



Innisfail Minor Hockey Association  
 Annual General Meeting  
 Date: April.30.2019 7:00 pm  
 Place: Innisfail Legion Boardroom

**Participants**

Invited	Attend	Regrets	Invited	Attend	Regrets
Stephen Bates	X		Sara Howell	X	
Alan Smith	X		Bruce Rafuse	X	
Randy Graham	X		Megan McDonald	X	
Dan Falk	X		Brett Kelly	X	
Tyler Hirsche	X		Darwin Amundson		X
Murray Reay	X		Teresa Dodd	X	
Candace Schmidt	X		Len Istace	X	
Jill Harrison	X		Pat Adams		X
Chad Savage	X				

**Agenda**

Item #	Topics to be discussed		
1.	Call to order		
2.	Additions and Approval of Agenda		
3.	Reading and adoption of Minutes: AGM April 24, 2018		
4.	Business Arising from the Minutes		
5.	President's Report		
6.	Financial Report		
7.	Directors' Reports		
8.	Correspondence <b>NONE</b>		
9.	New Business a) Team Snap/Online Registration b) Initiation and Novice Changes		
10.	Acclamation of Board Members		
11.	Question Period		
12.	Adjournment		

**Minutes**

Item #	
1.	<b>Stephen Bates called meeting to order at 7:06 pm</b>
2.	<b>Additions and approval of agenda</b> Teresa Dodd made motion to accept the agenda as presented. Bruce Rafuse seconded. <b>Motion Carried</b>
3.	<b>Reading and adoptions of minutes: AGM April 24, 2019</b> Randy Graham made motion to accept minutes as presented. Jill Harrison seconded. <b>Motion Carried</b>
4.	<b>Business Arising from the Minutes</b> <b>NONE</b>
5.	<b>President's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Past season saw slight decrease in registration at Midget &amp; Bantam, PeeWee &amp; below at approximately the same. One contributor to drops are that 8 – 10 athletes are playing at higher levels in other Associations</li> <li>IMHA considers past season to be a successful one both in development &amp; competitiveness</li> <li>IMHA trying to maintain approximate registration fees moving forward (which are some of the lowest in Central Alberta)</li> </ul>

6.	<p><b>Financial Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial Report was shared (Year-end is May 1<sup>st</sup>)</li> <li>• Tournament revenues were down because some teams did not have home tournaments</li> <li>• Waiting for final ice costs from town (will be \$13,000 to \$15,000)</li> <li>• Golf Tournament fund-raiser will be September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019</li> <li>• IMHA will have a Casino this year but no indication of date yet</li> </ul>
7.	<p><b>Directors' Reports</b></p> <p>a) Hockey Development ( Randy Graham )</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IMHA Programs were well received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goalie Clinic &amp; Power-skating</li> <li>• Rebels Game Series (Meet w/ WHL Coaches &amp; Hockey Alberta before Rebels game)</li> <li>• Erik Lodge Clinic (Excellent feedback on this program from Coaches &amp; Parents)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Goalie Clinic program needs some work as Hockey Alberta was inconsistent on providing Coaches &amp; shooters. Our own Coaches stepped up to ensure program continued</li> </ul> <p>b) Eaglets / Dynamite ( Brett Kelly )</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Really good season &amp; our Coaches make the program a success</li> <li>• Coach Bernie &amp; Logan continue to lead our Eagles</li> <li>• 50 Dynamite player &amp; 14 Eaglet players this season; slightly down from prior season</li> </ul> <p>c) Novice ( Jill Harrison )</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great season with 3 very competitive teams &amp; fantastic Coaches</li> <li>• The Rec Team did not get into the playoffs and were done February 1<sup>st</sup>. Would like to find a new league for next season</li> </ul> <p>d) Atom ( Chad Savage )</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was a good year for our Atoms</li> <li>• 3 teams that had great Coaches, Manager, Sponsors &amp; Athlete</li> <li>• No issues with kids or parents</li> </ul> <p>e) PeeWee ( Candace Schmidt )</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great season for 3 PeeWee teams</li> <li>• Had players from Bowden to offset our athletes that went to Olds Minor Hockey</li> <li>• PeeWee 'A' won the Tier 1 League Banner</li> <li>• Tiering was competitive and placed our teams correctly</li> </ul> <p>f) Bantam ( Tyler Hirsche )</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Had 2 teams competing in a tough league &amp; sometimes got roughed up</li> <li>• Pretty competitive and right on the cusp of each tier</li> <li>• Had some players from Delburne &amp; Bowden to help the numbers</li> </ul> <p>g) Midget (Darwin Amundson )</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>• Female Program did good with our 3 teams</li> <li>• Atom team did really good in games but had bad travel as the north team in the south division</li> <li>• PeeWee ended 2<sup>nd</sup> in their league &amp; made it to 2<sup>nd</sup> round of Provincial play-downs</li> <li>• Bantam/Midget team did not finish last in Midget division, won games &amp; made it to play-offs</li> <li>• "Try Hockey for Girls" had 26 brand new to hockey girls (versus the 1 or 2 of the past program). Some new Coaches texted about the program</li> <li>• Stepping down from this position; thanks to the Board for being awesome</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Vice President ( Bruce Rafuse ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was a very good season overall</li> <li>• Evaluations were smooth but will see some small changes next season</li> </ul> </li> <li>j) Registrar ( Teresa Dodd ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers &amp; financials done already</li> <li>• Adopting TeamSnap but more on that later in meeting</li> </ul> </li> <li>k) Treasurer ( Megan McDonald ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NO REPORT</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>l) Referee in Chief ( Len Istace ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers were down for new Referees</li> <li>• Would like to see more Female Referees</li> <li>• Going to use younger officials for younger age games so we can develop them earlier</li> <li>• Trying to find additional responsible Level 2s</li> </ul> </li> <li>m) Executive Director ( Dan Falk ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NO REPORT</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>n) Equipment Director ( Murray Reay ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Things went well</li> <li>• Locker delivery experiment went well <i>at the start of the season &amp; end of season</i></li> <li>• <i>Puck on bench experiment went very poorly</i></li> <li>• <i>TBS Apparel went well this season</i></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) Team Snap/Online Registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IMHA moving to Online Registration with TeamSnap for next season</li> <li>• TeamSnap advises there are integrated with Hockey Alberta HCR</li> <li>• Every team will get TeamSnap premium version (Price TBD). Most teams purchase TeamSnap anyways; now the team will already be setup</li> <li>• Everyone will need to find the Hockey Canada number for their athlete. You can find number online, from ePact or from Executive Director (Dan Falk)</li> <li>• Will not force members to do online this season like other Associations do (i.e. Olds, Red Deer, etc.). Will allow for split payments or payment installments</li> <li>• Once you have it set-up it will be populated for following season &amp;/or other Association you may go to that use TeamSnap</li> <li>• Planning on switching over to TeamSnap webpage from RAMP page</li> </ul> </li> <li>b) Initiation and Novice Changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hockey Alberta emailed out mandatory program but IMHA had already started on this program when it was announced years ago</li> <li>• Initiation (Dynamite) &amp; Novice will all be half-ice</li> <li>• IMHA needs to determine what league our Novices will be playing in so we can tailor our program to that</li> <li>• Options are: West Country, Central Alberta Hockey League, House League (only our own teams or with 1 or 2 other associations) or Red Deer Novice</li> <li>• There are challenges for Coaches especially with equally split teams</li> <li>• New IMHA Board has many options to sort through to continue to make our Novice program successful and develop our young athletes</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

10.	<p><b>Acclamation of Board Members:</b></p> <p><u>2019/2020 Executive Board</u>  President – Stephen Bates  Vice President – Bruce Rafuse  Registrar – Teresa Dodd  Treasurer – Megan McDonald  Referee-in-Chief – Len Istace  Midget Director – <b>VACANT</b>  Eaglet/Dynamite Director – Brett Kelly  Novice Director – Jill Harrison  Atom Director – Chad Savage  Female Director – <b>VACANT</b>  PeeWee Director – Candace Schmidt  Hockey Development – Randy Graham  Equipment/Risk Director – Des Boutellier  Bantam Director – Tyler Hirsche  Secretary – Alan Smith</p> <p><b><i>No positions were challenged therefore no voting took place</i></b></p> <p>One letter of interest was received for Female Director; however, it was received after deadline. There will be a new deadline set for the vacant positions (Midget &amp; Female Directors)</p> <p>Murray Reay made motion to accept the Executive Board as listed above for the 2019/2020 season. Sara Howell seconded. <b><u>Motion Carried</u></b></p> <p>The Executive Board thanks out-going directors Sara Howell, Darwin Amundson &amp; Murray Reay for their past service to Innisfail Minor Hockey and all of its' members &amp; athlete.</p>
11.	<p><b>Question Period</b></p> <p><b>Has Central Alberta Hockey League (CAHL) made an attempt on determining the number of games each team is going to play?</b>  <i>“Stephen Bates is on the Committee for this &amp; nothing has been done to that end. The new Novice program will have an impact on this because of the game length. Members are free to communicate their feedback directly to Stephen Bates on this topic.”</i></p> <p><b>How many games did Midget ‘A’ play last season?</b>  <i>“8 tiering &amp; 16 league games plus play-offs and tournaments. Ideal is 8 tiering &amp; 20 league games.”</i></p> <p><b>Will Val Norrie be used next season for power-skating sessions again?</b>  <i>“That is the intention of the IMHA Executive Board subject to her availability.”</i></p> <p><b>(Comment) Goalie Clinics were excellent &amp; amazing. Was pleased to see the little guys out with the big guys; the little guys learned a lot. Many other teams commented how they were jealous of our Goalie Clinic &amp; Power-skating program.</b></p> <p><b>Is e-transfer on the table for the future?</b>  <i>“It is being looked at &amp; the new Executive Board will have a plan for it moving forward.”</i></p> <p><b>What was our ice utilization at the past season?</b>  <i>“All ice during the week was used. Weekends saw the Red Side used for tourneys. The Blue Side had a few vacancies here &amp; there. In March the ice was under-used but had few teams going on with play-offs and provincials. At times we run into difficulties in working with town on ice use. We can sublet some of our ice within guidelines.”</i></p>

**Are we getting Erik Lodge again (he was excellent) & what is the possibility of getting him earlier?**  
*"We are unsure but would like to. He is in high demand so has tight schedule."*

**What are the small changes to the evaluations that Bruce Rafuse referred to?**  
*"The online handbook will outline the whole process with complete transparency. There is room for changes & are open to suggestions."*

**Does the Association have rules about player number splits across teams? 'C' teams had too many players compared to 'B' teams. Calgary Minor Hockey says all teams have to be plus/minus 1 or 2 players.**  
*"The Executive Board feels we do a good job splitting the player numbers between the tiers; many factors go into decision beyond simple numbers. It usually works out to fairly even team numbers. Issues on this should be escalated to directors early in season and not brought up in January when it is too late to make changes."*

**Is there a policy on a team Coach & Manager being husband & wife?**  
*"No policy on this. It is hard to get volunteers & based on the many past instances of this we have very minimal issues. Regardless if the Coach & Manager is married, there is an escalation process for any concerns (Parent Liaison, Manager, Age Director then IMHA Board.)"*

**How are you sharing information on Novice Program & decisions?**  
*"Keep a close eye on our website. There will be front page news & email alerts. The appropriate Director will also try and communicate with all affected members. There is also discussion of hosting information sessions."*

**When does registration open?**  
*"Likely will open on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. New Executive Board has to have budget meeting to determine fees & how to implement it in TeamSnap."*

**(Comment) Thank you to the IMHA Executive Board, it is a thankless and time-consuming job & the Board does not get enough credit or recognition.**

12. **Adjournment:**  
Brett Kelly made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52pm. Len Istace seconded. **Motion Carried**

**Minutes:** Alan Smith

**Membership in Attendance:**

Lisa Duke	Robyn Darling	Jacquelyn Bristow	Tom Green
Steven MacDonald	Chris Hill	Kyle Scott	Leslie Love
Sami Watmough	Brenda Nixon	Julie Windebank	Jackie Arnold
Kim Mellroy	Kelly Fraser	Tasha Busch	Tim Busch
Tracy Krause	Ryan Dodd		