

PMHA Minutes

Tuesday March 3rd, 2020

1) Call to order: 7:08pm

2) Attendees:

a) Board Members: Cara Nagy, Brittany Tremblay, Jacqueline Smith, Dale Hofmann, Amy Kremeniuk, Pamela Ekroth, Luke Van Dyk, Kristina Ewen and Suzanne Williams.

b) Non-board members: Brandy Rose.

3) Additions to the Agenda/Adopt the Agenda:

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

b) Add "Skate Sharpening Supplies" under New Business, subsection (e).

c) Add "Midget Tournament" under Old Business, subsection (e).

d) Brittany made a motion to adopt the agenda, Amy 2nd.

4) Review of minutes from last meeting (February 5th, 2020):

- Kristina made a motion to approve the minutes, Brittany 2nd.

5) Correspondence

- Cara received a letter from Har-De Ag based in Evansburg to inform us that they have claimed bankruptcy. Their sign board has already been removed, so this does not impact us.

6) Old Business

a) Fun Casino

i) Carannda is not present to give an update.

ii) Cara received a report from Krystal. To date the Fun Casino made approximately \$3,300. This is not a final report though because some bills still need to be paid and money has not yet been collected for some silent auction items.

iii) Profits were significantly less than in previous years, which could be due to poor attendance, an increase in casino table fees and having less table sponsors. PMHA needs to determine whether or not this is a profitable option moving forward and what changes need to be made

to make it more profitable again. Some suggestions to consider are a change in the date and venue.

b) Online Registration & Payments

i) Cara reported that we are on track to have registration, online payments and payment plans in place for the upcoming season.

ii) Pam expressed concerns that the Bantam and Midget players will not want to pay upfront if there may not be a team for them.

These players must register and pay in advance though so that we can determine our numbers sooner and not be left scrambling in September like the previous season.

iii) Brent intends on having a meeting with the Peewee, Bantam and Midget players in March to determine who is planning on returning to PMHA next season. He believes that both Mayerthorpe and Sangudo will be short on players too and this will give us more time to recruit and form teams earlier.

c) AGM & Awards Night

i) Brent attended the PARS meeting and he was informed that we will not be able to host the AGM & Awards Night at the Pembina Rec Plex since they will be starting renovations the first week of April.

Jacqueline said that this may have changed since PARS has found another storage area for the gym equipment so she will confirm.

ii) Ideally we would like to host the AGM & Awards Night on April 3rd, 9th or 17th, but a venue must be chosen prior to selecting the date.

iii) Suzanne will contact Entwistle School about using the gym for a potential venue and if unavailable Cara will try Grand Trunk High School or Evansview. Cara will e-mail the board with the options so we can vote.

d) MCN 2020/21 season

i) PMHA will potentially add a goalie session for next season, details to be determined.

ii) Still working out details for option to pay for additional training sessions. Matt will have 30 spots available and the cost would be approx. \$210/child for the season.

iii) Our expenses for MCN will be \$5355 as of April, which is down from approx. \$15,000 in previous years. The board would like to send out a survey to parents for feedback about MCN and other items of interest to collect and discuss at the AGM. This survey can also include information for families about the reasons for fee increases next year. Questions to ponder will address the perceived benefit of MCN at all levels, goalie training, power skating, checking clinics (especially for Peewee.) Jackie will work on creating a survey (with feedback from board members) and get it ready for distribution. We encourage all parents to participate and communicate any other suggestions.

iv) MCN is open to suggestions and will plan lessons accordingly.

e) Midget Tournament

i) Brandy provided an update:

- Currently have 3 teams registered, need at least one more.
- With 4 teams, they would require 18.75 hrs of ice time and have budgeted \$1070 for refs. This would leave them with a difference of \$-320.00 that the Midget team will cover. If they get six teams, they will make approx. \$5.00. All Midget practise times were given back for the remainder of the year.

ii) The arena needs to have the final ice time request by Friday to allow two weeks notice. If this deadline is not met the Midget team will be responsible for any additional costs incurred.

iii) Other board members expressed concern about acquiring proper ice time slots for playoffs during this tournament. The Peewee 2 team could be going for gold and other home teams vying for consolation prizes that weekend. Originally the NAI had announced that all playoffs would be finished prior to this weekend but now that

is not the case. If the Midgets only have three times registered in their tournament, they should be done with the ice by 2:15 on Sunday. Will have to work with the schedule as it gets closer.

7) New Business

a) PARS increase

i) PARS has not increased their ice fees for PMHA in the past 10 years.

ii) They have developed a three year plan to institute their fee increases as follows:

- 2020/21 – increase by \$5.00/hour
- 2021/22 – increase by \$3.00/hour
- 2022/23 – increase by \$2.50/hour

This results in a net increase of \$10.50/hour over three years which will cost PMHA roughly \$2000/year based on the hours utilized this season.

iii) Player fees are being increased to help cover the cost.

b) Peewee 1

i) Pam, Brent and Cara received an e-mail from a parent whose child chose to quit playing with PMHA. The parent expressed concerns about how his/her child was treated by other players and a coach. The parent also questioned a coach's credibility. The parent has requested that their child be released back to Drayton Valley Minor Hockey for the next season.

ii) PMHA is still looking into the matter. Cara will send the family a response once this is done and then will follow up with the kids and coaches of the Peewee 1 team to discuss what happened and how to prevent these type of issues in the future.

c) Intro to U11 (formerly known as Atom)

i) This age group will need a longer preseason to allow all players to adjust to full ice play.

ii) Brent is proposing that we host an "Intro to U11" the last week of March for two, 1 hour sessions which will focus on new concepts like

“offside” and “icing.” Both Novice and Atom coaches will be invited to participate.

iii) Dale made a motion for PMHA to hold two, 1 hour “Intro to U11” sessions in March to get players ready for full ice play, Pam 2nd. All in favour, none opposed.

d) Raffle

i) We briefly discussed the option to have a raffle again next season. The board agreed that cash raffles are easy and very profitable. We will wait until October to finalize the details once we have our teams decided.

e) Skate Sharpening Supplies

i) Kristina passed on a message from Lee Hicks requesting more funds to purchase the necessary skate sharpening supplies. PMHA usually puts money towards this at the end of the season and it has never exceeded \$400.

ii) Brittany made a motion to spend up to \$400 to maintain the skate sharpener and replenish supplies, Kristina 2nd. All in favour, none opposed. Lee can purchase the necessary supplies and submit his receipts to Krystal for reimbursement.

8) Committee Reports

a) President – not present

b) Vice President

i) We need to revisit our fee’s for the 2020/21 season. We need to make sure that these new fees are covering all of the additional expenses that PMHA is facing next year like the PARS ice fee increases, insurance fee increases and Hockey Alberta fee increases.

ii) Cara, Brent and Suzanne will draft a list of the suggested fee’s and will e-mail the board to vote on them prior to the AGM.

c) Ice Scheduler

- Cara asked for confirmation about the deadline for ice requests.

Jacqueline confirmed that this information is required by August.

d) Game & Conduct/Safety – pass

e) Equipment Manager – pass

f) Publicity Director – not present

g) Communications Director – not present

h) Fundraising Coordinator – not present

i) League Rep – pass

j) Registrar – pass

k) Ref Coordinator

i) Dale will be sending a letter to PARS to request a divider between the ref room and the spectator area. He is really concerned about the refs being abused either physically or mentally/emotionally.

Renovations will not be done before next season so we need to come up with a temporary solution for next season.

ii) Would also like to see some signs posted about “respect in sport” and appropriate behaviour for fans and parents towards players, coaches and referee’s.

l) Hockey Development – not present

m) Secretary

i) Suzanne will go through the minutes from this year and make a list of all of the changes that have been suggested for the SOP’s prior to the AGM. She will work with Cara to try and find the lists from previous years since the SOP’s have not been updated since 2013.

ii) Will provide a list of attendance from all board meetings to the Registrar and Treasurer so that those who qualify for a discount next year will receive one.

n) Treasurer

i) Cara read a report from Krystal outlining the current financials. The current account balance is \$42,189.44.

o) Past President – not present

9) Other – none

10) Next Meeting Date will be the AGM. Date, time and location to be determined.

11) Meeting Adjourned at 8:31pm by Cara, Suzanne 2nd.

**Please note that after the meeting was adjourned it was decided that we will need one more meeting prior to the AGM to finalize a few things. This next meeting date, time and location is still to be determined.