



Innisfail Minor Hockey Association  
 Annual General Meeting  
 Date: April.25.2017 7:00 pm  
 Place: Innisfail Legion Meeting Room

**Participants**

Invited	Attend	Regrets	Invited	Attend	Regrets
Stephen Bates	X		Murray Reay	X	
Alan Smith	X		Bruce Rafuse	X	
Randy Graham	X		Bill Westman	X	
Megan McDonald		X	Brett Kelly	X	
Becky McKain		X	Sara Howell	X	
Jaclyn Wright		X	Kelly Smith		X
Darwin Amundson	X		Elwin Wiens	X	
Aaron Kitzul	X		Pat Adams		X
Teresa Dodd	X				

**Agenda**

Item #	Topics to be discussed		
1.	Call to order		
2.	Approval of Agenda		
3.	Approval of April 26, 2016 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) Novice Program b) TBS Agreement c) League Update		
10.	Elections		
11.	Acclamation of Board Members		
12.	Question Period		
13.	Adjournment		

**Minutes**

Item #	
1.	<b>Stephen Bates Called meeting to order at 7:05 pm</b>
2.	<b>Approval of Agenda</b> Aaron Kitzul made motion to accept the agenda as presented. Brett Kelly seconded. <b><u>Motion Carried</u></b>
3.	<b>Approval of April 26, 2016 Annual General Meeting Minutes</b> Bruce Rafuse made motion to accept the April 26, 2016 minutes as presented. Teresa Dodd seconded. <b><u>Motion Carried</u></b>
4.	<b>Business Arising from the Minutes</b> • NONE

5.	<p><b>President's Report – Stephen Bates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers remain fairly level</li> <li>• Novice moved into red deer</li> <li>• Female novice all the way to bantam red deer bantam</li> <li>• Several played in aa olds</li> <li>• Several played in elite in red deer</li> <li>• Overall successful season</li> <li>• Dynamite/novice changes continue to be a success</li> </ul>
6.	<p><b>Financial Report – Elwin Wiens</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board working hard to keep registration costs low. We are on low end of costs for Central Alberta</li> <li>• Had to cancel tournaments because of ice plant so lost revenue there</li> <li>• Had Casino past winter, waiting for Cheque (\$20K+ anticipated)</li> <li>• Some team jersey sponsors still have not paid</li> <li>• We lost ice rental revenue opportunities with ice plant down</li> <li>• Have ice costs payment due to town but waiting for Casino funds to pay for it</li> </ul> <p>Bruce Rafuse made motion to accept the Financial Report as presented. Darwin Amundson seconded.  <b>Motion Carried</b></p>
7.	<p><b>Directors' Reports</b></p> <p>a) Hockey Development (Randy Graham)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanks to all for filling our surveys. They are valuable tools for improvements and in selection of Coaches/Managers.</li> <li>• IMHA hosted several Coaching clinics. Great success &amp; positive feedback. Would have liked to see higher coach turn out, will look at how to do this next season.</li> <li>• Working on Coach Philosophy for our association</li> <li>• Our Goaltender program could be strengthened</li> </ul> <p>b) Eaglets / Dynamite (Jaclyn Wright)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ABSENT</b></li> </ul> <p>c) Novice (Megan McDonald)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents were very positive about reduced travel</li> <li>• To improve the player/parent experience, we need to develop Red Deer partnership</li> </ul> <p>d) Atom (Darwin Amundson)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 teams this year with good numbers</li> <li>• All were successful, Overall a good year</li> </ul> <p>e) PeeWee (Aaron Kitzul)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 teams, numbers per team down</li> <li>• No real issues</li> </ul> <p>f) Bantam (Kelly Smith)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ABSENT</b>, Report via email</li> <li>• 2 teams tier 2 &amp; 6</li> <li>• Reasonable travel within CAHL</li> <li>• Tier 6 won league title</li> <li>• Tier 2 lost in quarter final</li> <li>• 33 players in total</li> <li>• Both teams very young, so should have strong teams next season</li> <li>• Very good year overall</li> </ul> <p>g) Midget (Becky McKain)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ABSENT</b></li> </ul> <p>h) Female (Sara Howell)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 teams: Novice, Atom, PeeWee &amp; Bantam</li> <li>• Number up over prior season</li> <li>• Need to focus on numbers at grass root level (novice &amp; under)</li> <li>• Need to keep in contact with Red Deer to fill-up some teams</li> <li>• PeeWee won zone &amp; went to provincials</li> <li>• Want to encourage girls to play hockey</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Vice President (Brett Kelly) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year went very well</li> <li>• Small town but have strong house league and have skilled players playing on Elite/AA teams in other communities.</li> <li>• Tryouts went very well this season. Posting results before announcing teams helped take conflict out of process</li> <li>• Novice half ice went well</li> </ul> </li> <li>j) Registrar (Teresa Dodd) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Important to work well with other associations around releases &amp; imports</li> <li>• All went well</li> </ul> </li> <li>k) Treasurer (Bill Westman) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covered in Financial Report earlier</li> </ul> </li> <li>l) Referee in Chief (Bruce Rafuse) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 45 refs; 25 level 1s (under age 16) &amp; 20 level 2+</li> <li>• 1033 assignments handled by refs this season</li> <li>• 2 ref clinics hosted</li> <li>• 3 in-house ref clinics done</li> <li>• Several serious complaints were made this year &amp; board developed strategy</li> <li>• Will have next ref clinic in September</li> <li>• Need more Refs, especially level 2s</li> <li>• Helping to develop a Game Management panel for next season</li> </ul> </li> <li>m) Executive Director (Elwin Wiens) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing further to add</li> </ul> </li> <li>n) Equipment Director (Murray Reay) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still having difficulty getting gear &amp; equipment back. Will look at new plan for next season</li> <li>• ePact sign ups went well, one of highest user rates. They are rolling out a concussion tool as part of package</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
8.	<p><b>Correspondence</b> <b>NONE</b></p>
9.	<p><b>New Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Novice Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tom Renney of Hockey Canada announced that all Novice in Canada will be half ice by 2018/2019</li> <li>• We already have 1 year under our belt and can make enhancements by continuing on with this and will be 2 seasons ahead of deadline</li> <li>• IMHA has decided to remain with Red Deer &amp; improve that program; particularly around communication &amp; partnering</li> <li>• Females have option of playing on mixed or female team</li> <li>• Team size, tiering, player distribution and makeup are determined by registration numbers</li> </ul> </li> <li>b) TBS Agreement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TBS is trying to make things better as a result of IMHA feedback. They have changed communication standards with sales person(s) &amp; changed their order process</li> <li>• Want to propose to new board that IMHA have 1 person coordinate orders for whole association (Lacombe found this helped) or 1 person per division.</li> <li>• December 2017 is when current contract expires</li> <li>• \$2000ish cheque received by IMHA (5% from Bauer/TBS program)</li> <li>• Could look to change this to a merchandise credit</li> <li>• It is felt that they do not have adequate staffing in September/October when all teams from several associations are ordering. This will feedback will be shared with TBS</li> <li>• Fit night is not order night. It is to determine fit &amp; style and then manager should go through ordering channels. TBS should have directed this at the time of Fit Night as well and this contributed to issues</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teams can arrange their own Fit Night once selected. TBS provides sample bins to facilitate this. Teams that went this route has less issues.</li> <li>• There were several comments about calls not being returned. TBS has implemented a strategy for dealing with this.</li> <li>• IMHA developed the Apparel Policy to protect our 'brand' and bring consistency to the logos &amp; wording. This is working. The product provided by Bauer is good, no complaints about that. The service is where all pitfalls were &amp; we will continue to develop strategies moving forward.</li> <li>• If the TBS contract is not renewed, the next board will need to focus on developing a strategy so members can continue to get apparel</li> </ul> <p>c) General League Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rocky Mountain Female Hockey League (RMFHL) has its' Annual General Meeting on May 14, 2017 weekend so no news</li> <li>• Central Alberta Hockey League (CAHL) – We are members for the foreseeable future as the North Central may have dissolved</li> <li>• Hockey Alberta looking long term to be governing body for Minor Hockey</li> <li>• IMHA will try and get bond backs from West Country &amp; North Central Leagues</li> </ul>
10.	<p><b>Elections</b> No positions being contested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dan Falk had name forward for Novice Director &amp; Megan McDonald had name forward for Treasurer</li> </ul> <p>Thanks Bill Westman &amp; Jaclyn Wright for their time on the IMHA Board</p>
11.	<p><b>Acclamation of Board Members</b></p> <p><u>2017/2018 Executive Board</u>  Stephen Bates – President  Brett Kelly – Vice President  Teresa Dodd – Registrar  Megan McDonald – Treasurer  Bruce Rafuse – Referee in Chief  Murray Reay – Equipment Director  Becky McKain – Midget Director  <b>VACANT</b> – Eaglet/Dynamite Director  Dan Falk – Novice Director  Darwin Amundson – Atom Director  Sara Howell – Female Director  Aaron Kitzul – PeeWee Director  Randy Graham – Hockey Development  Murray Reay – Equipment Director  Kelly Smith – Bantam Director  Alan Smith – Secretary</p> <p>Bruce Rafuse made motion to accept Board. Sara Howell seconded. <b>Motion Carried</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Question Period</b></p> <p><b>Would IMHA consider bringing in independent evaluators for try-outs?</b>  “Has been considered but is cost prohibitive. Tried swapping evaluators with other associations, but no takers. Other associations have paid \$30K for evaluators and had same number of complaints or more. If we had more of an urgent reason to explore it we would but it has not been seen as necessary so far.”</p> <p><b>Was the recent website updates initiated by IMHA or RAMP Interactive?</b>  “RAMP Interactive updated their software.”</p> <p><b>Can we look at using Goaline for website as that is what CAHL is using &amp; would provide integration?</b>  “Next board can consider it. Elwin will explore this option</p>

13.	<b>Adjournment</b> Brett Kelly made motion to adjourn meeting at 8:21 pm. Sara Howell seconded. <b><u>Motion Carried</u></b>		
	<b>MEMBERSHIP IN ATTENDANCE:</b>		
	Keri Graham	Cheryl Wozny	Carley Hague
	Jackie Arnold	Julie Windebank	Dale Howe
	Dennis Molly	Trina Westman	Ryan Dodd
	Dan Falk	Matt Atwell	Tyler Hirsche
	<b>Minutes by: Alan Smith</b>		