**MILLET MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**June 22, 2020**

1. Call to order: Josh called the meeting to order at 7:08pm

There are 27 members in attendance.

1. Adoption of agenda/ Additions – Addition: Trevor Palmer motioned to accept agenda. Crystal Saxty seconded. All in favour. Carried.
2. Approval of minutes from AGM May 8, 2019 – Trevor Palmer motioned to accept. Steve Mardy seconded. Carried.
3. Old Business arising from previous minutes – none forthcoming.
4. Reports:
   1. President –Josh Van de Kraats
      1. Welcome to the AGM. It feels strange with all the changes that have been happening because of COVID. Just a reminder to use sanitizer provided at all entrances and on the wall and to please sit socially distanced in the chairs provided that have been placed 6 feet apart.
      2. I appreciate all the effort to those who came out to the AGM in June on a nice evening. Thank you to the board members who have put in years and hours of time. Thanks to the coaches for the time and energy put in as well as managers. There were not a lot of issues this past season in regards to discipline or coaching issues and that was nice to see. The kids had a good season because of the coaches and all the volunteers. Thank you also to the sponsors. Especially the new half ice boards from Supreme International! Thank you also to other donations such as ice sponsorship from Liquids in Motion, Coaches Source for Sports and McConnells. A thank you to McConnells as well for the hoodies for players and jackets for coaches. Thank you to parents for dedication to getting players to practices and games and trusting coaches with your kids.
   2. Vice President – vacant
      1. Our past VP, Joel Overeem, had to step down a few months ago for personal reasons so we have no VP at this time.
   3. Treasurer – Danielle Guertin
      1. Balance Sheet
         1. Assets
            1. Cash – balance of bank accounts including uncleared transactions
            2. Receivables – casino not yet collected. No uncollected receivables.
      2. Liabilities
         1. Deferred revenue – money raised by Novice Minor that was not yet spent
      3. Income Statement
         1. Revenues – comparable to prior fiscal year, the decrease was in the donations received
            1. Casino and raffle generated $34,000 in excess revenues
      4. Expenses – significant decrease from prior fiscal year. Obviously, the early end to the season affected arena rentals, referees and tournament and bingo expenses. The major decreases were in the areas of donations, equipment and supplies and training and development.
      5. Profit/ Loss – ended the season with a $45,772 profit. Positioned well for 2021. Thanks for everyone’s continued efforts in strengthening Millet Minor Hockey.
      6. Budget 2021 – not entirely sure what 2021 looks like, hope similar to 2020, as would like to reinvest back into the association and members with attention to training and development
      7. Treasurer position open – receivables, payables, bank reconciliations, financial statements, budgets, arrange for CPA external auditor review of fiscal year end, file Non-Profit Organization (NPO) Information Return, Society Annual Return and Financial Reports to Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission
      8. Thanks again and looking forward to 2021 season!
      9. Motion to accept the report made by Steve Mardy, seconded by Ashleigh Barr. Carried.
   4. Registrar – Tanya Klapstein
      1. I would like to begin by recognizing and congratulating two of our MMHA Players on their achievements this past season.

Gavin Palmer (Peewee) and Ivan Tolsma (Bantam) were both selected to play in the AA Program in their respective divisions for the 2019/2020 season.

* + 1. We had 105 registration between The divisions of Initiation - Midget. 77 of these kids stayed to play in Millet, 28 received releases to play elsewhere. The breakdown is as follows:

29 Initiation

21 Novice

16 Atom

18 Peewee (1 AA, 1 female, 5 released to play elsewhere)

12 Bantam - no team (Leduc, Wetaskiwin, pond hockey, did not play)

9 Midget - no team (Leduc & Wetaskiwin)

* 1. Referee in Chief – Noah White
     1. No report from Noah. An acknowledgement was made about the great job Noah has done in the past year as a young man stepping up as a referee as well as the RIC while also attending post secondary. Noah will be staying on the board for next season as well.
  2. Ice Coordinator – James Rennie
     1. I would like to thank all coordinators and managers for all their hard work for this past season. It made my job that much easier. This past season was successful throughout until March 11th when hockey stopped due to COVID. I am hoping and looking forward to hockey starting in September 2020.
  3. Coach & Player Development – Trevor Palmer
     1. My belief has been that the focus of this role needs to be on player individual skill development (ie. Edgework, powerskating, and puck handling especially) and on coaches who believe that better hockey players will develop from a focus on those things above.
     2. I’m a firm believer that a player-share agreement with Wetaskiwin Minor Hockey will strengthen our association, and keep more kids registered and playing the game. My concern is and always will be less about kids that are more skilled – they touch the puck and impact the play, and, generally speaking, will continue to want to play the game because it’s fun. My concern (and the basis for my approach to the Role of Player & Coach Development) is always in how we keep lesser skilled players coming back to the game. If a lesser skilled player has no option other than to play at a “higher tier” than their skill level due to the average of all the kids in Millet, he/she may not choose to return to hockey if they seldom touch the puck or have an impact on the play. When hockey gets to be less fun, kids quit, and, let’s face it, kids want to be involved in scoring and the excitement that comes from putting the puck in the net. As it stands today, I feel that by the time kids are approaching Peewee hockey, those who are forced to play at a higher tier than their skill level are less likely to return for Bantam hockey and beyond. If we have 30 kids in Pre-Novice, my goal would be that there are still 30 kids in Bantam and Midget.
     3. It has been a fun 2 years on the Board, not without many challenges of course, but the association is in good hands to continue forward.
  4. Public Relations - Bee Langabeer
     1. This year MMHA was involved in a number of successful events for our MMHA players and association. Welcome Back party, Hockey Day in Millet, many tournaments both at home and on the road. Unfortunately due to the season being cut short (COVID19), we did miss out on a few tournaments and year end parties.
     2. The participation from the association was wonderful and it appeared all players and families enjoyed the events and the season.
     3. This year our players donated their time and some funds to a few different organizations within our community including the Millet Food Bank and the Hope Mission in Wetaskiwin.
     4. Thank you all for the opportunity as Public Relations Coordinator. I look forward to seeing what the future of this role holds.
  5. Bingo – Daleen Shaver
     1. Thank you to everyone in the past year who has volunteered for bingoss, casinos and selling raffle tickets.
     2. Raffle tickets were almost a sell out! Amazing! We made around $18000 profit from the raffle tickets. We also made a good profit on the casino. The next casino won’t be for minimum 4 years and may be pushed our further because of COVID19.
     3. We had 3 bingos left to work before everything shut down due to COVID19.
     4. The new executive will determine volunteer structure and member requirements. Bingo dates will get posted soon after this meeting. Please sign up ASAP as you register your child.
     5. Bingo hall opens June 30. Our next bingo is Thursday, August 20. The bingo hall needs to find out how comfortable everyone is with working Bingos and it needs to be asked of the membership. After posing the question about how everyone attending feels about working bingos, there was a discussion about most people not feeling comfortable with working bingos. It was noted that the Bingo hall will provide sanitizer, gloves and masks. After a lengthy discussion, 5/27 members in attendance stated they were comfortable working at the bingo hall at this point due to COVID. Daleen will let the bingo hall know and find out more information about suspending bingos and how that will look going forward.
     6. Discussion re: BIngos. There is about $10000 profit for one year of working bingos. THis is not a lot when you think of the amount of hours and manpower that is put in for an entire year. DIscussion about the successfulness of raffles in the past and this past years cash raffle pulling in about $18000 for a short raffle. The idea of having raffles or other forms of fundraising in lieu of bingos was discussed. If we are not doing bingos, members are responsible to sell the raffle tickets and if not sold then either volunteer cheques cashed or else members purchase their raffle tickets before picking them up and then once they sell the tickets they keep the money from the sale of the tickets.
     7. Trevor motions to suspend bingos as an association. Kelly Hofstra seconded. Discussion continues about bingo issues and ALL members being committed to selling and participating in the fundraising efforts. Trevor amended motion: add ‘with stipulation that money paid up front for all participants to participate in.’ Sarah seconded. All in favour. Carried. Discussion continued to note that the new board would look into how to word and arrange the payment / method of ensuring all members fulfill their fundraising requirements.
     8. DIscussion about families on jumpstart or don’t have extra funds to pay out for raffle tickets. Many other associations run fundraising this way. There will need to be more discussion with the board at upcoming meetings in order to have this set up before the season starts and registration opens.
     9. Good luck to the new executive. I will be available to help the new bingo / fundraising coordinator get going so the transition is smooth. Thank you again!
  6. Equipment Coordinator – Sheldon Hanson
  7. Midget –
     1. No Midget team this year.
  8. Bantam –
     1. No bantam team this year.
  9. PeeWee – Cindy McGrath
     1. I am supposed to give you a summary on the peewee team from last year. It has been so long since I have even thought about hockey that I don’t exactly remember it all. I do believe that we had 12 players, JOsh van de Kraats was the head coach, with James Rennie, Jose Dela Cruz and Jerrod McGrath as assistant coaches. It was a year of ups and downs. We started out with an injured player and we lost a player in the beginning of the season. We won games and lost games. The kids played a tournament in Cochrane and they had a lot of fun. I tried to retrieve the states for you but they are all long gone now.
     2. What I want every parent to take away from this last year is that we as board members, time box workers, tournament coordinators, parents and the many other volunteers we have along the way, are a “Hockey Family”. we are dedicated to the kids we help and watch grow as hockey players and young men and women of our community. I am a proud “Millet Storm” fan through and through. This year the McGrath family will be taking a step away from hockey, but I am sure that we will be in the rink this year to cheer all of the kids on.
     3. Please remember that Millet Minor Hockey will not exist if there are no more volunteers. This association prides itself on the spirit, community and experience it gives to the children of Millet and surrounding areas. I don’t know what next year has in store for hockey, but I hope that the future board will work hard to keep the Millet Hockey spirit alive.
  10. Atom – Kelly Hofstra
      1. Atom had a year of learning and skill development. The team went to an away tournament in Stettler where they were successful and had a great time. We did a bottle drive to raise funds for a bus trip to Fox Creek and the kids really enjoyed it. The team enjoyed a community outreach project where they made hundreds of lunches for Hope Mission.
  11. Novice – Steve Mardy
      1. This year was a learning curve. We had two teams. One team played in NAI. The other team played exhibition games. The kids all had fun.
      2. A recommendation would be to NOT play in NAI for Novice next season. There were a lot of long travel days.
  12. Initiation – Ashleigh Barr

# Initiation had a great season and players learned a lot! We had 27 players which made up two teams. The players had 23 practices and played 10 games. We had one away tournament in Wetaskiwin the players really enjoyed it and played well. Unfortunately our season was cut short and our home tournament was cancelled. Raffle items collected for our home tournament have been stored for next season at my house. Most children have received their swag bag from the home tournament. Special thanks to the coaches and parents for all their help. Next season we hope to move our home tournament to February. Thanks again to the board for a great season.

1. Business Arising:
   * 1. BIngo Discussion (see Bingo Coordinator report)
     2. Questions about Bantam level team. There is information that there will be no contact / body checking for Tier 4-6 teams.

DISCUSSION:

1. Election of Officers – Josh will run elections
   1. Let us know if you have any questions about any positions or responsibilities of being on the board. Cindy McGrath added that being on the board helps you to have a say in what’s going to happen. There are a lot of positions. Step up and it can be a positive experience and a lot of learning. Outgoing board members are all willing to help.

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS (all 2 year terms unless noted):

PRESIDENT: Kelly Hofstra nominates Steve Mardy. Steve accepts. Trevor Palmer seconds. No other nominations. Steve elected.

VICE PRESIDENT (1 year): Kelly Hofstra nominates Holly Brown. Holly accepts. Cindy McGrath seconds. No other nominations. Holly elected.

TREASURER (1 year): Bryana Mardy nominates Danielle Guertin. Danielle politely declines. Notes she stepped into the position to help out and has gotten the books and things that need to be filed in order. There have been a lot of changes made to make it manageable to step into this position.

No treasurer at this time as no other nominations were made.

REGISTRAR: Steve Mardy nominates Tanya Klapstein. Tanya accepts. Trevor Palmer seconds. No other nominations. Tanya elected.

SECRETARY (1 year): James Rennie nominates Faye Janzen who politely declines. James Rennie nominates Crystal Saxty who declines. Holly Brown nominates Cindy Kroetch who declines. Cindy McGrath nominates Allison D. who declines.

No secretary at this time as no other nominations were made.

PUBLIC RELATIONS (1 year): Ashleigh Barr nominates Amy Dreichel. Amy accepts. Kelly Hofstra seconds. No other nominations. Amy elected.

Equipment Coordinator: Steve Mardy nominates Eric Brown. Eric accepts. Trevor Palmer seconds. No other nominations. Eric elected.

Coach/Player Development: James Rennie nominates Josh Van de Draats. Josh accepts. Dave Saxty seconds. No other nominations. Josh elected.

Bingo/Fundraising Coordinator: Trevor Palmer nominates Cindy Kroetch. Cindy accepts. Daleen Shaver seconds. No other nominations. Cindy elected.

LEVEL COORDINATORS (1 year term):

MIDGET: No Midget team for 2019/2020 season.

BANTAM: Kelly Hofstra nominates Catherine Chalmers (declines). Catherine Chalmers nominates Faye Janzen (accepts). James seconds. Faye elected.

PEEWEE: Sara Alwood nominates Kelly Hofstra (accepts). Catherine seconds. Kelly elected.

ATOM: Kelly Hofstra nominates Bryana Mardy (accepts). Ashleigh Barr seconds. Bryana elected.

NOVICE: Ashleigh Barr nominates JOhn Kroetch (accepts). Tanya seconds. John elected.

INITIATION: Cindy McGrath nominates Ashleigh Barr (accepts). Steve seconds. Cindy elected.

GOVERNOR: We are looking for a governor to represent MMHA for the upcoming season – it is not a board position but an important representative position.

For the good of the Association:

1. Thank you to all outgoing board members.
2. Date of next Executive Meeting: Thursday, June 9 @ 7:00pm / Next AGM Spring 2021
3. Adjournment – Josh adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm.