



Innisfail Minor Hockey Association  
 Board Meeting  
 Date: March.15.2017 7:30 pm  
 Place: Boardroom - Innisfail Arena

**Participants**

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

**Agenda**

Item #	Topics to be discussed		
1.	Call to order		
2.	Additions and Approval of Agenda		
3.	Reading and adoption of Minutes: February 15, 2017		
4.	Old Business a) Novice Tournament		
5.	New Business a) Innisfail Pontiacs Alumni b) Referee Complaint c) AGM Date d) Vince Tedeschini Award e) Coach/Manager of the Year f) CAHL Meeting g) Coach & Manager Surveys h) Surveys from Coaches & Managers		
6.	Correspondence a) Town of Innisfail b) Matt Atwell c) Letter on Coach		
7.	Directors' Reports		
8.	Next Meeting Date		
9.	Adjournment		

**Minutes**

Item #	
1.	<b>Stephen Bates called meeting to order at 7:37 pm</b>
2.	<b>Additions and approval of agenda</b> Aaron Kitzul moved to accept the agenda as presented with the additions of 4(a), 5 (g-h) & 6 (a-c). Teresa Dodd seconded. <b>Motion Carried</b>
3.	<b>Reading and adoptions of minutes: February 15, 2017</b> Teresa Dodd moved to accept the minutes as presented with the addition of Aaron Kitzul to the Coaching Philosophy committee. Randy Graham seconded. <b>Motion Carried</b>

4.	<p><b>Old Business</b></p> <p>a) Novice Tournament</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IMHA Board members met with Coaches &amp; Manager</li> <li>• Too many conflicting statements with witness, Coaches &amp; parents to allow for clear representation of what happened</li> <li>• Letter sent to &amp; placed in several parents' files</li> <li>• Letter sent to complaining team outlining issues</li> </ul>																														
5.	<p><b>New Business</b></p> <p>a) Innisfail Pontiacs Alumni</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Several weeks ago Vern Fox (alumni from Innisfail Minor Hockey in 1962) contact IMHA to create Larry Reid Coaching Enhancement fund</li> <li>• Want to establish fund in 2017 to honour Larry Reid. Provide ongoing funding to enhance coaching skills. Goal of endowment is \$10000 with help of other sponsors</li> <li>• Interested &amp; appreciative, need to look closer at terms, expectations. Sent letter of intent. Idea floated for item for golf tournament</li> </ul> <p>b) Referee Complaint</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recent games drew letters from out-of-town team regarding referee</li> <li>• There is nothing so egregious that warrants discipline</li> <li>• RIC &amp; President will respond</li> <li>• To encourage good referees IMHA should start referee of year award to commence next season. (Possibly named for Bernie Haley)</li> <li>• Need to enforce zero tolerance policy on referee abuse</li> <li>• Suggest fines are in place for officials that are not meeting expectations</li> </ul> <p>c) AGM Date</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 25, 2017 @ 7pm will be date for AGM at the Innisfail Legion. This allows for the required 4 weeks notice</li> <li>• Nomination Committee: Teresa Dodd, Darwin Amundson &amp; Bill Westman</li> </ul> <p>d) Vince Tedeschini Award</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion of several worthy candidates</li> <li>• Aaron Kitzul makes motion to award the Vince Tedeschini Award to Herman Thorsen. Murray Reay seconded. <b>Motion Carried</b></li> <li>• Herman Thorsen is a long-time dedicated fan of IMHA &amp; a "Friend of Hockey" as was Vince Tedeschini</li> </ul> <p>e) Coach / Manager of the Year (COTY/MOTY)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="237 1220 1203 1528"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>COTY Submissions</th> <th>Number of Nominees</th> <th>MOTY Submissions</th> <th>Number of Nominees</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2017</td> <td>44</td> <td>20</td> <td>37</td> <td>13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2016</td> <td>58</td> <td>17</td> <td>35</td> <td>11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2015</td> <td>38</td> <td>15</td> <td>40</td> <td>12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2014</td> <td>No record</td> <td>No record</td> <td>No record</td> <td>No record</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2013</td> <td>24</td> <td>9</td> <td>12</td> <td>3</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion on all candidates and nominations</li> <li>• Submissions down compared to last season but still higher than any year prior to electronic surveys</li> <li>• Board Members that were nominated or had family nominated were recused from voting</li> <li>• Darwin motioned to accept Stephen Bates as Coach of the Year (PeeWee and up). Bruce Rafuse seconded. <b>Motion carried</b></li> <li>• Bruce Rafuse makes motion to accept Ryan Dodd as Coach of the Year (Atom and down). Randy Graham seconded. <b>Motion carried</b></li> <li>• Aaron Kitzul makes motion to accept Trina Westman as Manager of the Year (PeeWee and up). Jacalyn Wright seconded. <b>Motion Carried.</b></li> <li>• Bruce Rafuse makes to accept Dan Falk as Manager of the Year (Atom and down). Megan McDonald seconded. <b>Motion Carried</b></li> </ul>		COTY Submissions	Number of Nominees	MOTY Submissions	Number of Nominees	2017	44	20	37	13	2016	58	17	35	11	2015	38	15	40	12	2014	No record	No record	No record	No record	2013	24	9	12	3
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	<p>f) CAHL Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All directors &amp; governors came down to meeting in Strathmore</li> <li>• Matt Burton was our governor, deserves thanks from IMHA</li> <li>• Need 2<sup>nd</sup> governor based on numbers</li> <li>• Tiering will be different next season: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All of 1 to 8 tiers will be filled (No 'blank' tiers)</li> <li>• Going to schedule all 4 weekends at beginning</li> <li>• Of the 400 teams placed, feel only 8 were tiered wrong by CAHL placement (less than 0.02%)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Playoff ice times were a bit of gong show, next season the first weekend will be a home &amp; away (home finds Saturday game, away Sunday)</li> <li>• League presidents meetings occurred. Want winners of leagues to go to Provincials. Feel this will also help tournaments as you can get teams in equivalent leagues. Target implementation 2019.</li> <li>• Fines were issued for incomplete game sheet submissions</li> <li>• Eventually moving to electronic document submission for game sheets</li> <li>• Many more teams are asking for permanent status</li> </ul> <p>g) Year End Survey <b>ON</b> Coach &amp; Managers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be sent out around Awards night</li> <li>• Allow for 2 weeks to complete</li> <li>• Add for a "Player's comments" section</li> </ul> <p>h) Year End Survey to be completed <b>BY</b> Coaches &amp; Managers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same time line as above</li> </ul>
6.	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>a) Town of Innisfail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signed lease for 2 year renewal; office &amp; storage room</li> <li>• Skate sharpening room will be year by year as Town is hoping to get a business in there</li> <li>• Banners: Provincial, Zone, League &amp; Commemorative Banners will go up center of blue rink. Rest will be moved to walls or to the Red Side in one section, allowing other sections for expansion</li> <li>• Netting going all the way around blue rink for next season</li> </ul> <p>b) Matt Atwell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request to remove IMHA from Red Deer House Novice league and place them in CAHL Novice to be tiered and full ice.</li> <li>• Request that this item be discussed at AGM</li> <li>• IMHA will continue following the Hockey Alberta recommended half ice program</li> </ul> <p>c) Letter on Coach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter on Coach conduct including using inappropriate language</li> <li>• Mid-year surveys did not support this and assistant coaches did not validate</li> <li>• Will see if more comments come in on year end surveys</li> </ul>
7.	<p><b>Directors' Reports</b></p> <p>a) Hockey Development ( Randy Graham )</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coach - Manager wind-up will have Fran Gow as guest speaker</li> <li>• Casual &amp; Hockey stories will be requested to keep wind-up light</li> </ul> <p>b) Eaglets / Dynamite ( Jaclyn Wright )</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report</li> </ul> <p>c) Novice ( Megan McDonald )</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If IMHA continues to go to Red Deer then we need to ask to be equals (particularly around communication), this season IMHA was treated as 'outsiders'</li> </ul> <p>d) Atom ( Darwin Amundson )</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Had confrontation with parent from PeeWee team around scheduling issue</li> <li>• Good year with Atoms at all levels</li> <li>• Atom A won their zone and is off to Provincials in High River</li> </ul>

	<p>e) Peewee ( Aaron Kitzul )</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report</li> </ul> <p>f) Bantam ( Kelly Smith )</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ABSENT</b></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>• No report</li> </ul> <p>i) Vice President ( Brett Kelly )</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ABSENT</b></li> </ul> <p>j) Registrar ( Teresa Dodd )</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report</li> </ul> <p>k) Treasurer ( Bill Westman )</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report</li> </ul> <p>l) Referee in Chief ( Bruce Rafuse )</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report</li> </ul> <p>m) Executive Director ( Elwin Wiens )</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report</li> </ul> <p>n) Equipment Director ( Murray Reay )</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All directors have equipment sheets. Make sure equipment comes back so we can destroy post-dated cheques</li> <li>• TBS wants signed contracts not agreements in principle</li> <li>• TBS recommends staying away from CCM right now</li> <li>• Outstanding invoice from one team. The Manager is refusing to pay while not responding to TBS. TBS was not pleased by earlier emails from this team. Will forward to team Head Coach for action.</li> </ul>
8.	<b>Next meeting:</b> Annual General Meeting, April 25, 2017 @ 7:30 pm – Innisfail Legion
9.	<b>Adjournment:</b> Aaron Kitzul moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 pm. Darwin Amundson seconded. <b>Motion Carried</b>
	<b>Minutes:</b> Alan Smith

Item #	Action	Who
5 (a)	Express interest in pursuing Innisfail Pontiac's Coach Enhancement fund	Stephen Bates
5 (b)	Draft letters of response on referee complaints	Stephen Bates/Bruce Rafuse
5 (b)	Share letters of response with IMHA executive	Stephen Bates
5 (b)	Record starting of Referee Award for next season	Elwin Wiens
5 (c)	Advertise the AGM	Elwin Wiens
5 (c)	Book the Innisfail Legion for AGM	Elwin Wiens
5 (c)	Determine returning board members and recruit new members	Nomination Committee
5 (d)	Prepare the Vince Tedeschini Award	Elwin Wiens
5 (e)	Prepare the COTY/MOTY Awards	Elwin Wiens
5 (f)	Recognize Matt Burton	Stephen Bates
5 (f)	Recruit 2 <sup>nd</sup> Governor	Nomination Committee
5 (g)	Prepare and send out Survey ON Coaches & Managers	Alan Smith
5 (g)	Prepare and send out Surveys BY Coaches & Managers	Alan Smith
6 (b)	Send IMHA response to Matt Atwell	Stephen Bates
7 (n)	Directors to distribute equipment lists to respective teams	Age Directors
7 (n)	Provide Head Coach with outstanding invoice for immediate payment	Murray Reay