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

Association Members: Lana Grapentine, Allison Dziewiontkowski

1. CALL TO ORDER: Roger called this meeting to order at 7:07pm
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes September 12, 2017. Tanya motioned to accept minutes with minor changes made by Tanya prior to the meeting. Kellyeconded – all in favour – approved.
3. ADDITION/APPROVAL AGENDA: Additions:Bingo, Gifts for past board memebers. Cindy motioned to accept the agenda with the additions, Greg seconded – all in favour - approved
4. REPORTS:

a) **PRESIDENT** – Roger Lorensen

 - Thanks to everyone for attending the meeting and work throughout the last few months.

 - A huge thanks to Mr. Overeem for stepping up to be a governor on behalf of MMHA. He hasn’t heard anything yet about a level but will keep the board posted.

 - Roger is wondering how the people are feeling about the goalie development sessions that were run last season and whether or not we should continue with the same sessions or something similar. It was discussed that it was overall a positive experience and worth the money MMHA puts into developing their goalies. Josh motioned: MMHA will send 2 goalies per session up to two times a month per team to Beaumont goalie development sessions and the sessions will be covered by MMHA. James seconded. All in favour – carried.

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

* Just a note that if we cancel ice with less than 2 weeks notice, MMHA will still get billed. Please let James know as early as possible if ice needs to be cancelled. If we can’t give it back to the town of Millet in time to not be charged, then James can send it out to the association that we can run shinny so we are at least using the ice instead of being charged for ice sitting empty.
1. **TREASURER** –Theo Dykstra (see attached report)
* Account Balances: General $38336.08, Bingo $60792.91, Casino $21305.69, Raffle (2016) $150.58, Total $141806.70
* The books are up to date as of Monday Oct.9.
* Etransfers are not setup. The form for submitting an e-transfer can be found at http;//bit.ly.mmhapay and the email address to send payments is payments@milletminorhockey.com. One transaction has successfully been processed already. Theo will contact Becky to see about getting it put on the website registration tab as well.
* Theo received a copy of the leter from Brenda Gab lehouse and Corrienne Benkendorf dated September 12, 2017 which was submitted to ATB Financial in Leduc requesting closure of the Junior C Lightning Account and requesting that the remaining funds ($1571.45) be transferred to the Ken Ogsten Memorial Account. Once that is done the account should be closed.
* To date there has been no updated invoice(s) from the Town of Millet for rental o fthe Hugo Witt Room since May 1, 2017 or for the ice for September 2017.
* Motion to accept the treasurers report: James motioned, Cindy seconded. Carried.
1. **REGISTRAR** – Tanya Klapstein
* Teams are carded. Waiting for approval as of 10/05/2017.
* Coaching/Manager Binders updated with NAI regulations/new HA forms. There is a coach/manager/coordinator meeting Oct.11 to go over everything at that time.
* Will monitor coaching certifications that need to be completed by November 15th
* Would like to work on adding medical forms, coaching applications, parent & coach pledge forms online through google docs and RAMP for the 2018/2019 season if we can discuss.
* Tanya brought up a letter given to her requesting player movement at initiation level. However, based on the recent schedule change, the request will be tabled for now. The current schedule works for the family so they should be ok to remain in MMHA.
* Mention of player/parent/coach pledges. These need to be filled out and kept in the binder and this will be discussed at the coach/manager/coordinator meeting on Oct.11.
* Discussion about NAI and how it works with carding more than one team at the same level. There was new information brought up that is now possible to do this in associations. This is a stark change from past information our association has received when questioning the possibility of this. Regardless of whether it is a possibility or not, it would be a better option for larger associations, not a small association like MMHA. It would affect who can be affiliated as it isn’t possible to affiliate players between the same level but only to bring players up from a lower level. It is good information to have going forward it is appreciated that the new information has been pointed out.
* Tanya received a letter from a concerned parent about scheduling conflicts based on the recent schedule switch once evaluation were complete. There was discussion about why the schedule is set up the way it is. It has a lot to do with the head coaches for the team and when they can make it work for them in order to coach. The schedule will stay as it is for now with further discussion with coaches if changes should be made.
1. **ICE COORDINATOR** – James Rennie
* Just a reminder coordinators to let your managers know to contact me by email or text for all cancelled practices & games.
* I will input games from NAinterlock schedule but managers must let me know of any changes for any home games.
* Reminder for managers to let James know ASAP when they know they will need to cancel ice so we can either send it back without charge or else set up shinny for the association.
* James is still the contact for the Town of Millet and he will be the person on behalf of MMHA to speak with Megan.
* James will continue discussion with Wetaskiwin about setting up games for Bantam and Midget and keep us posted.
1. **REFEREE IN CHIEF** –Greg LePage
* There are 19 registered in the clinic with 10 from Millet.
* Greg motions: MMHA will reimburse local refs for referee clinic registration. Tanya seconded. All in favour. Carried.
* Greg brought up buying jacket and possibly yellow dress shirts for coaches. Discussion. Lots of coaches already have jackets, but maybe a possibility for new coaches. This will be tabled for the future.

1. **BINGO COORDINATOR** – vacant
* Tanya brought up the possibility of having only one bingo a month from May through August and the ones that are assigned in the summer can possibly be assigned to the four divisions. The board will support that idea and we can discuss it further in future meetings.
* Look into the AGLC contact given to the association by either Dawn or Lisa in past minutes and contact them about looking after the AGLC reports and filing of those reports. Greg will look up that information.
* Copies of all tournament reports will be sent to treasurer, filed in the cage and sent to the contact who will be filing AGLC reports.
1. **EQUIPMENT** – Sheldon Hanson
* Evaluations are finished and teams are divided. Sheldon put a lot of work into the process and feels they went well. He has heard both positive and negative feedback, which was to be expected. Further discussion on what can be changed for the next time we need to run evaluations.
	+ We will take the time to write up a protocol for evaluations based on this years experience and determine ways to make it better.
	+ We will archive the results we received from BarDown on a thumbdrive and it will be sent to the President.
* There was discussion about the meetings that were held with the coaches, Vice President, equipment coordinators to determine the 1/3 (bubble) players who were evaluated in the middle 1/3. There were no parents of players being discussed in the room at the meetings when their players were being discussed. Everything was done as fairly as possible and the coaches had discussion and reasons for placing those middle 1/3 players on the team they felt was best for development and success in the upcoming season.
* All working copies of those meetings were destroyed. The data our association received from BarDown where we hired evaluators, was only a number list of where the players ranked based on their evaluations. It was decided that in order to keep politics out of decision making, the results will be kept in confidence. Any parents who are not sure about their childs placements can have a conversation with the coaches of that level to get more insight why they were placed where they were if they are in the middle 1/3.
* Josh motions: Evaluation results will be kept in confidence for the 2017/2018 season. Jennifer seconded. 7 in favour, 2 opposed. Motion carried.
* Locks have all been changed or recoded. Sheldon has sent codes to all head choaches and coaching staff for their applicable cages. Please don’t give codes out other than to people who are in need of getting in their cage (coach etc.)
* Sheldon has gone through the jerseys and they are still not all in their correct size/order because of switches made. He is hoping to get them in the complete correct order and label them with the level and team number so even if switches are being made, at the end of the season it will be easier to put them back in the correct cage.
* There have been a few minor purchases made at Coach’s: 3 puck bags, 100 pucks and some agility cones that will be stored in the coach cage for anyone to use.
* Powerskating: Sheldon will look at booking some powerskating for our association with a focus on getting sessions in sooner rather than later. He will contact Bardown and try to get one session in October, two sessions in November and 1 in December. He will let us know what he finds out. Sheldon motions: Contact Bardown in regards to powerskating and try to set up 3-4 sessions for the upcoming hockey season. Theo seconded. All in favour – carried.
* Sheldon has spoken with Rhett Dudley about a possible fundraiser Senior AA game in Millet. The board is interested, and Sheldon will contact the team manager and get more details.
1. **PUBLIC RELATIONS** – Kelly Hofstra
* Welcome back party will be October 21 in the banquet room 5-11pm. Party will start at 6. All families are asked to bring an appetizer to share. Pizza will be delivered at 6:30. Tanya will send out an email to the association, Becky will be asked to post on the website and coordinators/managers can get RSVP list for their team. Please have RSVP list by October 16 and let Kelly know.
* We will need 4 volunteers to set up which should not be a problem and 6 volunteers to clean up.
* There will be prizes of gift cards for Coach’s.
* The Lions club will take care of the licensing, insurance and run the bar.
* Oil Kings: We have a date of Monday February 19 booked for 4pm game. Tickets will be $18. We have various experiences scheduled: Peewee will get to do the intermission shootout (15-17 players). The rest of the teams will get to do tunnel high five maximum 45 players but if there is more participation we can possibly have a benchwarmer experience as well.
* Promotional Video: Jeff will continue to work on the video and have some clips to share with us shortly.
* Picture Evening:
	+ 5:00 setup, 6:00 Initiation, 6:30 Novice1, 6:50 Novice 2, 7:10 Atom 1, 7:30 Atom 2, 7:50 Peewee.
	+ SDI will digitally bring all the teams together so we don’t need to worry about a group photo.
	+ The package chosen was All Star. The cost has increased from the past year. Kelly motion: Increase budget for players photographer package from $22 to $30. Tanya seconded. All in favour.
* Kelly has been working on a list of events (see attached report) for the season. Please let Kelly know of any events that have been missed and then once we have it finalized it can be emailed out to the entire association.
* Apparel: Kelly has met with Chuck and chosen a knit toque, hoodie, and smaller items to be available. Don from Coach’s will also attend and have Bauer tracksuits available for order.
* Gifts for past board members. Greg motioned to get past board members a thank you gift for their service to MMHA in the past. $40.00 gift certificate for Canadian Brewhouse to be purchased for the following past board members: Becky, Dawn, Shelley, Cynthia, Jose and Jeff. Josh seconded. All in favour.
1. **MIDGET** – No coordinator
* No report.
1. **BANTAM** – No coordinator
* No report.
1. **PEE WEE** – Lisa Henschel
* Nothing to report.
1. **ATOM** – Cindy McGrath
* Nothing to report.
1. **NOVICE** – Lisa Henschel
* We don’t currently have a coach for Novice 2. We have 3 part time assistant coaches, so we are looking for a couple to help out.
1. **INITIATION** – Jennifer Overeem
* There may be another player meaning we will need a third coach.
1. **OLD BUSINESS**
2. Governor – thanks to Mr. Overeem for stepping up to represent MMHA as governor.
3. Powerskating – discussed in Equipment report.
4. Bingo – we need to continue to actively look for a new bingo coordinator. The signup app website seems to be working well but we need someone to be in charge of this vital part of our association.
5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
6. Lana Grapentine –Lana came in to express her unhappiness with the outcome of the evaluations. She made it clear she does not make a point to complain about decisions as we would have witnessed during her time on the board. She had specific questions about how and when and who made the decisions related to the middle 1/3 ‘bubble’. It was clarified that the coaches and a board member (VP) were part of discussions deciding where those middle 1/3 players would land. Any parents of children in question were not involved in discussions related to their child. The working copies of the discussions were destroyed. The information received from the evaluators was just a list of number that each player placed at. Outcome: Roger will write Lana a letter answering her questions based on discussion at the meeting.
7. Allison Dziewiontkowski – Allison wanted to discuss why we chose to put teams at different tiers rather than two equal tiers. There was discussion that it wouldn’t be beneficial with small organizations such as MMHA. It would affect affiliated players and how many players would be able to be affiliated to other teams. Also we have in the past been given information 1660 would not accept same tier teams for multiple teams in an association. This has changed with NA Interlock so we are aware of the information but based on our small numbers it is not the best option.
8. Tiering – Discussed in registrar report.
9. Schedule issues – discussed in registrar report.
10. **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**:
11. Gifts for past board members – discussed during PR report.
12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, November @ 7pm

9. **ADJOURNMENT**: Meeting adjourned 10:48pm

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