**Vermilion Minor Hockey Board Meeting Minutes**

**December 18, 2017**

**In Attendance:** Darren James, James Martin, Leslie Carlson, Erinn Baldwin, Mike Krips, Jamie McPhee, Amy McPhee, Kimberly Tiffinger, Durwin Selte, Leanne Lupul, David Eremko, Lisa Rochford, Kim Thompson, Shaun Cadrain, Tara Garnier

**Missing:** Carla Myshaniuk, Jay Stepanick, Lori Ann Stenhouse, DJ Mewis, Jessica Heinrich

**1. Call to Order:** 7:27 pm by Lisa

**2. Approval of Agenda:** No additions or deletions, moved by Kim, seconded by Durwin, all in favor

**3. Approval of minutes:** Previous minutes were reviewed and moved by Dave, seconded by Kim

**4. Old Business:**

1. Fundraising

- Gift card survivor was not as successful as last year, 27 teams this year which is about half the amount of teams as last year, Kim wasn’t sure why. Some thoughts were the limited drop off locations, together with starting the draw later than last year. VMHA share was $4050.00, still good feedback from those that participated

- The Liquor survivor fundraiser will start January 13, there will be 3 weeks of collecting from Jan. 13-Feb. 2 with the final draw being made on Feb. 9, 2018. Participants have the choice of purchasing a bottle of liquor, gift card or cash for $25. Final details of drop off locations and storage will be worked out closer the date.

**5. New Business:**

1. **President Report**

- Zone 2 report for Provincial allocations was received.

- Lisa received a concern of female siblings going into the peewee boy’s dressing room. It was taken to the director but hasn’t been dealt with yet. The directors will let their parents know that siblings especially those of the opposite gender are not welcome in the change room from atom and up.

- Town Council wanted to know if VMH would make a presentation to the Town on why a new plant is needed and why it’s needed before 2019. Kim, Shaun and Jamie will work together on making a presentation and presenting it.

1. **VP of Development Report-** nothing to report
2. **VP of Business Report-** nothing to report
3. **Treasurer Report**

Account balances as of November 30, 2017

General Account $70,055.46
Concession Account $16,801.04
Plan 24 $26,118.92
GIC $11,428.82

Raffle Account $28,247.58

-Still have two jersey sponsors left to collect from, Ireland and Rona.

Profit & Loss – see attachment

1. **Registrar Report-**not in attendance
2. **Discipline Coordinator Report**

- The father of the recently suspended bantam player, called Hockey Alberta to try and dispute VMHA claim, Hockey Alberta sides with VMHA in their discipline decision. Some parents a coach from Mannville MHA would like VMH to release the suspended player for the year so he can jump the suspension and go play in Mannville. Hockey Alberta doesn’t agree with allowing the player to jump his suspension, if VMH chooses to release the player they should do so after this year so player will have to serve his suspension and that player is no longer welcome to be a part of VMH in the future. VMHA will grant a permanent release next year.

1. **Team Accounts Report**

Account Balances as of November 30, 2017

* Team Account $44,540.70
* Tiger Development $5351.10

- Directors please remind your tournament coordinators that after their tournament is done to please send Leslie an Income/Expense report with ALL the income and expenses included. Tournament coordinators are not to charge at Long’s Drug Store or any other places, they are to pay in out of their pocket and get reimbursed.

1. **Concession Report-** not in attendance but sent in the following report.

- I have made signs for the concession menu, they are getting printed this week. I have made “Special” and “Breakfast” signs that Kathy can put on the sandwich boards that were delivered last week. I am checking into a new register system with ipad/android, it will probably cost around $1000. I have asked Shawn bell if the Town would be able to help out with the cost but haven’t heard back yet. Let me know if there are any more complaints.

-Lisa really wants the arena concession open to sell hot chocolate and coffee but VMHA already decided that we weren’t opening it this season. When the Rock & JR B’s play the fans in the arena have no access to the concession in the stadium, is there anything that can be done so they have access. Kim will talk to someone from the JR B’s to see if we can work together during their games so fan’s from the arena can access the stadium concession.

- Will check in with Lori-ann to see if she has looked into putting a coffee/hot chocolate machine in the arena.

- The concession has made a profit of $653.00 at the end of November, VMHA will run the concession this season but will make a decision if they will run it again next season as it isn’t making much of a profit. The lack of variety that the concession offers, the hours it operates and the healthy eating initiative that the Town has implement on us are just some of the thoughts as to why the concession isn’t profitable.

1. **Equipment Report**

- A pail of tournament pucks go missing after each tournament, which appears excessive and costly

-It’s the tournament coordinators job to make sure the pucks are returned.

- Director’s please inform your divisions that if they do not return roughly 80% of the pucks they signed out for their tournaments then their team accounts will be charged for the missing pucks.

- Has an inventory list made up and will send it to Leanne.

1. **Website Report**

- NEAHL Deputy Govenor (atom director Racheal Smyl) asked that VMH has all coaches and managers information up to date on our website.

1. **Director’s Report**
* **Initiation** (DJ Mewis)-not in attendance but sent in a report

- all good

- tournament fees were reduced from $500 to $375, Vermilion was quite high compared to surrounding associations.

-only have one spot left to fill for tournment

* **Novice** (Kim Tiffinger)

- Tournament if full

- waiting to hear back from Dodge Caravan because all the teams are on a waiting list.

* **Atom** (James Martin)

-tournament is full, if he had more ice times he would have had more teams entered.

- James will look into the Atomic hockey program

* **Peewee** (Jay Stepanick)- not in attendance but sent in report

-tournament went well

- Leslie was sent the income/expense info from the tournament coordinator

* **Female Atom/Peewee** (Mike Krips)

- atom girls are in first place in their league

-peewee’s are in the middle of the pact in their league

-would like to see the tournament split next year due to lack of hotels, splitting the draw table funds, not equal ice times.

-Mike would like the $35/player development/growth fee waived for the atom girls due to the fact that they had less ice times and teams then the peewee’s did for the tournament, due to the fact that the peewee’s filled up faster. The atoms won’t have enough money to pay for their away tournament and their development fee. It’s not the fault of VMHA that the town pulled ice times and that the peewee tournament filled up faster and ended up with more teams. The atom team still benefits from the development opportunities that VMH has provided just as every team does and this is what that fee is for. According to the handbook if any team attempts to put on a tournament then VMH will pay for one away tournament. The atoms will still cover their $35/player development fee and VMH will follow the handbook and zero their account by paying for their Camrose tournament, as by having less ice time it was determined they attempted to run a successful tournament but were unable to do to lack of sufficient ice times.

- No coaches kids are allowed on the ice if they are not apart of that team unless they are carded to help that team

-the peewee coach would like to pull up some atom players to improve his team. VMHA guidelines for affiliation state that the intent of affiliation is to provide short term help due to injury, illness or absence, it’s not intended to provide players to improve the team, or provide season long bench strength.

* **Bantam** (Jamie McPhee)

- tournament went well

- Another pending discipline issue that Jamie was gathering information about, but was unable to share further details on at this time.

* **Midget** (Duane/Erin Baldwin)

- ongoing issue with having their tournament during diploma exams

- midget 2 tournament is full

-midget 3 has one spot left

* **Female Bantam/Midget** (Jessica Heinrich)-not in attendance but submitted report

-both teams are doing well

-could we lower the amount going back to tiger development, maybe percentage based on team size

1. **Coach Mentor Report**

- couldn’t come up with a date in December for the coaches meeting, will look into finding a date in January.

- criminal record checks for coaches may need to be renewed if they have expired.(good for 2-3 yrs)

**6. Open Forum:**

**a)** Filtering Information

- Lisa gave the directors a reminder that they need to filter down the information from the board meetings to their managers so the managers can inform the parents and coaches. Mike would like to know what information the directors need to filter down, Dave suggested forwarding a draft copy of the minutes to all the directors.

1. Referee Discussion
2. Cost
3. Ref Allocation
4. Local vs out of town

- Dave has received some concerns and inquires as to why are out of town refs getting more games than local refs. They also question the cost, and wondered if VMHA has paid more than previous years for reffing if in their opinion we are using more out of town refs. Leslie spoke up as a parent to a local ref and stated that the reffing opportunities are emailed out about 2-3 weeks in advance to all the parents of the younger refs and to all refs themselves. ( there is no preferential treatment and all refs are advised at the same time) The refs are then able to let our reffing coordinator what games work for them. Leslie believes it has been an equal opportunity to all refs. Costs haven’t increased for reffing, according to Leanne. From the discussion VMH believes that the process is fair and equitable to all.

-Dave also heard complaints from parents about a parent of a young ref being in the timeclock box on numerous occasions and dictating to their child how to ref and to the parents on how to run clock. That is unacceptable and they can be asked to leave the box.

**7. Next Meeting:** January 15, 2018 @ 7pm

**8. Adjournment:** by Lisa at 9:45 pm