

**VMHA AGM Minutes**  
**September 21, 2017**

**In attendance:** Kimberly Tiffinger, Carla Myshaniuk, Leanne Lupul, Darren Selte, Greg Dewing, Glynn McDonald, Leslie Carlson, Niki Ryan, Carrie Stark, Erinn Baldwin, Duane Baldwin, Ken Hartwell, Tammy Hartwell, Shaun Cadrain, Ryan Geall, James Martin, DJ Mewis, Richard Lavoie, Janice Jackson, Tracy Long, Jessica Heinrich, Marty Heinrich, Jay Stepanick, Lori-Ann Stenhouse, Darin Stenhouse, Leslie Johnson, Ryan Isley, Ryan Adams, Mike Kripps, Laurie Bowman, Cathy Allen, Rich Allen, Amy Howorko, Shannon Leonard, Curtis Brown, Trevor Farkash, Trevor Cusack, Troy Cameron, Tom Howorko, Blaine Cusack, Kyle Westman, Maryann Brokop, Wayne Roach, Jamie McPhee, Amy McPhee, Shereen Cameron, David Eremko, Lisa Rochford, Kim Thompson, Tara Garnier, Adam Arcand, Howie Farrell, Darlene Gourley

- 1. Calling of the Roll:** Lisa called the meeting to order at 7:08
- 2. Reading and approval of unapproved minutes and agenda:** Lisa made the motion to approve the minutes and agenda additional agenda items c) Bantam director d) Picture Night e) Minor Hockey Week, seconded by Shaun, all in favour
- 3. Report of the President:**

**EFCHL**

- has added novice to their league and for the upcoming season Lloydminster had 2 teams, Irma one, Wainwright one, Kitscoty one and possibly Vermilion.
  - At the atom level, Lloydminster two, one team for Bonnyville, Vermilion, Irma, Kitscoty, St Paul, Battleriver.
  - Peewee level, Lloydminster two, one team for each of the following Bonnyville, Vermilion, Athabasca and Battle River.
  - Bantam level, one team for each of the following Lloydminster, Bonnyville and Vermilion
  - -Midget level, one team for each of the following, Lloydminster, Bonnyville, Vermilion, Onion Lake, Irma, Lac LaBiche, Provost, Athabasca, St. Paul and Wainwright
  - 18 game seasons
  - No weekday games
  - League needs a vice-president
- 4. Report of the Treasurer:**  
Account Balances as of August 31, 2017
    - General Account \$ 30,107.63
    - Concession Account \$ 16,012.33
    - Plan 24 \$ 31,099.53
    - GIC \$ 11,428.82
    - Raffle Account \$28,397.58

Financial Statements-see attachment

**5. Report of the Directors:**

- Initiation (DJ Mewis):
  - VMHA is going ahead with the Tim Horton's sports program, 60 timbit jerseys were ordered.
- Novice (Kim Tiffinger):
  - A parent was concerned about the lack of coaches on the ice during one preseason skate. To the best of VMH ability there will be more than one coach on the ice at preseason skates but that might not always happen due to life.
  - Splitting the groups by the alphabet doesn't always insure equal numbers in each group. Will look more closely at making sure numbers are even in the future.
  - A parent was concerned that Trevor Farkash wasn't coaching. Durwin explained that the coaches haven't been set in stone yet. VMH has a coaching application protocol, did this coach apply? If we have no coaches apply for certain divisions then the coach mentor has to go recruit a coach.
  - A concern brought forward that it seems VMH struggles every year to find coaches, should VMH offer more clinics for the coaches and invest more into the coaches? Durwin informed that there was two courses offered for coaches this summer and nobody from VMH utilized it. Should VMHA put on a mandatory internal camp at the beginning of the season for coaches or will

VMHA get push back because coaches are busy and in the field. Another suggestion was keeping coaches in place for more than one year.

- Atom: (James Martin):
  - All good
  - Applied too late for the Atomic program through McDonald foods
- Female Atom/Pee Wee (Mike Krips):
  - Good numbers of girls in both the Atom and Pee wee division
  - Mike commented that it was a good change having the tournament inquiries go to each director instead them being sent to the VP
- Pee Wee (Jay Stepanick):
  - So far so good
  - Tournament inquiries are starting to come in
- Bantam (Jamie McPhee):
  - Only one Tier 2 team again this year
  - Struggling with the lack of goalies but they have plans in place to rectify that
  - Lots of interest in the tournament
- Midget: position vacant
- Female Bantam/Midget (Jessica Heinrich):
  - Bantam has a full team and have 3 teams in the league
  - Midget has a full team as well and there are girls on the waiting list

#### **6. Resolutions:**

#### **7. Unfinished Business:**

- a) Socks
  - The issue is Craig's department store is closing and won't be supplying VMHA with socks anymore.
  - VMHA will order more socks in without the Logo on the knee and they will be sold through the concession.

#### **8. New Business:**

- a) Nutrition classes
  - Part of VMHA contract with the town is for VMHA to offer healthy options at the concession.
  - The Dietician who is working with VMH would like to offer Sports Nutrition Education to the players. The Dietician would like to know if a time can be set for the players to come for a session or would the coaches prefer if she comes and does a short info session in the change room before practice. Coaches will let Durwin know if they are wanting an information session with their team.
- b) Team numbers and Registration
  - Initiation – 23                      Novice – 33                      Atom – 24
  - Atom Girls – 12    Pee wee – 28                      Pee wee Girls – 12
  - Bantam – 15                      Bantam Girls – 17 Midget – 39
  - Midget Girls – 19
  - Lots of transfers this year
  - Overall registration is up this year to 225

#### **9. Election of Directors:**

- a) Concession Coordinator – Lori Ann Stenhouse put their name forward, no other nominees. Lori Ann Stenhouse was elected by acclamation
- b) Midget Director – Duane/Erin Baldwin put their name forward, no other nominees. Duane/Erin Baldwin was elected by acclamation.
- c) Bantam Director – In our spring meeting would take the position but if anybody else put their name up he would step down as they already have their family bond covered with the Website coordinator position. Nobody else stepped forward so Jamie will continue on as the Bantam Director.
- d) Picture Night – Kathy Allen put her name forward, no other nominees. Elected by acclamation.
- e) Minor Hockey Week – Amy Howorko put her name forward, no other nominees. Amy Howorko was elected by acclamation.

## 10. Open Forum:

- a) Novice Girls Team
  - Parents wanted to know if VMH is having a girl's novice team. Lisa informed all that the girl's registered at the novice level were contacted to see if they would like to form a girls team but VMH hasn't received responses back from half of the families which makes it difficult for VMH to make a decision.
- b) Try out dates
  - A parent had a concern about the dates of the evaluation camp falling on a long weekend. She would rather scratch the Tim Green camp and push the evaluations earlier instead of on a long wk. Dave response to that was the need to have the evaluations on that wk is due to the fact that VMH has to offer a certain number of skates before evaluations and that the league scheduling meeting is usually the wk after Thanksgiving wk.
- c) Cost of Evaluators
  - Blaine Cusack wanted to know the cost of the evaluators, where that money comes from and is this the first year it is full, do coaches get any say? Dave informed all that the cost to the association is \$4500 and it comes from a variety of sources, registration fees, fundraising, and concession. This is the first year that VMHA has offered these specific evaluation camps, this is a trial year, there are multiple association using this process. The evaluation camp comes due to the disharmony with team selection in previous years. VMH thought it was a proactive trial to find an outside independent body with sound references to aid VMH in that decision. From atom to midget the evaluators will give their full ranking and the top 70%-80% will go to tier 1 and the bottom 70-80% will go to tier 3, the 20% in the middle will be coach's choice, this is still in the deciding process. In the novice division it will be split into the top third middle third and bottom third and coaches and executive will work together to make the teams as even as possible.
- d) Coaching Process
  - Shereen Cameron wanted to know how coaches are picked and the timeline that they are let known that they will coach and how can coaches prepare for the season if they don't get enough notice in advance, is there a certain structure VMH can have in place to notify coaches as soon as possible. Once all the coach applications have been received and all the teams are set then all the coaches are contacted, coaches can't be set in stone when there is tiering involved. If a person wants to coach that has multiple kid in hockey then they need to specify on the application process what coaching position they want and what team they want to coach for first second etc.
  - Could we move the Sept. 1 coach application deadline be moved to Aug. 1? Durwin said we can't decide coaching any earlier then after the evaluations for the tiered teams due to the fact that if it's a parent coach the usually don't want to coach if their kid is not on the team and a kid will not make a team just because his parent is the coach.
  - Amy Howorko brought forward that if there is three coaches that have applied to coach one team then she would like the parents to be involved in the coaching decision going forward. One parent response was, isn't that the coach mentors job. The executives response was, anything is possible this is the members association and in every step of the way an association can include the parent body but at some point in time the parent body had elected a group of individuals to make decisions on behalf of the organization to the best of their abilities. So if at each point in time and each decision the association takes it to the parent body there will be continual meetings and continual polls. If the membership believes there is an improvement needed in the structure this is the place to bring it forward. Amy Howorko's motion was if there is more than one head coach that is carded for one team and Durwin (coach mentor) can't make a decision then the parent body should be involved. In response to that are we prepared as an association to put on the table all the coaching evaluations to an open an honest discussion and evaluation, would coaches want more than just the group they entrusted with that information to see their evaluations? Jamie McPhee said that coaches would like to see their evaluations, good or bad. Amy Howorko was asked if she would like to let her motion stand. She will revise her motion and bring it forward at a later meeting.

- Jamie McPhee brought forward the motion that directors should be involved in the coach selection process, seconded by Richard Lavoie, carried.
- e) Coaching evaluations
  - Trevor farkash asked if there is feedback from the coach's evaluations, good or bad. Is it any good or just all bad? VMH is exploring a new protocol and system for evaluations.

**11. Adjournment: 8:40 pm**