

WMHA Executive Board

Meeting Minutes For December 21, 2016

Call to order at 6:34 pm

In attendance: Jim, Kelly, Garth, Dallas, Jon, Nancy, Geniene, Darcy, Brenda, Brian, Tammy

Garth made a motion to accept the November 05, 2016 meeting minutes, Nancy 2nd, passed.

Garth made a motion to accept the November 14, 2016 emergency meeting minutes, Nancy 2nd, passed.

Agenda Items

Motions made by email

Bantam 2 Fundraiser – Westjet Raffle (\$20.00/ticket, 500 tickets printed) - **Passed**

Credit Card Machine

WMH is paying \$72.95/month, the machine needs to be upgraded. Could go with Square Technology, only get charged per use, discussion ensued.

Garth made a motion to get rid of the debit machine, Jim second, Passed.

Player/Coach Evaluations

Do you have a date set for coaching evaluations? What is our Player/Coach role/responsibilities?

Mathew Wood

Letter of request was sent to WMH for a 50% reimbursement of the 2016/2017 hockey fees. Request – approved.

Regulation #19

The President and Vice President shall not hold a team official position (coach, assistant coach, manager, trainer, etc) within the Association unless the Executive passes a special resolution.

Following changes to Regulation #19 is as follow:

Any/all board members shall not hold a team official position (coach, assistant coach, manager, trainer, etc) within the Association or any association outside of WHM, unless they submit a letter of request and are approved by the majority of the board.

Garth made a motion to change Regulation #19, Jon second, Passed.

Reports of the Executives

President

- Attended 2 hr conference call December 14, 2016 from 7 pm to 9pm with 1660 and its members.

A) Interlock / interleague status-The Northern Alberta Interlock (NAI) committee received notification from the North Eastern Alberta Hockey League (NEAHL) on December 8th that the NEAHL will be withdrawing from interlock and interleague play for the remainder of the 2016-2017 season. Consequently, teams in the 1660 Hockey League (1660), Sturgeon Pembina Hockey League (SPHL), and the North Central Minor Hockey Association (NCMHA) that had games scheduled with the NEAHL teams are affected. League officials and schedulers from 1660, SP, and NCMHA are currently reviewing their respective teams' schedules and developing a plan forward. Any team wishing to play their formerly scheduled games with the NEAHL are encouraged to play should they desire and both teams agree. However, these games will need to be played as exhibition games and normal procedures in relation to exhibition games, such as using the zone discipline coordinator, and acquiring travel permits will apply. The NAI Committee or individual leagues will have no authority over these games. The NAI group remains committed to working together to provide a meaningful hockey experience for all participants while continuing to develop a model that will enhance minor hockey for all players in Alberta. The NAI group does apologize for any confusion during this time.

B) NAI website and schedule - please ensure all your contact information has been uploaded to the site if not already done. Schedules- they realize they have issues with the schedule and are working through it. If you feel you still have unreasonable travel as a team you are encourage to still talk to our 1660 rep (Bart Klein) and 1660 will work with you and the other team to come up with solution. they will look at each case presented and rule on it.

If WMH have to book week day games to get in our TBA games I would suggest this be done, but please talk with the managers with the other team and try to get the best reasonable time as possible. At this point games I would suggest game trump practices to help in the matter. WMHA has over 41 TBA games to book as an association with only 10 teams so we all have to work together right now to help our teams and volunteers out. If this means, we have to share practice slots with another team until TBA games are complete make it happen please. There is nothing wrong with a 1/2 ice practice at any level for any team. We all need to work together!!!!

C) Travel concerns - lots of teams have travel concerns again if you feel your team is travelling and you feel that it is unreasonable please work with Bart and he can contact 1660 direct and work through it. Remember the other teams are having same issue and again 1660 apologizes and need your support to work through it.

D) path moving forward for next year -

they are working to firm up time lines better, less appeals, prevent Ice time lost, less TBA games, working on the travel distance. Talked about possible tournament play for tiring and play downs. NAI will have a progress report sent out in March prior to associations AGM and 1660 AGM.

So coordinators please pass on to your managers and have them work through it and please advise them keep checking your schedule 1660 did warn they have had to delete some TBA games and add some TBA games, so have your managers keep checking please. They want to have this completed by this weekend but saying that I would continue checking the schedule till the end of the year. In closing thank you all for working through this matter and please keep working with Tina. I know the City (Tasha) has been working hard along Tina to try to accommodate everyone so please continue to work with them.

I want to assure everyone WMH is not the only association having issues with the schedule and the amount of TBA games and the shortage of ice. NAI (1660) apologized for all of it and is trying to work through it as best they can. They are dealing with 400 teams in the league so we can all imagine the feedback they have received.

So I ask you to keep please working through it and do the best with the games and TBA games you can and work with the other managers as best you can and remember they are seeing the same issues.

- Nov, 25 2016 HOCKEY ALBERTA ZONE PROVINCIAL PLAYDOWN INTENT FORM was sent into Hockey Alberta.
- Affiliation deadline- NO EXCEPTIONS-Dec, 15 2016 and team approval have all been achieved for 2016-17 season for WMHA. ALL teams will be locked and any changes you will have to ask Hockey Alberta to open teams before WMHA has access.
- Lock at the Minor Office has been changed, was broken, no charge 1524 code.
- Award night 3 members from Icemen and 3 WMH members, Garth and myself have already volunteered to run the event. Will be booking Moose hall, finalizing date with Icemen sometime in April.

Vice President

- ePACT: invitations have been sent out to all members of WMHA. All coordinators have been invited to be administrators for their division. Darcy Elder has been invited to be a group administrator along with myself. As of this afternoon there are still 2 people that have not completed their administrator invitation. If you did not receive it or need me to resend it let me know. Out of 229 members we still have 106 with incomplete records. Coordinators please login and follow up with the ones from your division.

- Ralph Pocock: we have 2 people that received Pocock assistance that had not paid their remaining balance. Both parties have made payment arrangements and are now back in good standing.
- Discipline Committee: We have received 1 incident report to date. The matter has been resolved.

Treasurer Report

- See Report
- Cheque has come in from the Oilers 50/50 and bus deposit.
- Bingo license needs to be renewed and submitted to Peace Hills for 2 years (May 1, 2017 – April 30, 2019)

Brenda made a motion to renew our bingo license, Kelly second, Passed.

- Tournament Update:
Midget Tournament \$3,403.79
Bantam Tournament \$3,767.23 / 3 teams = \$1,255.74 each
Pee Wee Tournament \$8,524.81 / 2 teams = \$4,262.40 each

Registrar

- Nothing to report.

Public Relations

- Nothing to report.

Player/Coach Report

- WMHA in conjunction with Hockey Alberta will be conducting three coaching clinics on the following dates:
Jan 11 – Defensive Skills – 6:30pm-8:00pm in class and 8:30pm-9:30pm on ice
Jan 25 – Creating Offense – 6:30pm-8:00pm in class and 8:30pm-9:30pm on ice.
Feb 13–Small Area Games – 6:30pm-8:00pm in class and 8:30pm-9:30pm on ice.

The minimum number is 10 coaches. If we do not have enough interest, we will be cancelling them. These clinics are free of charge and are great tools for coaches in planning their team strategies along with some fundamental drills.

- Mid season coach evaluations will be coming out in the early new year.

Bingo Report

- We need to know how many bingo to book for 2017. Had 36 in total, 27 evening, 9 afternoon.

Ice Coordinator

- Nothing to report.

Referee Report

- Have everyone scheduled. Will send out an email reminding them for TBA.

Equipment Coordinator

- Waiting on jerseys to get replaced. Also waiting for some jerseys to be put back in the equipment room

Coordinator Reports:

Initiation

- Nothing to report.

Novice

- Tournament is coming along, working with Kristine Belbeck.

Atom

- Everything is going good.
- Tournament is coming together. \$1400.00 max spent on prize table, received \$3250.00 in sponsorship.

Peewee

- PeeWee A Team: Preseason Tier 3&2: Record 3-1-2
Regular Season in Tier 2: Only 1660 games 3-4-1
- PeeWee B Team: Preseason Tier 5: Record 5-0-0
Regular Season in Tier 4: InterLeague 1-5-2, Only 1660 Teams 1-3-2
without the 2 Tier 3 teams we had to play.
Steady improvement in ability of players. Quite a few new to minor hockey.
- Tournament very successful. Total Income about \$8500. With only two peewee teams that is \$4225 per team. Treasurer will report details as needed.
Tournament Coordinator performed well and got Leslie Wilson to help. Leslie was a great addition as she has tournament protocols drawn up on her computer for teams to use as needed. Although her son is playing AA in Camrose, she believes in helping her home Association. Thanks to Leslie Wilson, Morgan Dormaar and Leigh Sawicki for all their work on this tournament.

Bantam

- Bantam tourney was held in November. It was tough finding teams this year. Interlock didn't help this situation as teams were still in the tiering process. In my opinion more help is needed to run a tournament. We had a great tourney crew but, with that being said, it is tough for 4 people to do everything. More help was asked for but everyone is also very busy. Both Wetaskiwin 1 and Wetaskiwin 2 medaled while Wetaskiwin 2 for the first time left empty handed. Income for the tourney was \$16,677.02. Expenses were \$12,909.79 leaving a total of \$3,767.23 divided by 3 team for \$1,255.74 per team. Our treasurer has the total breakdown. I do feel this tourney should be moved back either in December or January as I am not sure how the tiering process will be next year.
- We have one player from Bantam 3 decide to take the rest of the year off. I am hoping that was his decision and not his parents. Hopefully everyone can move forward. I would like to wish all board members a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Midget

- Nothing to report.

Action Items

- Email motions and Regulations changes - AGM
- Fee deadlines for next year
- Player/Coach evaluations

Garth made the motion to adjourn the meeting @ 8:34pm

Next meeting: February 08, 2016 @ 6:30pm