

WMHA Executive Board

Meeting Minutes For May 27, 2018

Call to order at 6:00pm

In Attendance: Jody, Garth, Tina, Geniene, Jim, Andrea, Donny, Mac, Dan, Shannon, Jon, Kelly, Brett, Chantelle.

Regrets: Tammy

**Jim made a motion to accept the April 18, 2018 meeting minutes, Kelly 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.**

Agenda Items:

**Sonnenberg Powerskating – Martin and Eric:**

Would like to be considered as a provider for powerskating in the upcoming year for Novice, Atom, Pee wee, and Girls. Would like to shape it as a “Skill Development Program” and work to improve and develop the players in the Wetaskiwin Minor Hockey Association. Would focus on puck handling edge work, shooting, passing etc. Consideration for anytime after 6pm. Cost of \$140/hour about 20 kids per session.

Also willing to be a part of our evaluation/try out processes as well.

**ACTION ITEM:** Recommended that Tina look into ice with projected numbers and look into working power skating into the schedule.

**Tournament Coordinator – Kristine Belbeck:**

Would like to see all tournaments run the same and look the same. Discussion about using Google docs to store forms and documents from previous years to be accessed easily. Encouraged Tournament Coordinator positions to be picked early and for these people to also attend the Managers meeting. Gmail to be set up for tournaments and she plans to connect with Tammy to update our website.

**Email motions:**

**Registration Late Fee – Jody made a motion to implement a late fee of \$200 for those that are not registered by July 31, 2018. This does not apply to new members of WMHA, Kelly 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.**

**Midget Provincial Funds:**

Quote has been received from Coaches Source for Sports, Don, for the Kings Crest and Jersey cost approximately \$90-95 per jersey. Total would be \$4750. We would look at 50 Jerseys Midget 1 and Bantam 1.

**Kelly motioned to use the money from Midget Provincial Tournament towards new White Jerseys for Midget 1 and Bantam 1, Jim seconded this motion. Motion passed.**

**Referee in Chief:**

Last year 396 games were assigned on RAMP, issues at first but many were addressed and should be good for the upcoming season. Games will be connected direction from the league site in the future. Many complaints received, and they spent lots of time trying to resolve/look into these complaints. Tried not to push refs to ref higher than the level they should be reffing. Dark days, many assigned shifts to refs but they were declined. They often dealt with short notice cancelations as well. Large part of reffing is the effort that is put in by the staff and they did try to address this through Shadowing, Dress Code, etc. Senior officials have been supervising. He has had 32 refs throughout the year for Wetaskiwin. We also supply refs to outlying areas as needed. Coaches are not to be requesting specific refs.

Darren and Mac were in constant contact with each other about officials, scheduling, reviewing officials and game schedules. Role is to build officials. All calls about officials are to go to Mac, nothing should go to the league it should go to Garth and Hockey Alberta. There is a Referee Complaint form on the NAI website.

**Upcoming ref clinic for this year September 15, 2018 - please do not schedule tryouts that day as many refs are also trying out for teams.**

RICs in other communities are not in voting positions on the board. Mac will be attending with us on an as needed basis.

Mac can give Deni authorization so she can access the website and see pay info for when she's writing cheques.

**Coach Application/Deadlines:**

1 Application has been received so far. Would like to get more people in place who would potentially be coaching before July 15 2018. Talk of emailing/using facebook page – fan this out to previous coaches, Rob and Icemen. Ensure the website is updated. Jim to email his coach document to the group for review and feedback.

**Intro to Hockey – Initiation and Novice Info Session:**

Feedback from other groups will continue full ice and some are doing major/minor teams. Major is the older kids who will get last year of full ice and league games and minor will be 1<sup>st</sup> year, no league games and ½ ice.

**Dan made a motion for a Major (full ice and NIA) and Minor (half ice and exhibition) for Wetaskiwin Novice. Jim Seconded. Motion passed 11 – 1 – 1.**

Referees required for Minor Novice? Noted that 2010 kids could move down but would not allow 2011's to move up.

**Andrea motioned that Minor Fees for Novice be \$475 including bingo. Kelly seconded this motion. Motion passed.**

Hockey Alberta is willing to prepare a presentation and come to us about these changes. Answer questions for parents in person.

**Joey Bouhard:**

Has requested a paid coach development position through email. Board has decided they are not interested in this.

**Expense Reimbursement:**

Garth shared "Reimbursement of Expenditures" policy. Reviewed by Board members.

**Andrea made a motion to accept Reimbursement of Expenditures Policy starting back to April 2018 AGM. Brett Seconded this motion. Motion Passed.**

**Montreal Canadians Alumni:**

Unsure on costs to run and profits if any were actually made. Decision not to do this this year.

**Volunteering Commitments:**

Leduc website offers a breakdown of discounts that can be earned – ie. Coaching, bingos, etc. Consideration potentially for next year as many families have already registered. Tabled to next year.

**Sponsorship:**

No sponsorship money has been received for 2017/18 season. Lee does not have enough time to collect on Sponsorship dues. Garth spoke with him about 1 month ago. Group is unclear on who our sponsors are. Letter/invoice to be drawn up and taken to our sponsors to collect there 2017/18 payment. Garth will connect with Lee and deadline of June 15 for him to provide payment or turn information back into Garth. Donny is willing to help but will need the binder for sponsorship names to begin collecting on .

**Reports:****President:****Hockey Alberta Meeting**

1. Respect in Sport has been updated as of May 1. Please make sure all families and coaches/volunteers check their accounts and make sure their RIS is up to date.
2. Travel permits are now required for any games when you leave Wetaskiwin. This will only apply to exhibition games and tournaments not league games.
3. Pee Wee AA will be going forward. There has never been any discussion at the Hockey Alberta level to cancel the program.

**NAI AGM**

1. NAI will be raising fees to \$225 per team for the upcoming 2018-19 season.
2. Head Coach and Managers phone numbers and emails must be loaded before the start of the preseason.
3. HCR must be loaded before the start of preseason. If changes are made to the HCR a copy of the new one must be loaded.
4. Make sure our managers enter the game results and game sheets in a timely manner. There were many delays in this the past season and NAI would like to see that improved.
5. Holden will be accepted as a new association for 2018-19 for novice only. The idea is that there kids will continue as they get older and they will be able to grow their association.
6. NAI offers a \$250 scholarship opportunity to graduating midget players. They award up to 3 annually. We should provide a link or information regarding this on our website.
7. Standardized tiering will begin for all categories starting in 2018-19 season. Provincial's format will remain the same for all categories except Pee Wee. Pee Wee will be doing a test program of having the league champions play each other for provincials. This will apply to tiers 1-4 only. Tier 5 and 6 teams will not participate in provincials. The regular season for Pee Wee will be concluded by Feb 10 or 17 with playoffs concluded by Mar 17. Provincial dates and location TBA.
8. Fort McMurray will have teams in Midget, Bantam, Pee Wee, and Atom in Tier 1 only.
9. Camrose has mentioned creating a Novice league for when we go to the half ice model. They would look to include Camrose, Wetaskiwin, Bashaw, New Serepta, etc. There is a possibility of starting this this season depending on what these associations decide for their Novice program.

### **Concession**

- Deadline to apply is noon on June 1. I would like to have a meeting the evening of June 3 to review and decide which application we will accept.

### **Vice President:**

Jim, Kelly, Brett and Chantelle (alternate) for Discipline Committee.

EPAC App and access.

**Treasurer:** N/A

### **Registrar:**

82 Kids registered by date of our meeting.

**Player/Coach Development:** N/A

### **Ice Coordinator:**

Tournament dates have been booked.

Asked city to keep ice and not give to Camrose for week nights until 10pm.

**Public Relations:** N/A

### **Bingo Coordinator:**

Casino – applications July 1 due date (casino is September 22/23). \$100 credit per spot.

People are signing up for bingos.

**Ref Coordinator:** N/A.

### **Equipment Coordinator:**

Goalie sticks need replacing. Approximately \$252 for 8 of them but may need more and for older ages as well. Sign out for goalie gear.

Action Items next meeting: Some goalie gear – blockers/trappers is old. Jerseys in lock up that are brand new – Adult small to Adult XXL 32 white. Donny, Jody, and Kelly will try to go through jerseys.

**Geniene made a motion to give Donny, Equipment Manager, \$500 towards Goalie Sticks. Mac Seconded. Motion Passed.**

We will also require another set of dividers for the Initiation/Novice ages. – Jody will look into quotes.

### **Coordinator Reports**

**Initiation Coordinator:** NA

**Novice Coordinator:** NA

**Atom/Pewee Girls:** Advertising being done on facebook and ice slots are booked to attract more female players.

**Pewee Coordinator:** NA

**Bantam Coordinator:** NA

**Midget Coordinator:** NA

**Female Coordinator:** NA

Next meeting date set for June 24, 2018 at Bingo Hall Boardroom 6pm.