**Vermilion Minor Hockey Board Meeting Minutes**

**January 15, 2018**

**In attendance**: Darren James, Lisa Rochford, Leanne Lupul, Kim Tiffinger, Mike Krips, Jessica Heinrich, Lori Ann Stenhouse, Erinn Baldwin, Leslie Carlson, Durwin Selte, Jay Stepanick, James Martin, DJ Mewis, David Eremko, Carla Myshaniuk, Kim Thompson, Shaun Cadrain, Tara Garnier, Derek Young, Candice Holowaychuk, Blaine Cusack

**Special guests:** Caroline McAuley, George Rogers

 **1. Call to Order:** 7:05 pm by Lisa

**2. Approval of Agenda:** Agenda amended to bring open forum topic forward to the beginning of the meeting regarding town representatives. Agenda approved by DJ Mewis, seconded by Erinn Baldwin, all in favor

**3. Approval of minutes:** Previous minutes were reviewed and moved by Shaun, seconded by David, all in favor

1. **Town of Vermilion representatives- Caroline McAuley and George Rogers**

- Caroline McAuley and George Rogers from the town attended to hear concerns from VMHA.

-The Town of Vermilion asked the VMHA to come make a presentation to the town about the ice plant and our concerns but both parties decided it would be more beneficial for the town to attend the VMHA Meeting and answer any questions and concerns.

-Caroline acknowledged that VMH is a significant piece to our community.

-The town is aware that they have some challenges with the ice plant and the warmer temperatures aren’t helping.

- The town’s sewer treatment plant is number one on the town list but the ice plant is a close second.

- Financially from the town perspective it will be hard to make both work so what are some opportunities, the town proposed grants, work together with VMH and other groups that use the facility. Invited a representative or two from VHA to apply to sit on the parks and recreation board to be better connect with the town.

- Town is hoping for a new plant for the 2019 season.

-Seems that every little thing that could go wrong with the plant went wrong but the staff worked hard to fix.

-Concern about why is the ice pulled out so early, end of February due to Lacrosse? League playoffs, provincial playdowns go into March and what if VMH hosts provincials. More communication is needed and the town expressed the importance of VMHA getting on the parks and rec board.

-Jamie asked the town if they have any contingency plan for next year if the plant goes down before the plant gets replaced, the town didn’t expect the plant to go down as much as it has but will patch it up till replaced

-the town asked about the challenges with scheduling and how can the town help with the hiccups that VMH has experienced. Please forward VMHA Needs so the town can look into them if they aren’t being met, as long as they are reasonable.

- Discussion how much the replacement will take structurally on the facility, town does not know what needs to be done as of yet.

-George really wants to improve the communication from now on

-Mayor asked why don’t we do like soccer and plan ice times at beginning of season. VMH doesn’t know their numbers till later so hard to make team amounts and ice times till later.

-Mike Krips expressed concerns of number of peewee girls games being rescheduled at beginning of season and that comes at a cost, atom and peewee girl’s time slots getting cut back for their tournament. The girls aren’t getting the floods needed between periods during games, according to ECFHL guidelines.

-Jessica expressed her concerns with scheduling issues, errors and no rescheduling options and the arena and stadium ice times being left open for hours at a time. This affects concession and refs too.

-Tournament schedules were sent to town in February, if VMH Starts games before 8am it cost us more money in reffing and the town didn’t meet/understand those standards. Why are games scheduled early and nothing then in the afternoon? Why are we inconveniencing our guests to play so early?

-There are never games for tournaments on Friday nights anymore, why is that when the rinks are not full, improves ice utilization as well as local economy if people are in town longer.

-The town would like to look and work together on the scheduling and the plant.

-Town would like to come back around March and discuss the time frame for pull out of ice and other issues.

-Concerns were raised about where would VMHA players practice and play if the plant goes down again or/and if the plant doesn’t pass inspection. Continue to do what VMHA has been doing and rent ice elsewhere.

**5. Old Business:**

1. Fundraising – booze survivor has started and please encourage people to put in teams

**6. New Business:**

1. **President Report**

**-**Laurence and Marion Ferbey made a donation to Tiger Pride in memory of their son Darren.

1. **VP of Development Report**

**-**VMHA received a donation of two boxes of hockey socks from Craig’s, we can put them in our inventory and sell them as practice socks. If players need new socks just contact Dave, he will have in stock at the Credit Union.

**-**Just wanted to remind everyone that they need to follow the affiliation guidelines, coach to coach is step one and that step was missed during some games on the weekend. Directors please remind your managers to follow the guidelines.

**-**Lori Ann asked if VMHA receives any compensation for the merchandise purchased from Factory Sports, Shaun response was if VMHA asks for donations they are prepared to support those requests, but there is no direct compensation to VMHA. There was talk about creating a marketing position, but VMHA hasn’t filled the spot to be the merchandiser nor do we have the money to support it.

1. **VP of Business Report**
2. **Treasurer Report**

Account balances as of December 31, 2017

General Account $55,319.88
Concession Account $16,419.82
Plan 24 $26,733.78
GIC $11,428.82T

Raffle Account $28,247.58

Profit & Loss – see attachment

- concession is breaking even so far

1. **Registrar Report**

-Carla was not informed of the new process that Hockey Alberta uses to get affiliates approved. She send all the paper work in by Oct.24 and had heard nothing until Dec.7 when she was told that the new process is all online and no paperwork is needed. Carla entered in all the affiliations and 11/16 teams are now approved. Three teams will not have their rosters approved, two initiation teams as nobody on those teams will take a safety course and atom 3 because their coach won’t take the checking course.

- Hockey Alberta has contacted the league and they have flagged the atom 3 team due to the coach not taking the checking course.

1. **Discipline Coordinator Report**

- please remind your managers that if any players get suspended those game sheets need to be turned into the Zone director and Shaun.

-Shaun filled us in on an incident that took place between the bantam coach and refs at the Dewberry arena. The rink attendant didn’t appreciate the way the bantam coach was yelling at the refs. The Dewberry Ag Society wrote VMHA a letter stating that the Vermilion Bantam coach is not welcome into the dewberry arena until the coach gives written apologizes to the refs, Dewberry Ag Society and VMHA. This has been dealt with.

1. **Team Accounts Report**

Account Balances as of

* Team Account $52,157.25
* Tiger Development $ 5,351.10

-if teams are selling tickets for liquor baskets at their tournaments please make sure the tickets are a different color from the tickets that aren’t for liquor.

-please hand in all income and expenses to Leslie as soon as possible after your tournament is complete.

1. **Concession Report**

-Lori Ann got signs for the concession made

-Talked to Vanhoutt about putting a coffee machine in the arena. They looked into it and thought there wouldn’t be enough people using it and since it uses fresh beans they would go stale before being used up. Vanhoutt said they wouldn’t put one in the arena for us to use for those reasons. VMHA would still have to supply the cups, cream and sugar. Lori Ann looked into coffee vending machines but they run about $1500.

-Lori Ann will contacted a couple pizza places in town to see if they would be willing to sell us pizzas so we can offer slices of pizza at the concession. Will have to look into a pizza warming display case.

1. **Equipment Report**

-Since Darren has implemented the puck return policy and it so far has been a success.

1. **Website Report**

-all good

1. **Director’s Report**
* **Initiation** (DJ Mewis)

**-**all good

-Tournament is full

-by the time he heard back from Timbits VMH already had their jersey sponsors in place so DJ will look into having for next year.

* **Novice** (Kim Tiffinger)

-tournament is full

* **Atom** (James Martin)

-tournament went well, wasn’t happy that some teams may not of been straight forward with their skill level of hockey.

-Atomic opens up in February and we will need to know the number of atom teams for next season in order to apply for funding support.

* **Peewee** (Jay Stepanick)

-there was one suspension at this time but has been dealt with

-sent out an email to the parents and manager about reminding siblings not allowed in the change room.

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

-atom girls- having a good year, 6 points above second place in the standings

-peewee- tied for third place in the standings

* **Bantam** (Jamie McPhee)

-the $65/player that goes into Tiger development has left the team in a deficit position. The bantam team feels the amount per player should be the same for all players and not tiered based on the number of teams in a tournament.

-had a parent meeting about player ice times going into provincials

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

-both teams tournaments are full

-both managers reported that all is good with the teams

-Midget 3 were wandering if they can give money to the 2 non parent coaches on the team for food and gas, it was confirmed that if there is money in their team account they are welcome to do that.

* **Female Bantam/Midget** (Jessica Heinrich)

-all good

-midget girls are first in the standings

-bantam girls are fourth in the standings

1. **Coach Mentor Report**-nothing to report

**7. Open Forum:**

1. **Awards**

**-**Atom- a player from each atom team receive will receive the Gary Ferbey award so remind your coaches. Creech’s do up the plaques for this.

**-**Midget Tier 1- one player will receive the Kinsmen Heart and Hustle award so remind your coaches. The trophy just needs to have the players name printed on it.

1. **Oil Kings Vermilion night-** Remind your managers about this positive opportunity
2. **Volunteer Bonds-** Issue with not enough volunteer bonds but it is a struggle with different last names. Lori Ann will change it to kids’ name instead of parents.

**-**About 10 families haven’t covered their bonds and they have had ample opportunity to step up and take a position that has been doubled up by another member. Are we making up more jobs or cashing their cheques since they have had ample opportunities.

**7. Next Meeting:** February 12, 2018 @ 7pm

**8. Adjournment:** 9:30 pm by Lisa