

PMHA Minutes

Tuesday October 8th 2019

1) Call to order: 7:09pm.

2) Attendees:

Board Members: Brent McCracken, Pamela Ekroth, Jacqueline Smith, Cara Nagy, Caranda Raymond, Kevin Volk, Sandy Pariseau, Jackie McKinnon, Brittany Tremblay, Amy Kremeniuk (late) and Suzanne Williams.

Non-Board Members: Theresa Druar and Brandy Rose.

3) Additions to the Agenda/Adopt Agenda:

- Brandy requested the addition of "Tournament" as subsection (g) under New Business.

- Jacqueline made a motion to adopt the agenda, Brittany 2nd.

4) Review of the minutes from last meeting (September 10th 2019):

- Cara made a motion to adopt the minutes, Jackie 2nd.

5) Correspondence:

- Received a bill from the arena in the amount of \$5,380.64 for the logo on center ice, lexan and ice fee's for the month of September.

- Received a bill from Carlson-Roberts Seely in the amount of \$504 for bookkeeping software.

- A couple of outstanding payments for coaching expenses.

- Have sent in AGLC review/paperwork.

- Cara confirmed that our tax return has been filed, received and there are no outstanding issues.

6) Old Business:

a) Goalie Training

i) Brent has spoken to Clayton Seely who, along with his son Morgan, has offered to run training sessions on select Monday nights from 5:45-6:45pm (timing flexible). Midget players would be asked to

come and shoot on the goalies. The only cost to the association would be the ice fees.

ii) Brittany will contact Matt Gorman and Josh to see if they could offer goalie training during Matt's scheduled ice time and will inquire about the cost. She would like to see video reviews offered. A parent could video the goalies in action during practice and/or games and then the coach could review with the goalies afterwards. Training would be required for up to 3 Novice players, 1-2 Atoms, 3-4 Peewee's, and possibly Bantam & Midget as well.

iii) Cara made a motion that PMHA pay for ice on one monday per month for Clayton and Morgan Seely to train any PMHA goalies who are interested, Suzanne 2nd. All in favor, none opposed. Jackie will send an e-mail to inform all PMHA coaches who will then inform their goalies about this training option. Brittany will contact Clayton to select the dates for goalie training.

b) Pictures

i) Picture day is Tuesday, October 29th/19. The schedule will be announced soon and spreadsheets will be provided to the managers by October 19th/19.

ii) Each team will have their own time slot and team picture (ie. 3 different team photos and group times for Novice.)

iii) Sibling photos may be an option if there is interest. The picture company can also add two different player pictures to one item, please notify the company of any special requests when placing your order.

iv) PMHA has the option to pre-pay \$10-12/player (discounted price) for them all to get a Memory Mate. There are currently about 130 players in the association and the board is not currently in a position to cover this cost for all players and we cannot force each player to purchase their own. This may be an option in the future or something

that we could consider when setting our registration fees for next year. We will revisit this in February 2020.

c) Equipment (Jersey's/Goalie Equipment/Socks, etc)

i) Jersey's

- There were a few complaints from Initiation parents about having to provide the \$150 deposit for jerseys. Since Initiation teams only have 8 games it was suggested that one parent could be responsible for looking after all of the jerseys.

Ultimately it is the responsibility of the Head Coaches to ensure that all jerseys are cared for and returned at the end of the season. All cheques for the jersey deposits are to be post-dated for January 1st 2020.

- Pee wee will borrow a goalie jersey from Bantam to fulfill their needs.

- The Pee wee 1 team borrowed an Atom and a Bantam jersey.

- #18 Black is missing from Bantam.

- #17 Orange for Novice was stolen last year and still needs to be replaced.

- Black Initiation jersey's are still missing, some may need to be ordered. Amy will follow up.

- Still some Atom jersey's missing, will need to look on Interlock website to see who used them last year or contact previous manager.

- Amy suggested that we remove the cages from the equipment room and just add bars to hang jerseys.

ii) Goalie Equipment

- Pembina Kids Sports was approached by a PMHA family and was asked to buy a set of goalie equipment for their child. Pembina Kids Sports would rather purchase a set of goalie equipment for the association if required so that it can be re-used year after year.

- Kevin suggested that PMHA should either be contributing money to our goalies or purchasing additional goalie equipment to promote player development in the association.
- Novice still requires a complete set of goalie equipment for their third team. Cara made a motion that we spend up to \$500 for new Novice goalie equipment, and for Atom through Midget age groups, 2 **committed** goalies/team can get reimbursed 50% up to \$250.00 for goalie equipment providing receipts are submitted to PMHA, Jackie 2nd. All in favor, none opposed.
- If a player is only interested in trying the goalie position it is recommended that they borrow equipment or use what is currently available.
- Atom – have a set of pads but they are worn and are very poor quality. Theresa will donate a set of pads (Jackie currently has them.) The blocker and glove are missing.
- Peewee – Theresa is donating a set of pads. A goalie on Peewee 2 is currently using Kremeniuk's 26+1's.
- Bantam – Clayton Seely will lend 33+1 pads for use this season, he would like to have them returned. He will donate a blocker and glove.

iii) Socks

- Cara made a motion to charge \$15.00/pair of game socks starting September 20th/19 (managers have been keeping track of all socks that were taken so far), Suzanne 2nd. All in favor, none opposed. Will require new game socks for pictures.

iv) Puck Bags

- Every team will need a puck bag and 30 pucks to look after. This should prevent loss each year.
- Jackie made a motion to buy 5 puck bags, Brittany 2nd.

7) New Business

a) Budget

i) Current balance in the account is \$56,594.22. We are only awaiting registration fees for a couple of players so this number is not expected to grow without fundraising.

ii) Jacqueline provided a very detailed breakdown for each age category outlining projected income/expenses. Expenses include cost for MCN training, ice fees for practices and regular season games, reffing costs and Hockey Alberta insurance fees. She compared these expenses to the registration fees coming in for each category and indicated whether each group is projected to run a surplus or a deficit. The insurance fees are usually only \$38-42/player so these numbers were slightly overestimated. It will also cost our association \$225/team to register with NAI. The numbers provided do not include the cost of any exhibition games, playoff games or tournaments. The following are just the bottom line numbers projected by Jacqueline:

Age Category	Projected
Learn to Play	+\$290.00
Initiation	+\$1,195.00
Novice	Option 1: +\$1,275.00* Option 2: +\$2,380.00**
Atom	+\$355.00
Pewee 1	-\$325.00
Pewee 2	-\$325.00
Bantam	-\$1,605.00
Midget	-\$1,733.75

* Option 1: No teams sharing ice for games.

** Option 2: 2 teams sharing ice for games, 1 team separated.

iii) Initiation will host a jamboree and is expected to make money.

iv) Novice is hosting a jamboree on November 23rd/19. There are

currently 9 teams registered, hoping to have 12. If we get 12 teams, we should make approximately \$2000.00. (Cost is \$350/team)

v) Home games scheduled (not including playoffs/jamboree's): 8 for each initiation team, 13 for Novice, 10 for Atoms, 12 for Pee wee, 12 for Bantam and 15 for Midget.

vi) Bantam and Midget teams always lose money because of low registration numbers and increased costs for refs, longer ice times, etc.

vii) When registering our Novice teams with Hockey Alberta, it is beneficial for us financially if they are all registered on one roster. Cara will follow up with Kristina about this. (Side note: need one coach for every 10 players, all need safety and level one training.)

viii) Pam suggested that in order to reduce costs, Bantams could opt out of MCN training, however, they would like to keep the ice time. It was suggested that the Bantams could potentially switch ice times with a younger age group.

ix) Need to consider budgeting approximately \$6-7,000 for playoff games. A Midget level home playoff game costs \$450. NAI is changing the playoff format this year, and are scheduled to end March 15th/19. Teams that win tiers 1 through 3 qualify for Provincials.

b) Fundraising

i) Our fun casino should bring in approximately \$8-10,000.

ii) Skate Sharpening – PMHA made about \$500 in the first two weeks of the season. PARS has recently added their own skate sharpener to provide the public with this service, they charge \$7/sharpening and are not trying to compete with our service. Brent would like to see 2 parents from each team (who are not also coaches) to be trained to sharpen skates. Lee Hicks has offered to train the interested volunteers. Their names will then be added to the authorized list and they will be the only ones allowed access to the cage. Most of the

money made from sharpening goes right back into maintenance and repairs for the machine.

iii) We will continue to sell and collect money from Rink Board advertising.

iv) Novice and Initiation teams will both be hosting Jamboree's. The money made from the Novice Jamboree will go directly back into the general account, and will not be spent on things like pizza parties, coach gifts, track suits or other things that do not benefit the association.

v) PMHA would ideally like to provide each team with \$800 to put towards tournaments. It was suggested that we do a Cash Raffle in order to raise funds for this. We would need to make approximately \$8000. Prizes for a raffle have to be worth 25% of total ticket sales.

- Cara made a motion for the association to do a cash raffle with the following prizes: 1st prize \$3000, 2nd prize \$2000 and 3rd prize of \$1000. Each registered player in the association will be responsible for selling at least 15 tickets at \$10 each, all tickets NEED to be returned. Sandy 2nd this motion, all in favor, none opposed. Cara will get the appropriate AGLC license and give it to Carannda. Sandy is going to get quotes for printing the tickets. The draw date will depend on acquiring the license, printing tickets and distributing them for sale.

Potential draw dates are at the Fun Casino or December 14th,19.

c) Teams

i) Peewee - teams have been split into Peewee 1 and 2, no negative feedback.

ii) Atoms - evaluation skate has already taken place. Four Novice players attended and 1 of those players qualified in the top 50% to move up to Atom.

iii) Midgets – Drayton Valley had 21 kids and they decided to cut one of them at tryouts. Their association had contacted Brent about accepting this player but originally they wouldn't accept our few players when we didn't have enough to make a team. Brent agreed to let this player tryout and if he/she was better than 2 current players, we would accept them. The evaluation has already taken place and the Drayton Valley player did not make our team. There is another Midget player currently in the Drayton Valley association that would like to be released to play for PMHA and their request has been denied by that association.

iv) Novice – Evaluations will start October 9th and continue the following week. Brittany will do the evaluations to pick out the top 9 players for Novice 1. The other two teams will be split evenly as determined by evaluators and coaches. We plan to have one team in Group 2 and the other two teams will be entered in Group 3.

v) Initiation – the two teams will be split evenly by the coaches.

d) Practice Schedule – Jacqueline has provided a complete list for approval.

i) Initiation – has no Saturday practices after January 11th/20.

Managers can contact Jacqueline with any questions or concerns.

ii) Novice - will still have games into March/20.

iii) Midget - MCN schedule may still change. Clayton has confirmed that Midgets and Bantams will still practice together every 2nd week.

e) Checking Clinic

i) Pam suggested that Matt Gorman focus on checking for the first few sessions with Pee wee and Bantams. Kevin will follow up with Matt.

-Jacqueline made a motion to allow extra money for Matt Gorman to do a checking clinic during regular MCN time for Bantams with an open invitation to the Pee wees, Suzanne 2nd. Bantams are scheduled for MCN time on October 15th and November 12th. It is recommended that all 2nd year Pee wees attend.

ii) At the checking coaches clinic in Drayton October 7th, Mike McGinnis demonstrated drills for checking and recommended that they be implemented in the Novice age group and above to teach players to keep their heads up. We will require 2 bump pads to use in practice that can be purchased from Walmart.

- Kevin made a motion for PMHA to purchase two bump pads at a cost of up to \$150 for the association, Cara 2nd. All in favor, none opposed.

f) MCN

i) Bantams – are not getting enough out of the sessions, they are not looking for higher development at this point. If after the checking clinics are complete they would like to forfeit their MCN sessions, another team would gladly pick them up.

ii) Peewee – Would like to see less repetition in the drills. Brent noted that often you need to go back to the basics in order to improve on skills and he suggested that more coaches get out on the ice and participate in these sessions.

g) Tournament

- Midgets – Brandy proposed that the Midgets could host a “no frills” tournament for four/five teams. Jacqueline informed us that the only weekend available would be at Christmastime.

8) Committee Reports

a) President – pass

b) Vice President – pass

c) Ice Scheduler – pass

d) Game & Conduct/Safety – pass

e) Equipment Manager – pass

f) Publicity Director – pass

g) Communications Director – pass

h) Fundraising Coordinator – left meeting early

i) League Rep – pass

- j) Registrar – not present
 - k) Ref Coordinator – not present
 - l) Hockey Development – pass
 - m) Secretary – pass
 - n) Treasurer – not present
 - o) Past President – not present
- 9) Other – Brandy informed us that Hockey Alberta requires no smoking or vaping in the dressing rooms. This is currently in our SOP's and the arena does not allow it either.
- 10) Next meeting date – November 19th 2019, 7:00pm at the Evansburg Arena.
- 11) Meeting Adjourned at 9:30pm by Brent McCracken, Suzanne 2nd.

Please note, there was a scheduling conflict so the date of the next meeting was changed to November 14th 2019, 7:00pm at the Evansburg Arena.