem has asked for her child to be moved up to Novice. Letter/email read. Josh motioned to accept Jeffrey Overeem on the Novice 2 team. Cindy seconded. Carried.
* After significant discussion, decision was made that we will affiliate from initiation to Novice 2 and players will be available from Initiation to play with Novice 2.
1. **OLD BUSINESS**
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4. **NEW BUSINESS:**
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9. **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**:
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11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, January 9 @ 7:00pm

9. **ADJOURNMENT**: Meeting adjourned 11:22pm