

Innisfail Minor Hockey Association Annual General Meeting Date: April.24.2018 7:00 pm Place: Innisfail Legion Meeting Room

Participants Participants					
Invited	Attend	Regrets	Invited	Attend	Regrets
Stephen Bates	Х	_	Murray Reay	X	
Alan Smith	Х		Bruce Rafuse		Х
Randy Graham	X		Amy Heinz		X
Megan McDonald	X		Brett Kelly	X	
Becky McKain		X	Sara Howell	X	
Dan Falk	X		Kelly Smith		X
Darwin Amundson	X		Elwin Wiens	X	
Aaron Kitzul	X		Pat Adams		X
Teresa Dodd	Х				

Agenda				
Item #	Topics to be discussed			
1.	Call to order			
2.	Approval of Agenda			
3.	Approval of April 25, 2017 Annual General Meeting Minutes			
4.	Business Arising from the Minutes			
5.	President's Report			
6.	Financial Report			
7.	Directors' Reports			
8.	Correspondence			
9.	New Business a) Respect in Sport – Required Recertification b) Hockey Alberta – Intro to Hockey (Initiation & Novice) c) Alberta One Standardized Tiering Model d) IMHA Tiering Survey			
10.	Elections			
11.	Acclamation of Board Members			
12.	Question Period			
13.	Adjournment			

	Minutes					
Item #						
1.	Stephen Bates Called meeting to order at 7:06 pm					
2.	Approval of Agenda Shilo Reardan made motion to accept the agenda as presented. Teresa Dodd seconded. Motion Carried					
3.	Approval of April 25, 2017 Annual General Meeting Minutes Brett Kelly made motion to accept the April 25, 2017 minutes as presented. Aaron Kitzul seconded. Motion Carried					
4.	Business Arising from the Minutes TBS Agreement was renewed for 3 years New Ordering System was developed at considerable expense that should address issues that were prevalent the last few seasons					

5. **President's Report – Stephen Bates**

- Registration number stayed level
- 3 teams went to Provincials (1st time in memory this occurred)
- Several other teams won League Banners
- Some challenges coming up in the next 2 seasons; will be addressed under point 9

6. Financial Report – Elwin Wiens

- Reviewed interim financials presented. (Actual Year end is May 31, 2018)
- Finances remained stable
- Expect to break even on financials after ice costs are paid (Estimated to be around \$20K)
- Reserves have been decreasing every season with external costs increasing. The new IMHA Board will have to review expenses & determine registration fee increases
- IMHA registration fees are substantially lower than other MHA in the area (by hundreds of dollars per player).

Aaron Kitzul made motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. Teresa Dodd seconded. **Motion Carried**

7. Directors' Reports

- a) Hockey Development (Randy Graham)
 - Several initiative this season; all received positive feedback & support:
 - Larry Reid Fund Funding for Coach Development
 - Erik Lodge Skills Clinics Teaching Coaches modern progressive drills
 - Hockey Alberta Clinics
 - Sports Phycologist Presentation (Thrive Sports Project in Olds)
 - Hockey Coaching boards applied to arena glass for practices
- b) Eaglets / Dynamite (Amy Heinz)
 - ABSENT
- c) Novice (Dan Falk)
 - Good year; no issues
 - Played in Red Deer and teams were competitive
 - Not sure where we will play next year
- d) Atom (Darwin Amundson)
 - Overall, kids had good years.
 - Some League Banners won and a silver at Provincials
 - Changing from this role into Midget Director
- e) Peewee (Aaron Kitzul)
 - 3 teams, registration was down slightly last 2 years
 - No major issues to report
- f) Bantam (Kelly Smith)
 - ABSENT
 - 3 teams (typically we have 2)
 - Influx of kids from Delburne & Bowden
 - 1 team had a struggle that board can learn from
- g) Midget (Becky McKain)
 - ABSENT
 - 2 teams, struggled to find goalie for second team
 - Teams were too small making it challenging
- h) Female (Sara Howell)
 - Really good year
 - 3 teams: Atom PeeWee & Bantam
 - Peewee went to Provincials
 - Bernie Vanderham indicated more girls in Eaglets than is usual
 - Rocky Mountain Female Hockey League going well; small changes coming in 2018/19

Vice President (Brett Kelly) Really good year IMHA supports kids trying out for higher levels in other associations 10 – 12 kids played in higher associations last season Stepping down as Vice President and taking over as Eaglet/Dynamite Director j) Registrar (Teresa Dodd) No issues k) Treasurer (Megan McDonald) No report Referee in Chief (Bruce Rafuse) ABSENT m) Executive Director (Elwin Wiens) No report n) Equipment Director (Murray Reay) Things went good ePact 279 invites and 275 accepted; very successful Most equipment back, still have a few things to come in Ordering Sweaters - Due to changes with Bauer and styles available, we will change some Sweaters out at Midget. IMHA is phasing out white sweaters. Will order socks in conjunction with sweaters being replaced this season 8. Correspondence NONE 9. **New Business** a) Respect in Sport – Required Recertification Required every 4 years (Parents & Coaches) Anyone requiring recertification should receive an email if on file with Hockey Alberta. System being triggered on May 1 Athletes may not be allowed on ice until parent has completed Hockey Alberta News Release: https://www.hockeyalberta.ca/members/respect-sport/ b) Hockey Alberta – Intro to Hockey (Initiation & Novice) 2019/20 - Half ice full season for Initiation & Novice levels New board will have to discuss how to implement this & see what leagues that we play in are doing HA recommend Minor novice and Major novice (divided by year of birth), which may not be feasible in smaller associations (like IMHA) due to registration numbers Split season in half: Development season (Sep. to Oct.) & Regular season (Nov. to Mar.) Hockey Alberta News Release: https://www.hockeyalberta.ca/uploads/source/Initiation/Intro to Hockey-Overview.pdf Alberta One Tiering Model Hockey Alberta has been working on for a few years Trying to standardized tiering across the province Hockey Edmonton, Hockey Calgary, Central Alberta Hockey League (most of IMHA teams play in this league), Northern Alberta Interlock, All Peace & North East Alberta Hockey League are all adopting Dictates that each League will have to have 6 Tiers Team needs to win their League to go to Provincials Effective next year at PeeWee level (i.e. piloting this group) Hockey Alberta News Release: https://www.hockeyalberta.ca/uploads/source/Info%20Bulletins/2017-18 Season/Standardized Tiering.pdf

d) IMHA Tiering Survey

· Reviewed survey:

	Total	Competitive	Reduced	Compe	titive Diffe	erential
	Count	Games	Travel	0 to 2	3 to 5	6 to 8
OVERALL	93	73.1%	26.9%	32.6%	64.0%	3.5%
Novice	19	57.9%	42.1%	23.5%	64.7%	11.8%
Atom	28	78.6%	21.4%	26.9%	73.1%	0.0%
PeeWee	19	57.9%	42.1%	23.5%	76.5%	0.0%
Bantam	18	88.9%	11.1%	47.1%	47.1%	5.9%
Midget	9	88.9%	11.1%	55.6%	44.4%	0.0%
A Team	27	85.2%	14.8%	23.1%	73.1%	3.8%
B Team	38	73.7%	26.3%	44.4%	55.6%	0.0%
C Team	25	56.0%	44.0%	28.6%	61.9%	9.5%

- Going to advise CAHL to put us where we will be competitive instead of reduced travel
- Recommending neutral site games, unbalanced schedule & better road-game scheduling as potential strategies

10. Elections

Two positions being contested

- PeeWee Director Candace Schmidt & Chad Savage
- Bantam Director Tyler Hirsche & Kelly Smith

The 3 candidates that were present each made a speech to the members.

Thanks to Amy Heinz, Becky McKain, Kelly Smith & Aaron Kitzul for their time on the IMHA Board. Thank you to Chad Savage & Kelly Smith for running for a board position.

11. Acclamation of Board Members

2018/2019 Executive Board

Stephen Bates – President

Bruce Rafuse - Vice President

Teresa Dodd - Registrar

Megan McDonald - Treasurer

Vacant - Referee In Chief

Murray Reay – Equipment Director

Darwin Amundson – Midget Director

Brett Kelly - Eaglet/Dynamite Director

Jill Harrison - Novice Director

Dan Falk - Atom Director

Sara Howell - Female Director

Candace Schmidt - PeeWee Director

Randy Graham - Hockey Development

Murray Reay - Equipment/Risk Director

Tyler Hirsche – Bantam Director

Alan Smith – Secretary

Brett Kelly made motion to destroy the ballots. Shilo Reardan seconded. Motion Carried

Randy Graham made motion to accept the Executive Board listed above for the 2018-19 season. Shilo Reardan seconded. **Motion Carried**

12.	Question Period					
	Can we work with football on try-outs, as it impacts a few kids?					
	"We will make a note of it and see with ice schedule if anything can be done."					
	Regarding Try-outs, can an individual outside of the board handle as directors are busy & perhaps allow process to be more objective? "Will be new VP's domain. Hiring outside will up registration fees significantly (Hiring professional evaluators is minimum \$20K). We do try and get outside eyes to evaluate (i.e. Innisfail Eagles personnel, Red Rebels personnel, Red Deer Minor Hockey personnel. etc.) as well as ensure that local evaluators do not have athlete in level they are evaluating. Lastly, we need to give our evaluators more credit than criticism. Innisfail has a high number of people with great hockey knowledge and they are very objective. We've had people refuse to return due to parents calling the evaluators to 'discuss' their athletes' ratings."					
	The 'C' teams only had one skate together before season because of how tryouts schedule went; their team is last to be put together. Is there way to address, especially for those that only want to go on C team (and not try out for A &/or B)? "We can look at September schedule and see if we can do that." Are we addressing Refereeing? It is getting worse every season. "We have taken steps via a ranking system & a process but was not implemented until January so may					
	not have had time to fully impact. It is hard if we have referees leave and cannot replace them."					
13.	Adjournment Sara Howell made motion to adjourn meeting at 8:58 pm. Aaron Kitzul seconded. Motion Carried MEMBERSHIP IN ATTENDANCE:					
	Kathy Dilone	Keri Graham	Tyler Hirsche			
	Krista Hirsche	Chad Savage	Janice Savage			
	Nicole Pillman	Candace Schmidt	Tyrone Schmidt			
	John Schaitel	Terri Schaitel	Ryan Dodd			
	Jill Harrison	Monique Smith	Brian Thomas			
	Shilo Reardan	Kelly Desjarlais	Anne Desjarlais			
	Tim Busch		,			
	Minutes by: Alan Smith	Minutes by: Alan Smith				