



Minutes of Annual General Meeting October 1, 2020

Commissioner, Randy Martin called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

1. Approval of Agenda:
 - Additions to the Agenda - New Business:
 - a) Database for associations – ERP plans
 - b) Indigenous representative
 - c) Scheduling
 - d) Midseason player transfers
2. Minutes of last annual meeting – April 6, 2019
 - 2019 AGM minutes were reviewed. Margaret Bayduza made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Kim Hillier.
3. Business arising from the Minutes:
 - No issues
4. Financial Report:
 - Randy Martin requested that the 2019 - 2020 Financial Report be accepted; Scott Forbes made the motion, seconded by Margaret Bayduza.
 - Randy Martin requested that the 2021 Financial Audit be conducted by Hall & Company of Wainwright; motioned by Margaret Bayduza, seconded by Connie Harrison.
5. Commissioner's Report:
 - Randy Martin presented the 2019 - 2020 Commissioner's Report
6. Governors Reports
 - Midget: Kevin Galloway presented the U18 report
 - Bantam: Vanessa Williams presented the U15 report
 - Pee Wee: Randy Martin presented the U13 report on Mark Opseth's behalf.
 - Atom: Ryan Small presented the U11 report.
7. New Business
 - a) Introduction of Randy Hupka (League committee liaison with Hockey Alberta)
 - Hockey Alberta has gone through a review and as a result there has been a few changes including that there are no more zones and are now regions that coincide with the regional centers. 6 regions across the province.
 - Randy Hupka is there for any concerns regarding the minor leagues. He is your voice.
 - Overage applications. You will have to be a first-year player in the higher division to be overage.
 - Player movement applications – online basis. Numbers are down so far this season.
 - Substitute goalie requests are handled with Randy Hupka.
 - Affiliation – some work has been done but there are no changes for the 2020 – 2021 season. No affiliation is going to happen right now. This may change at a later date.
 - Carry over suspension – a decision was made to allow suspensions to be used up during exhibition play for 2020 – 2021 season.

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- Provincials – more discussion to come regarding going ahead or not.
 - Can officials coach more than one game with cohorts? – officials will socially distance and will try to keep the officials out of the cohorts.
- b) Introduction zone restructure – Mike Applegate (Regional manager – Northeast)
- Call or email Mike with any questions. He is here for you and will help answer any questions.
 - Discussed coaching clinics and locations. Discussed hosting clinics, you will need a meeting room and ice times.
 - You can coach and play but you can only be apart of one cohort. You will need to socially distance if you are already a part of one cohort.
 - Don't leave attending coaching clinics to the last minute as there may not be as many clinics this year.
 - Talk to Lisa Davies if you have any questions re: your HCR.
 - Mike will get a contact list for us to put on our website
- c) Return to play structure and timing
- Randy Martin discussed the return to hockey releases that have been getting sent out. All members need to start getting their teams picked and their teams in the correct tiers. Exhibition series, travel permits must be obtained. Game sheets must be submitted. No tiering process will start prior to November 6.
 - Mike Applegate said that for exhibition play the level 1 and 2 referees can not referee until they have taken the clinics. Only level 3, 4 and 5 can ref. There is some confusion and Mike Applegate will look into this and relay the message. October 17 is the first official clinic. It is mandated that all officials take this course before they go on the ice. Coaches within your community can ref those games until then.
 - Randy Hupka said that exhibition games should be played with teams that are close. Not sure about teams that aren't in the same league. Will have to find out and let us know. Randy Martin said he would like to see exhibition games against teams in our league.
 - Provost Minor Hockey developed a guideline and resource for return to hockey. Jade from 3C's helped develop this.
- d) Communication protocol (ie new association contacts)
- Please inform league of any changes and try to have at least 2 individuals as contacts.
- e) Checking or non-checking option for U18 tier 5 and 6
- Kevin Gallaway questions if we want to continue this as 3 teams quit last year.
 - Connie Harrison would like to make a motion to continue with checking at the tier 5 and 6 level unless Hockey Alberta mandates it and discuss it again next year.
 - It was decided that for the 2020 – 2021 season there will be contact at the U18 level.
 - Randy Hupka confirmed that U15 tier 4 – 6 is mandated as non-checking.
- f) League banners
- Travis said to destroy the league championship banners and send Travis an email if you were a finalist so he can mail the banners out to you.
- g) Database for associations – ERP plans
- Mike Angletvedt would like to have a database that everyone can upload their facility plans to the website for others to use to see what each arenas policies are. Travis will add this form to the website for associations to use and then upload to the website.
 - Scott Forbes from Lloyd would like managers to talk before each game.
- h) Indigenous representative
- Ryan Small has an individual that is interested in this position.
 - Wanda Osborne has someone interested and will pass this information onto Ryan Small.
- i) Scheduling consistency

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- Managers will need to work with the governors to communicate as much as possible to get the teams playing within the same caliber.
 - Scott Forbes mentioned that we should indicate why we're putting the teams in a lower or higher tier than they were in last year. More communication the better.
 - Want more guidance on where games are to be played instead of just being told to play this team by this date. More communication will help with this.
 - Kim Hillier suggests to reach out to experienced managers if you are a new manager and need help with scheduling.

j) Midseason player transfer

- Randy Martin suggests that we need to get the kids in the right caliber and onto the right teams.
- Scott Forbes asks what to do if that team only has one team in that divisions. If that's the case then there's not much you can do. The season will start November 6 for U11 & U13, November 13 for U15 & U18.
- Meadow Lake will not be applying this year as Saskatchewan will not allow any teams to play in Alberta. They will take a one year leave of absence and will apply again next year.

8. Elections were held with the following results by acclamation:

- U13 Governor – Tammy Ganser
- U15 Governor – Vanessa Williams
- Commissioner – Randy Martin

9. Adjournment - meeting was adjourned at 9:37pm