

PMHA Minutes

Wednesday February 5th 2020

1) Call to order: 7:09pm

2) Attendees:

a) Board Members: Brent McCracken, Krystal Alston, Sandy Pariseau, Cara Nagy, Jackie McKinnon, Pamela Ekroth, Dale Hofmann, Brittany Tremblay and Suzanne Williams.

b) Non-Board Members: Brandy Rose.

3) Additions to the Agenda/Adopt the agenda:

a) Add "Atom Player" under New Business, subsection (d).

b) Add "Midget Home Tournament" under New Business, subsection (e).

c) Krystal made a motion to adopt the agenda, Pamela 2nd.

4) Review of minutes from last meeting (January 7th, 2020):

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

5) Correspondence

a) Brent received a 3rd complaint on January 21st about an ongoing issue (see previous minutes) via e-mail that was very rude and disrespectful to the board. He has issued a response that was previewed by another board member and he stands behind that response. He would like to remind people that all members of the PMHA board are volunteers and need to be treated with respect. He will follow up with Pam about the issue and has notified Hockey Alberta of the situation. This will hopefully be the last correspondence regarding this issue.

b) Brent has received e-mails from the league regarding player suspensions and also in regards to the penalty minutes of our Bantam and Midget teams. He received clarification on the maximum allowable penalty minutes for Midgets, which is actually 600 minutes. If our Midgets exceed 600 penalty minutes they will be disqualified from playoffs.

6) Old Business

a) Advertising/Donation Package Options

i) Carannda drafted a letter to hand out to local businesses, which was revised by Jackie. She has already gotten feedback from some who are interested in purchasing some package options. The dental clinic in Mayerthorpe and All Choice Rentals will be purchasing sign boards to display in the arena. AFS has requested a bill for their sign board as well. Entwistle Concrete Products is purchasing the "Option A" package. Carlson Roberts Seely LLP and Murd's Plumbing and Heating will also be purchasing a package option. Carannda will follow up with Subway about their sign board.

ii) We currently have 10 table sponsors for the fun casino.

iii) Carannda has received about 10-12 donations for the silent auction and is still waiting to hear back from some businesses. Brent will follow up with Trestle Creek Golf Resort.

iv) Cara has all of the PMHA thank you cards and will pass them on to Carannda.

b) MCN for 2020/21 Season

i) Brent would like to table this until the next meeting since he has not gotten a chance to speak with Matt Gorman yet.

ii) So far this year we have paid approximately \$5300 for player development but we have not yet received a bill for January.

c) Complaint

- Already discussed, see (5) Correspondence, subsection (a).

7) New Business

a) Fun Casino

i) Carannda encouraged families to donate the cost of their tickets if they were unable to attend and this has resulted in some negative feedback. We would like to stress that this is not a mandatory obligation. V&S has not sold any tickets so far and pre-sales have been low. Cara mentioned that most people purchase tickets at the door.

- ii) Pam has sent out 3 e-mails to her team requesting \$20 from each family to purchase their Fun Casino prize. She is still waiting on a couple of kids. She expects payment from each family since she has already purchased the prize with her own funds. It was suggested that this charge be added to the fees at registration time so we are not bugging families multiple times throughout the year.
- iii) Carannda still needs 5 table sponsors, if anyone has any leads, please contact her.
- iv) She may need one more parent volunteer to sell "Pirate Bucks."
- v) Carannda will do the slide show last minute so she is still accepting pictures. Cara will send out an e-mail reminder to the Atom families.
- vi) One of the sponsor cheques will not be received until after the Fun Casino.

b) Online Registration & Payments

- i) Cara is in contact with RAMP to set up online payments and registration for the upcoming season. She has submitted all pertinent info. There is a \$105 set up fee. RAMP charges \$2/registration and the credit card companies will add a 2.5-3% charge for every payment. RAMP does not charge tax. She has received all of the paperwork to take to the bank and will need to watch a 2.5hr training video. If everything goes smoothly, the online payments should be available by the end of March, or beginning of April.
- ii) Kristina and Krystal will be able to log in and view all registrations with the fees broken down. This will streamline the process.
- iii) Families will still have the option to pay by cheque but MUST register online ONLY. Those with outstanding fees from this season will not be able to register until they are caught up.
- iv) Cara made a motion that PMHA implements online registration only, starting with the 2020/21 season and that we pay the \$105 set up fee, Brittany 2nd. All in favor, none opposed.

v) PMHA needs to review the registration fees again considering all of the new charges that we will incur next season. We would like to provide families with a breakdown of the additional fees so that they know where the money is going. We are facing the following additional charges: PARS is increasing ice fees, Hockey Alberta is increasing insurance fees and online payments will add additional fees. Ideally we would like to see socks, the fun casino donation and raffle tickets included with the registration fees so that we are only asking parents for money once. Brittany was opposed to this idea. We are not increasing fees to make money, but just to stay afloat. If there is more money available next year, each team could benefit by receiving more tournament funds. The fee increases will be tabled until next meeting.

c) AGM & Awards Night

- i) The awards for MVP, Most Improved, Most Dedicated, and Most Sportsmanlike or the "Reagan Woloszyn Memorial Award" need to be ordered and coaches will be informed that they need to start thinking about their recipients. Brittany will order the medals. We have previously gotten free ones from ESSO.
- ii) Cara made a motion that if we are unable to get free medals from ESSO again this year that we purchase some through Family Clothing, Krystal 2nd. All in favor, none opposed.
- iii) Carannda suggested that we should display a plaque for all donors/sponsors to display in the arena. She has offered to make the plaque.
- iv) A date needs to be set for the AGM & Awards Night. Cara informed the board that PARS will be doing renovations in the arena once the ice is removed and there will be no running water/toilets. The last tournament is scheduled for the last weekend in March. We hope to keep the arena as the venue since there is no cost to PMHA. Brent will follow up with Janice to select a date and will aim for April 3rd, 9th or

17th. (Need to avoid the Grouch's Ball and the Goodtimers Tournament.)

v) Panago was suggested as an option for pizza delivery, but we would require people to RSVP so we could order the right amount.

vi) Cara will propose a plan for the new Awards Ceremony at the next meeting.

d) Atom Player

i) The Atom team manager and head coach wrote a letter to the PMHA board requesting their support in their decision to exclude a player from playoffs who has only been to 2 practices and 1 game so far this season. They reported that she is not engaged with the other players and it is unfair to those that have put in hard work and dedication all season long.

ii) Brittany spoke a bit about her personal situation, which she is aware of because this individual has attended some practices with the Peeewe 2 team.

iii) The SOP's state that practices are mandatory and ice time is earned. Although the board feels for her personal situation we need to adhere to the parent handbook and our SOP's.

iv) Krystal made a motion that we require all players to adhere to the SOP player guidelines in regards to practice attendance and that we will support the coaches decision in following these rules, Pam 2nd. All in favor, none opposed. (*Board members with a personal interest were not allowed to vote.)

e) Midget Tournament – Since the Midgets are expected to be disqualified from playoffs due to excessive penalty minutes they have decided to finish out their season with three tournaments. Brandy informed the board that they will host a three day home tournament the weekend of March 20th and hope to have at least 8 teams and charge a \$750 entry fee. She said that the fees will cover all costs for ice/refs, etc. Brent informed her that she

needs to give PARS at least two weeks notice if she needs to drop some ice time to ensure that they don't lose any money on this tournament.

8) Committee Reports

a) President - pass

b) Vice President

i) Cara attended the monthly PARS meeting on behalf of Brent to bring up some concerns that PMHA has regarding the ref room location, need for extra dressing rooms, etc.

ii) The county expressed that they have done renovations and have never heard these concerns in the past.

iii) PARS has acknowledged that they are "behind the times" with the building and would be open to our suggestions. PARS requested that the PMHA executive put together a letter/package that expresses the changes we would like to see and present it to PARS. PARS will then bring our concerns to the county.

iv) Cara has also requested a new drinking fountain that can fill water bottles for our athletes.

c) Ice Scheduler – not present

d) Game & Conduct/Safety - pass

e) Equipment Manager – not present

f) Publicity Director – Sandy informed the board that the Pembina Post has received our ad for the Fun Casino and the invoice has been forwarded to Krystal.

g) Communications Director – Jackie requested that any documents sent to her that are to be forwarded to another party need to be proof read and double checked by another individual before she receives them.

h) Fundraising Coordinator – pass

i) League Rep – pass

j) Registrar – not present

k) Ref Coordinator – left early

l) Hockey Development – not present

- m) Secretary - pass
 - n) Treasurer
 - i) Krystal provided a list of all current financials and reported that the aged receivables have declined a lot. Brent and Krystal have been in contact with the families that still owe for fees as well as Pembina Kids Sports to find some solutions.
 - ii) Jackie made a motion to pay all bills, Brittany 2nd.
 - o) Past President – not present
- 9) Other
- a) Brittany suggested that individual teams should be allowed to do their own fundraising again. We ran into issues with this last year since the SOP's and rules were not being followed.
- 10) Next meeting date - Tuesday March 3rd 2020, 7:00pm at the Arena.
- 11) Meeting Adjourned at 9:20pm by Brent, Suzanne 2nd.