



**Cochrane Minor Hockey Association
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, May 31st, 2016 - SLFSC**

The informal portion of the board meeting began at 7:06 pm.

Review of CMHA Mission Statement:

“Development of a lifelong passion for hockey by developing quality recreational and competitive programs in a nurturing environment with the goal of building character, physical and mental skills while having fun”.

Review of the AGM Agenda

Accomplishments:

Congratulations to the Midget AAA raiders. The Rocky Mountain raiders won their first AMMFHL Championship. They also won the Pacific championship and a Bronze in the Esso cup. There are 3 Cochrane girls on the Raiders team.

The AC avalanche is our 15 year old AAA team comprised of Cochrane and Airdrie players. This year ½ were Cochrane players. They won Silver in the South Sutter Cup.

Other acknowledgements within the South Central Alberta Hockey league were:

- Dean Oleynk (Top Scorer), and Caleb Willms (Most Sportsmanlike) from the AA Bantam Bow Valley Timberwolves.
- Shaw Cathcart (Most Sportsmanlike), and Nathan Airey (Best Goaltender) from the AA Pee wee Bow Valley Timberwolves.

RHL Division Champions:

- Pee wee A, Atom D Raptors, Bantam B, and Midget B.

Recognition of outgoing Directors:

The association would like to acknowledge and recognize the following outgoing Directors. Our Directors are very important to our association as they dedicate many hours of their personal time to our hockey program.

- Jeannette Lam who was our Registrar
- Carmen Viste our RHL House Director for Atom and Novice
- Cheryl Ovans our Communications Director who handled our emails and newsletter.
- Steve Mueller who was our Coach Director

- Laura Vallaint was responsible for Ways and Means which is our fundraising initiatives. Laura raised 25K in jersey sponsorship program.

Challenges for our association:

- Financial Sustainability – Our costs continue to go up every year, and as an association we must find ways to control our costs while at the same time finding opportunities for revenue growth. We are limited in terms of how much ice is available, and continue to be under pressure for practice ice.
- CMH Product Quality – our members see value in what we are providing.
- Coach and Player Conduct
 - Vast majority of write ups and disciplinary actions are going to coaches on the bench according to CAHL and Hockey Alberta. We hope to be more preventative in this area and provide more training to these coaches. We lose 60% of our new refs every year.

Developments:

- We haven't raised fees for our membership in 4 years.
- Removing of body checking in Bantam RHL. Most kids coming into the Bantam program have never checked as checking was eliminated in peewee.
- Reigniting our Female Hockey Program. This year will be the first year that we will be doing registration for girls ONLY if they so choose. This will help keep the girls interested in Female hockey.
- Mike Bigland Scholarship was established. Mike was a Midget AA Coach. This scholarship was established through the support of his family. It is a scholarship for a 3rd year player of \$2500.00. This is the first year it will be offered.

That concludes our informal portion of the AGM. With quorum present as confirmed by Mary Lou Spadafore, the formal portion of the AGM was called to order at 7:21 p.m.

Review and Approval of CMHA Financial Statements:

Copies of the 2015 Financial Statements were provided to the membership at the AGM. This is a Review and Engagement Report. It is not an Audit, but a review of the accounts to a lesser degree. The auditors review the accounts in sufficient detail that they can feel comfortable that the financials are in order. The reason the association does this is because of cost. It is ½ the price. As a Board we agreed to do a full audit every 5th year.

We have a total of approximated 400K in excess funds. You'll notice that 130K was allocated into a segregated account. This account requires full Board approval to use the funds. It was recommended by our auditors to ear mark and protect a portion of our cash.

Question arose from the membership by Laura Vaillant as to what CMH is planning to do with those excess funds of 400K?

The association needs to have a reserve to cover costs of ice going up every year, or for example in the situation of our facility going down, we would have to rent ice elsewhere. Our rate that we pay is significantly lower here for ice, than if we had to rent ice elsewhere.

No additional questions were raised regarding the financials. As a result a motion was requested to approve the 2015 financials as presented. Sandy Kaine presented the motion to approve the Financials as presented. Steve Gallant seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed by the membership.

Acclimation of Directors:

The following positions are open for nomination: Registrar, Finance Director, Coach Director, Ways & Means Director, RHL Director (Nove/Atom), and Communications Director. These positions will remain Vacant and will be filled by the Board of Directors when acceptable candidate are identified. If you have an interest in any of these positions, please let Brian Kaine know.

Mary Lou Spadafore has been acclaimed to the position of Secretary.

Review and Approval of Operating Budget:

Stephen Simms would like to acknowledge Deb for her outstanding efforts for the work completed on the Female Hockey program this past year.

The grey area is the budget for this past year, green area is how we did, yellow are is the projection for next year. There will be NO fee increases for this year. Our budget/goal was to make 14K last year in profit, all we will make this year is \$2700 to the good. Jersey sponsorship has helped that. We saved approx 10k.

The Red numbers are non budgeted items. This was taken out of surplus, and wasn't charged back to the members.

All lines in the blue are fixed costs. Those are our biggest expense lines. Cost for evaluations was for RFID tags. Evaluations will be all Rep and all Rhl (excluding Initiation and Midget).

The majority of our surplus came in from 2012.

Our win percentage as a group in CAHL was up 6.5%. RFID tags were a success in determining where our kids were placed on teams.

Financial (Bank Balance):

Total accounts amount to \$427,673.78 which includes a \$25,312.50 GIC. Of this total amount \$130,000.00 was placed in a Restricted account as recommended by our auditors.

Resolutions:

A motion was requested to approve the Operating Budget as presented. Dev Novello presented the motion to approve the Operating budget as presented and it was seconded by Doug Noseworthy. Operating Budget as presented was unanimously approved by the membership.

We currently use Gryzko Harper Bow as the Audit firm. A motion was requested to continue using Gryzko Harper Bow as the association's Audit firm. The motion was presented by Ken Younger and seconded by Stephen Simms. The motion to continue to use Gryzko Harper Bow as the Audit firm was unanimously approved by the membership.

Other Business:

Darren Kondrat represented Sport for Life. Introducing a 10 months multi sport program, which will introduce kids to a variety of sports not just Hockey. Check out the Sport for life Cochrane website to sign up if interested.

Questions:

Question raised by Laura Vaillant regarding our Tim Bits Program and whether or not there are any plans into having a junior and senior level within this program? More discussion, and perhaps survey of parents is needed. Steve Gallant commented that we as an association are committed to giving the initiation players development, and our program is for the kids not for the parents.

Question regarding the policy/procedures for goalie evaluations raised by Carmen Hodges. Rules have been developed and will be circulated prior to the goalie evaluations.

A question was raised by Laura Vaillant regarding the affiliation of players between Initiation and Novice. According to Hockey Alberta website they do not support the affiliation between Initiation and Novice players.

Meeting adjourned at 9:29.