

GVMHA Executive Meeting
Wednesday, June 14, 2017
Civic Arena – 6:00 pm

Attendees: Jodi Peshko, Cheryl Roddis, Sandy Moger, Jamie Saxton, Michelle McCrea, Greg Louis, Kevin Walters, and Gareth Jones, Greg Trainor, Les Hobenshield, Glen Kuhnlein

Call to Order: 6:15pm

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Review and approve agenda
Approved: Jamie, 2nd Glen
3. Review and approve minutes from Feb 21 2017
Approved: Jamie, 2nd Les
4. Financial Update
Questions/Concerns on budget
 - Registration fees are low currently but that's normal for this time of year
 - No major changes over last year
 - It's unclear how the zone teams will affect the budget but most items have remained the same
 - Michelle has been advised to bill time for any Zone team related activities to BC Hockey, not sure of fair value / precedent
 - Any committee members for zone committees should be billing mileage etc to BC Hockey
 - Time spent after regular shift should be charged OT, billed to BC Hockey instead of time taken in lieu
 - Equipment fees have been increased over last year, but this could come down if games are scheduled out of town
 - Socks were provided using the gaming fund last year which has been included again this year

Action Item – Michelle to contact other associations to investigate time billed to BC Hockey
Budget Approved: Greg, 2nd Kevin
5. OMAHA AGM updates
Paperless Scoresheets pilot project
 - Each rink provided a tablet free of charge
 - It's recognized that tablets will likely go missing or be damaged
 - Benefits – less paper, no faxing, rosters downloaded automatically, no WiFi required as it will upload immediately once in WiFi zone
 - Challenges – user resistance, updating rosters with no WiFi
 - Intent is that paper will also be used initially and minimized as the season progresses
 - Training – video is available, the company is based out of Kamloops and it's likely that training and support will be provided
 - Would be ideal if an app is available for Smartphones

Including distant associations into OMAHA

- Tri-Cities, 100 Mile, California etc.
- Teams would come here to play
- Possibly scheduling multiple games in one trip or schedule around tournament travel
- New Board has been elected
- \$190k reserve funds from fines
- Will look at reducing fines for missed games
- Money may be put into a bursary

Carding unsportsmanlike fans

- In Salmon Arm parents are being yellow/red carded when they are not acting appropriately
- Once red card is issued police are contacted
- In other areas parents are acting as security with visible attire to identify them as such and patrolling fans
- It can be difficult to monitor parents in the stands from the ice but we will be implanting a rule where coaches will be held accountable if they are unsportsmanlike

6. BC Hockey AGM updates

Highlights - Gareth

- Good networking opportunity, overall a good experience and everyone is encouraged to attend. GHMHA pays for it and it's a good opportunity to understand the political environment
- Presentation on work done in Smithers regarding operations & planning
 - BC Hockey spent 3-4 days with association reviewing policy manuals, Bylaws and Constitutions, board make-up and identified gaps
 - Strategic planning was found to be a weakness
 - Financials were good
 - Bylaws & Constitutions were reviewed and updated
 - Gareth has contacted BC Hockey to inquire about going through this process
- In Chilliwack refs are notified if a member of the executive board is in the rink and refs can let them know if any issues arise

Risk Management - Glen

- New protocol for concussions
 - 48 hours rest prior to returning to light activity and work up from there
 - It was determined that complete rest in a dark room, no tv etc. wasn't the way to go
 - All team officials to go through the CATT course
 - Baseline testing was deemed not to be beneficial majority of players are younger and baseline changes rapidly
 - If concussion symptoms persist after 4 weeks player should see a multi-disciplinary physician to identify root cause
- Alcohol around hockey
 - Zero tolerance
 - Parents on busses, staying in hotels etc. drinking no longer permitted
 - Discussion around the difficulty of policing parents outside of the rink

- HCSPs
 - Number required was discussed
 - Trying to pass resolution - needs to be one on the bench and cannot be a coach
 - They can open gate and sit on bench but HCSP is a designated role
- Hockey Canada
 - Insurance policy was discussed, what's covered and what isn't
 - Policy is secondary to any outside insurance policy
 - Discussed which events can be sanctioned and which can't (no parent/player games, wood chipping, chopping firewood)
- Emergency Planning
 - Plan should be in place to be used in the event of injury and ambulance needs to attend
 - HCSP should be delegating roles – who calls ambulance, who meets paramedics etc,
 - HCSP should also be identifying hazards in the arena – holes in the ice etc.
 - This should be brought up at our HCSP meeting in addition to an email reminder sent at the beginning of the year
 - Addresses should be displayed at all rinks – good in Vernon but HCSPs should be looking at each rink

Coaches Session - Sandy

- Cross ice is mandatory this year for Initiation/Novice
- Coach 2 can't be taken until you're Atom or higher
- If you already have Coach 2, no need to go back and take Coach 1
- Pilot Project putting TV screens in all rinks with a Samsung phone so practice sessions can be displayed on the screen behind glass

7. Zone Team updates

- Gareth attended 3 meetings in Armstrong which facilitated positive discussions around ice utilization
- (Tentative) Tier 1 teams: 3 practices/week – 1 Vernon, 1 N OK, 1 Enderby
- (Tentative) Tier 2 teams: 2 practices/week in Enderby as they play out of Salmon Arm
- Tier ½ teams now move to the zone teams to compete with academy level teams
- Still waiting to hear on coaches as application process is ongoing
- BC Hockey presentation suggested there would be 9 zone teams in Bantam group
- Vanderhoof has announced their coach but it's a slow process seeing things happen and move forward
- BC Hockey has taken over and applying their budget
- Gareth waiting to hear from Chris Williamson on update but no word back yet
- Try-out dates have been set
 - Aug 11-13 at NorVal & Aug-13-16 in Sicamous
 - Funnel approach moving down a tier as player is cut
- Kids still register with their associations but don't pay. Any funds paid will be transferred to the zone team
- This new format is expected to take some time before running smoothly

8. Review job roles of board members – GJ distributes copies and oath of office for all to sign

- Copies of each role & associated duties distributed to each member
- Oath of office circulated and signed by all present members

Action item – Kevin to consider items to add to duties, look into increasing registration numbers, female hockey provides a good opportunity.

9. Initiation and Novice Programming

- BC Hockey has tightened up policy on cross-ice/reduced ice.
- All policies now say cross-ice in an effort to improve consistency
- Dimensions have been provided by OMAHA
- They are looking for blue line in, meaning the middle wouldn't be used
- We require more bumpers to set it up correctly
- Discussions were held around team size and it's suggested that Initiation teams should be larger than Novice
- Game play dates were discussed – Nov 15 for Novice, Jan for Initiation
- Some associations are dividing teams by age, dividing 1st year from 2nd year Initiation and Novice kids, with Novice kids playing on OTR (similar specifications as half-ice)
- Teams should be created based on age is included in the BC Hockey guidelines meaning Minor/Major Initiation and Novice teams.
- Teams should be no more than 14 players and 2 games should be going on at the same time
- Recommended line of 3-on-3 or 4-on-4 which could result in many kids sitting
- Proposal for policy change introduced by Jamie
- Tier Novice division by age, minor/major with 3 teams in each tier
- Major Novice teams to practice and play at the OTR
- Team size to be 12/13 per team with 14/15 on minor team
- Change made to above sentence around team numbers in proposed policy to allow increased flexibility with team sizes
- Discussion held around how lines would work dependent on team sizes
- Tiering the Novice group could make it difficult to play other local associations as smaller organizations may not be able to tier by age
- Atom transition was brought up, could be run in August to teach offsides, positions etc. but it was agreed that kids catch on quickly enough and this transition isn't required
- Looking to move back to OTR as extra ice time provided by city was taken away last year. Michelle is working on arranging a reasonable rate with OTR
- Discussion held around different options for bumpers, sponsorships, prices
- Socks cost the same price last season as a set of bumpers and sock quality was poor – money should be put towards bumpers
- Mini nets could be needed for OTR/PV
- Jamie motions to vote on policy to tier Novice division by age.
- Policy carried unanimously

Greg summarizes his vision for the complaint process, both formal and informal, and how both are structured. Explains the appeals process and states he will move forward with creating a policy.

Action – Greg to create proposal around committee and policy on handling on both informal and formal complaints. To be presented at a future board meeting.

Adjourned at 8:52pm