

# **BYLAWS OF THE THUNDERSTARS MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

## **1.0 INTERPRETATION**

**1.1** These Bylaws shall be construed with reference to the provisions of the Societies Act of the Province of Alberta and terms used in these Bylaws shall be taken as having the same respective meanings as they have when used in that Act.

**1.2** In the interpretation of these bylaws, except where excluded by the context,

- a) Words importing the singular number shall also include the plural;
- b) Words importing the masculine gender shall also include the feminine;
- c) "Act" means the Societies Act of Alberta, R.S.A. 1980, c.S-18 as amended from time to time;
- d) "Annual General Meeting" means the General Meeting held annually in accordance with the provisions of the Act;
- e) "Bylaws" means the by-laws of the Association, as amended from time to time;
- f) "Director(s)" means a person that has been elected or appointed as a director of the Association;
- g) "Board of Directors", "Board", "Executive", or "Executive Committee" shall each mean the Board of Directors of the society;
- h) "General Meeting" means a meeting of the Members of the Association;
- i) "Member(s)" means a person or legal entity that has been admitted as a member of the Association;
- j) "Ordinary Resolution" means a resolution passed at a General Meeting or Director's meeting by a vote of not less than 50% of those present in person; plus one (1);
- k) "President" shall mean the President of the Association;
- l) "Secretary" shall mean the Secretary of the Association;
- m) "Special Resolution" shall have that meaning as defined in the Act;
- n) "Treasurer" shall mean the Treasurer of the Association;
- o) "The Association" shall mean the ThunderStars Minor Hockey Association as a registered society
- p) The headings herein are given for convenience only and shall not effect the interpretation of these Bylaws;

## **2.0 SOCIETY OBJECTS**

**2.1** The objects of the society are:

- a) To provide a viable minor hockey program in and about the communities of Forestburg and Daysland with sustained presence in each of the communities now and in the future.

- b) To encourage, foster and develop among all members and those associated with the organization a sense of sportsmanship and fair play in the pursuit of athletic accomplishment.
- c) To establish, organize and maintain a developmental program for the sport of hockey, contributing to the overall personal growth and development of desired teamwork philosophy and leadership qualities of athletes, coaches, officials and others involved in minor hockey.
- d) As a member in good standing, abide by the bylaws, rules and regulations of the Alberta Amateur Hockey Association
- e) To assist in providing the necessary facilities and equipment for carrying on our various objects.
- f) To sell, manage, lease, mortgage, dispose of, or otherwise deal with the property of the society.

### 3.0 REGISTERED OFFICE

- 3.1 The Registered Office of the Association may be established or changed from time to time by Ordinary Resolution of the Directors.

### 4.0 MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1 All subscribers to the Application for Incorporation of the Association shall, upon registration of the said Application, be Members of the Association and shall be entered in the Register of Members accordingly. Additional Members of the Association may be admitted to Membership in the Association upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed from time to time by the Directors.
- 4.2 Membership fee, if any, in the society shall be determined, from time to time, by the members at a General Meeting. Any person residing in Alberta being of the full age of 18 years may become a member by a favourable vote passed by a majority of the members at a regular meeting of the society, and upon payment of the said fee. Such voting shall be by ballot, unless the meeting by Ordinary Resolution otherwise decides.
- 4.3 Any member wishing to withdraw from membership may do so upon notice in writing to the Board through its Secretary. If any member is in arrears for fees or assessments for any year, such member shall be automatically suspended at the expiration of six months from the end of such year and shall thereafter be entitled to no membership privileges or powers in the society until reinstated. Any member, upon a two-thirds majority vote of all directors of the society, may be expelled from membership for any cause, which the board may deem reasonable.
- 4.4 All Members shall be entitled to such information and advice with regard to the affairs of the Association as the Association or any of its officers may be able to supply.

*Get everyone present to sign in.*



- 4.5 Any member who has not withdrawn from membership nor has been suspended nor expelled as herein provided shall have the right vote at any meeting of the society. Such votes must be made in person and not by proxy or otherwise.

## 5.0 MEETINGS

- 5.1 This society shall hold an Annual General Meeting on or before October 31 in each year, of which meeting due notice shall be given to all members.
- 5.2 The nature of business to be transacted at an Annual General Meeting shall include but not be limited to the following:
- a) Call to Order;
  - b) Members present;
  - c) Proof of Notice of the Meeting;
  - d) Reading and Approval of unapproved minutes
  - e) Reports of Officers:
    - i. Presidents Report
    - ii. Financial Report (Treasurer)
  - f) Committee Reports
  - g) Election of Directors
  - h) Unfinished Business
  - i) New Business
  - j) Adjournments
- 5.3 General Meetings of the society may be called at any time by the Secretary upon the instruction of the President or Board by notice as noted herein. A special General Meeting shall be called by the President or Secretary upon receipt by him of a petition signed by one-third of the members in good standing, setting forth the reasons for calling such meeting.
- 5.4 At least eight (8) days before every Annual General Meeting or General Meeting, due notice shall be given thereof specifying the place, the day and the hour of the meeting and, in the case of special business, the general nature of the business, shall be given to the members either verbally or in writing and by person, telephone, fax or any other means of communication. The accidental omission to give such notice to or the nonreceipt of such notice by any member shall not invalidate the proceedings at any General Meeting.
- 5.5 At any General Meeting or Annual General Meeting, a quorum shall consist of one half of the Members present in person.
- 5.6 The President or chairman of the meeting herein noted shall be entitled to a second or casting vote in the event of an equality of votes at any General Meeting or Annual General Meeting.

**6.0 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- 6.1** The subscribers to the Bylaws are the first Directors of the Association.
- 6.2** At the first Annual General Meeting and those subsequent, all of the Directors however appointed or elected shall retire from office. At the meetings there shall be elected a President, a Vice-President, a secretary, a treasurer, a registrar/statistician, and three directors. The previous year's president shall return in a past-president position. This position shall be replaced by a director position if the president accepts a second term. Also a representative is required for each of the teams within the dominion of and governed by the Association. The officers and directors so elected shall form the Board of Directors and serve a term of one year or at least until their successors are elected or appointed and installed as otherwise provided by the Bylaws herein.
- 6.3** The number of Directors may be prescribed or changed from time to time by Ordinary Resolution, whether previous notice thereof has been given or not, but notwithstanding anything contained in these Bylaws, the number of Directors shall never be less than three (3) or more than twenty (20).
- 6.4** The Directors shall, subject to the by-laws or directions given it by majority vote at any General Meeting properly called and constituted, have full control and management of the affairs and property of the society and may exercise all such powers of and on behalf of the Association.
- 6.5** The Directors may meet together for the dispatch or business, adjourn or otherwise regulate their meetings as they shall deem fit. Any five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. Questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. Any Director who has not withdrawn from his office nor has been suspended nor expelled as herein provided shall have the right to vote at any meeting of the Directors. Such votes must be made in person and not by proxy or otherwise. The President or chairman of the meeting herein noted shall be entitled to a second or casting vote in the event of an equality of votes at any meeting of the Board.
- 6.6** A meeting of the Directors may be held at any time the Directors may deem necessary and expedient, and may be summoned on twenty-four (24) hours notice either verbally or in writing and by person, telephone, fax or any other means of communication. Meetings of the Directors shall be summoned by the Secretary at the request of the President, and failing him, at the request of a Vice-Chairman, or any two Directors.
- 6.7** Meetings may be held without notice if a quorum of the Board is present, provided, however that any business transactions at such meeting shall be ratified at the next meeting of the Board properly called and constituted, otherwise they shall be null and void.



- 6.8 Any member in good standing shall be eligible to any office in the society.
- 6.9 The President's duties shall include but not be limited to:
- a) When present, preside at all meetings of the society and of the Board. In his absence a Vice-President shall reside at any such meetings, and in the absence of both, a chairman may be elected by the meeting to preside thereafter.
  - b) Be ex-officio a member of all Committees
- 6.10 The Secretary's duties shall include but not be limited to:
- a) To attend all meetings of the Association and of the Board and to keep accurate minutes of the same;
  - b) He shall have charge of the Seal of the society which whenever used shall be authenticated by the signature of the Secretary and the President, or, in the case of the death or inability of either to act, by the Vice-President;
  - c) Have charge of all the correspondence of the society and be under the direction of the President and the Board;
  - d) Keep record of current Bylaws and any amendments thereto;
  - e) Keep a record of all the members of the society and their addresses and send all notices of the various meetings as required;
  - f) Keep record of the registry of Association Members and the names, addresses and occupations of all persons who are or have been Directors, with record of the dates at which each became or ceased to be such Director;
  - g) In case of the absence of the Secretary, his duties shall be discharged by such officer as may be appointed by the Board.
- 6.11 The Treasurer's duties shall include but not be limited to:
- a) Collect and receive the annual dues, fees or assessments levied by the Association and all monies paid to the society;
  - b) Be responsible for the deposit of same in whatever a Bank, Trust Company, Credit Union or Treasury Branch the Board may order;
  - c) Properly account for the funds of the society and keep such books as may be directed;
  - d) Present a full detailed account of receipts and disbursement to the Board whenever requested
  - e) Prepare for submission to the Annual Meeting a statement duly audited as hereinafter set forth of the financial position of the society and submit a copy of same to the Secretary for the records of the society.
- 6.12 The registrar/statistician's duties shall include but not be limited to:
- a) Registering all players online as per Hockey Alberta guidelines.
  - b) Accept or reject transfers and tryout applications as per Hockey Alberta and TSMHA policies.
  - c) Receive and input game sheets and statistics for all teams registered with NCMHA as per NCMHA guidelines.

act for conformity or for any loss, damage or expenses happening to the Association through the insufficiency or deficiency of title to any property acquired by order of the Directors for or on behalf of the Association for the insufficiency or deficiency of any security in or upon which any of the monies of or belonging to the Association shall be placed out or invested or for any loss or damage arising from the bankruptcy, insolvency, or wrongful act of any person, firm or corporation with whom any monies securities or effects shall be lodged or deposited or for any loss occasioned by an oversight or error in judgement on his part or for any other loss, damage or misfortune which may happen in the exercise of his respective duties or trust or in relation thereto unless the same shall happen by his own or through his own wilful act or default. Directors may rely upon the accuracy of any statement or report prepared by the Association's auditors and shall not be responsible or held liable for any loss or damage resulting from acting upon such statement or report.

## **8.0 AUDITING**

**8.1** In accordance with the provisions of the Societies Act, the books, accounts and records of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be audited at least once each year by a duly qualified accountant or by two members of the society elected for that purpose at the Annual Meeting. A complete and proper statement of the standing of the books for the previous year shall be submitted by such auditor at the Annual Meeting of the society. The fiscal year of the society in each year shall be ~~June 30~~ July 31

**8.2** The books and records of the Association may be inspected by any member of the Association at the annual meeting as provided herein or at any time upon giving reasonable notice and arranging a time satisfactory to the officer or officers having charge of same. Each member of the Board shall at all times have access to such books and records.

## **9.0 BORROWING POWERS**

**9.1** For the purpose of carrying out its objects, the society may borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as it may think fit and in particular by the issue of debentures, but this power shall be exercised only under the authority of the society, and in no case shall debentures be issued without the sanction of a special resolution of the society.

## **10.0 BYLAWS**

**10.1** The Bylaws may be rescinded, altered or added to by a Special Resolution.

Dated this

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