



Foothills Minor Hockey Association
Board of Directors Meeting
April 10th, 2019
COOP boardroom

In attendance: Kellie Beal, Miles Kiemele, Kevin MacIntyre, Brianne Fredell, Adam Rommens, Chris Alexander, Duncan McLeish, Chad Niemans

Late: NA

Absent: Jeff Willoughby, John MacKenzie, Jennifer Woods, Tyler Hutton, Brad Parker

The meeting was called to order by Kevin at 7:21 pm.

Motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting by Chris, seconded by Kellie, all in favour, motion carried.

Due to lack of quorum the regularly scheduled meeting of the board on April 4th had to be re-scheduled. Five of the board members were present at the April 4th meeting and were able to conclude on a few issues not requiring a board vote. It is noted below where discussion and conclusions were made by the board members present at that meeting.

Additions to the agenda:

From Jennifer Woods:

Issues discussed and at April 4th meeting:

"I won't be at the meeting but can we add to the agenda FMHA bursary got Max Chivers. He had applied for it last year and he went to referee camp over the summer. We didn't think he was going to go because he got hurt but he ended up going. Can we still present it to him."

Discussion related to presentation of this bursary to Max. To be confirmed at the May meeting but it has been tentatively agreed that the presentation will take place at the 2019 AGM.

From Rachelle Jackson:

Issues discussed at April 4th meeting:

1. Display cases at Rec Centre – **FMHA trophies and memorabilia need to be cleaned out of the existing trophy cases at the Rec Centre in preparation for the lobby renovations at the Rec Plex. Specific dates and times have been scheduled to do this work.**

***4/10/2019 – Miles agrees to take the lead on organizing what needs to be done and how to properly handle the contents of the trophy cases. Ongoing discussion regarding the proper way to memorialize these prominent members of the association.**

2. Updated model for Intro to Hockey – **Rachelle provided documents related to the updated model for Intro to Hockey**
3. Tournament for intro to Hockey – **discussion regarding a two day tournament for initiation and novice teams in November.**



From Kellie Beal:

Issues discussed at April 4th meeting:

1. AGM – need to finalize date and venue – **May 14th or 15th. Kellie to confirm dating.**
2. Initiation Refs for next year - discussed
3. Ref Scholarship - discussed
4. Board Nominations – **will need to fill potentially 10 positions. Board members encouraged to reach out and generate some interest in serving on the board.**

***Discussion below related to the April 10th meeting:**

- **Potential for no, or very few returning board members next year. Discussion undertaken ranging from remedies to attract new members and discussion regarding what the 2019/2020 board looks like.**
- **Conclusion is that the current board needs to finish the year, plan and hold the AGM.**
- **Re affirm the commitment of the existing board to finish out the year**
- **Six 2 year and six 1 year terms will need to be filled**
- **Communication of board needs to the membership in general is required**

From Duncan McLeish:

1. Discussion regarding bylaw committee findings – **see below under “parent advisory committee” heading**

From Chad Neimans:

Issues discussed at April 4th meeting:

1. Novice sweaters are going to likely be short for next year. **4/10/19 - Additional discussion regarding the need for Jerseys. It was determined that we shouldn't need to order new jersey's if we have enough white jerseys. Chad was going to confirm that we have enough white jerseys.**
2. How many midget sweaters should be ordered? ***4/10/2019 - Chad is going to order 24 new jerseys for midgets.**
3. Still waiting on team jersey, puck and first aid kits.
4. Team socks order - ***4/10/2019 - Chad is going to take an inventory and order as needed**

4/4/2019 - Discussion and coordination regarding the above equipment needs. Chad suggests trying Diamond Embroidery and Apparel due to disappointing service from The Source in Okotoks.



Operations manager report:

High River Arena:

Summer Ice is open for booking. I'm checking with Bisons to see what they need. August 19- September 15.

Blackie Arena:

Ice is going in September 16 2019

***4/10/2019 - Flyers Junior B team is planning on a fall camp in partnership with FMHA. Planning is in process but ice will be needed toward the end of August.**

Treasurer's report:

Treasurer Report - see attached reports, final bills to come in from Atom 2 team for ice and Bisons for their misc charges, one outstanding Bisons registration that I left in the hands of the AA committee. Need to determine Registration Fees for next season, see attached comparisons, Town is looking at restructuring rate bylaw again which could be in our favor but will like see little change so need to determine what we are going to do, especially at Novice level. I'm not sure if we can look at reduction of rate for Novice or not...

I have only received 2 year end reports from teams so far

4/10/19 – Kellie to review costs and forecasted numbers for players in 2019 in order to confirm her preliminary calculations outlining a need for a fee increase in 2019/2020 season

CAHL Report:

Nothing to report

Old Business:

Nothing to report

New Business:

Nothing to report

Director Reports:

Novice (John MacKenzie):

Nothing to report

Initiation (Brianne Fredell):

Nothing to report



Atom (Adam Rommens):

Still need to send out survey regarding atom house next year. I haven't heard back from Okotoks on their willingness to take 1 or 2 extra teams from High River next year. We could potentially have 56 kids next year which would make 4 Atom teams.

Issue discussed at April 4th meeting:

There is a new apparel and embroidery company in town that forwarded me some info. I have attached a letter from them asking for permission to use the FMHA logo. Since we still get a lot of things made in Okotoks it might be nice to suggest alternatives to our teams next year to have apparel done locally.

Peewee (Tyler Hutton):

Nothing to report

Bantam (Tyler Hutton):

Nothing to report

Midget (Duncan McLeish):

I had one minor discipline meeting with a player.

AA Report (Jeff Wiloughby):

Nothing to report

Committee Reports:

Ice Committee:

Did a numbers projection for next season for returning players

Initiation - 18 returning - 3 teams likely

Novice - 41 returning - 4 teams likely maybe 5

Atom - 55 returning - 4 teams??? - will need another set of jerseys

Peewee - 45 returning (3 were AA) - 2/3 teams depending on what happens with AA

Bantam - 31 returning (7 were AA) - 2 teams

Midget - 51 returning (19 were AA - good chunk will be first years) - 2/3 teams depending on what happens with AA

We could have to look at additional ice slots as we won't have enough slots depending on what happens - it shouldn't be an issue as Rachelle, Kevin & I are meeting with the Town to discuss and we can look at options if need be then.



Parent advisory committee:

From Duncan McLeish:

Brianne and I also met with the bylaw committee. We discussed their suggested changes and made suggestions of our own for them to fix in their proposal. This past Tuesday I met with Andrea. She gave me the final copy of their suggested changes for the board to review.

4/10/2019 – Duncan provided an overview of discussion and meetings with the parent advisory committee regarding association bylaws.

Duncan spoke in detail for each of the suggestions for bylaw changes/updates made by the committee.

Board members discussed each of the suggestions made by the committee and Duncan will email back to the committee head, Melissa Pryor.

Duncan moves to accept the selected, agreed upon ratifications to the FMHA bylaws proposed by the committee and discussed by the members of the board. Kelly Beal seconded, vote all in favour, none opposed.

Discipline update/discussion:

None

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Duncan and seconded by Chris. Meeting adjourned at 9:56.

Next scheduled meeting is May 1st at COOP.