**Vermilion Minor Hockey Board Meeting Minutes**

**January21, 2019**

**In attendance:** Blair Molsberry, Shaun Cadrain, Darren James, Angie McDonald, Sarah Kastendieck, Candice Young, Karen Selte,Tara Garnier, Deanna Bykewich, Lee Selte, DjMewis, Melissa Guenthner, Roger Garnett, Ross Wilson, Dwayne Sheppard, Terri Herzog, Kimberly Tiffinger

**1. Call to Order:**Called to order at 7:04pm byShaun

**2. Approval of Agenda:**Approved by Dj, seconded by Karen

**3. Approval of minutes:**Previous minutes were reviewed and moved by Deanna, seconded by Blair, all in favor

**4. Old Business:**

**5. New Business:**

**President Report**

* Went to the Park and Recreation meeting and discusses with them that VHMA is not receiving the open ice notices.Karen, Nadine has an updated list of managers. Angie, all managers are on the recent email list that came out, only the Initiation managers were missing.Shaun, will follow up with the town with how frequent the notices should be sent out, whether or not they should be sent out once a week or every time there is an opening. Coming from the Rec Board back to VMHA,the town thinks VMHA has a problem with scheduling but VMHA is following all the user agreement guidelines. Therefore, Shaun would like any emails from directors and managers regarding the following; suggestions on how improve scheduling with the town, any problems you may have had throughout the year due to scheduling,any correspondence with Nadine good or bad, has she ever changed an ice time without asking or allowed anyone to cancel an ice slot after the Monday 4 o’clock deadline.Any suggestions on how to make things better whether it is a one-person system or an improvement on the user agreement. These emails need to be in with in the next four weeks so Shaun can take them forward to the next Rec Board meeting he will be attending at the end of February. Terri, suggests having an Ice Scheduler like other minor hockey associations do. Shaun, this has been discussed at a Rec Board meeting and they do not believe an VMHA ice scheduler is needed. Karen, was under the understanding that Nadine was in favor of having a ice scheduler.

**VP of Development Report**

* Need to start coaches’ reviews. Discussed what evaluation process would better whether to do them online or if we should go back to paper evaluations. Came to thedecision that paper would be best as it is better for the kids to fill out, no motion needed. Angie, we need to make sure coaches receive their evaluations, people are not doing them because they don’t see the point if coaches do not see them.Would like to have evaluations out for the end of February, Tara to email Blair a copy of the old evaluation.
* Wanting to purchase some training aids, such as shooters tutors because most teams only have one goalie. Sarah is looking into applying for someHockey Alberta grants to cover the cost however if the grants do not get accepted Blair will be asking VMHA.
* Discussed talking to the town about the use of the storage space under the bleachers. Shaun to ask Rex and bring up at the Rec Board Meeting.
* Had a Zone Conference Call discussing the play down structure of the teams. Zone games can no longer be used as a league game. Please be reasonable when booking zone games with the other teams, if there are difficulties scheduling the games the Zone Rep will get involved if needed.

**VP of Business Report**

* it is a critical time with play offs, directors please have managers make sure Karen is cc’d on any scheduling changes. Karen to help keep track incase there is any discrepancies in team charges.
* Awards are coming up, the first award that is due is the Stan Hartwell award. This award is due February 1st, the criteria for nomination of the Stan Hartwell award is someone who is a good citizenthat has been a great volunteer with VMHA, anyone on the executive board is ineligible to receive the award. The Gary Ferby Award goes to one player from every Atom division. The Kinsmen Award is a Heart and Hussle Award given to a 3rd year Tier 1 Midget player who is talented but also demonstrates hard work dedication and is a role model on the ice. All the information is one line, directors please make you coaches and managers aware.
* Rink advertisements are still not on the boards. They will be put on January 28th, the boards will have to be placed in a dressing room after novice practice on the 27th so that they can warm up for the applications on the logos.
* For upcoming tournaments if you are going to sell 50/50 tickets and want to go to the Curling Rink please make sure that you get permission from themfirst. There have been some grumbling regarding VHMA selling 50/50 tickets in the Curling Rink and it has been discussed at there board meeting. If you do get permission, please make sure to email Karen to let her know who you have talked to.
* This week is Minor Hockey Week, and no one has signed up to organize is it therefore there is nothing going on. One other year it was missed, and everyone received a toque not sure if this is something we want to do or if we should just postpone it. We will leave this open for discussion.
* February 13th to 22nd Dom is away and has a Ref Coordinator set in place. He has asked that if you have any changes for your games to please send all info to Karen. Karen will be to go between with Dom’s Temp.
* The comedian cost us $1050.00 for the cancelation of the New Year’s Fundraiser.
* Shaun got all the rink staff a Christmas card with gift card to Boston Pizza.
* The Arena concession is closed. Eva would like a discount on the concession due to tournaments cancelations. To be discussed further later.
* Received a call regarding comments that where made on social media, please remember to be cautious and mindful when making comments.

**Treasurer Report**

Account balances as of December 31, 2019

* General Account$177,567.32
* Plan 24$37,184.69
* Concession $13,808.62
* Raffle Account $21,278.47
* Casino $0.00
* Common Share $495.34

**Registrar Report**

* Nothing to report

**Discipline Coordinator Report**

* Nothing to Report

**Team Accounts Report**

* Tiger Development $19,753.31
* Tiger Pride $52,477.64

Need to discuss if the Midget Girls and Pee Wee Boys who cancelled their home tournament will be paying back the money given to them from Tiger Development for away tournaments. Pee Wee Boys are still trying to fill the weekend of Feb 28th.

Lee is unsure about going forward with the tournament for the Midget girls, she needs to know if she can book the weekend of March 14th as there will only be one ice surface and zone games could still be playing out. Blair, playoff games would take priority and the tournament would have to book ice in Mannville.

**Concession Report**

* As of December 31st, there were 10 families who had not signed up for their concession shift. I talked to Shaun and asked about cashing their cheques, he had suggested to give them until March 31st, to work both shifts or to wait and that we should discuss this at our next meeting in January. As of January 19th, there are 6 families that still need to work their first concession shift. On the first weekend of January 3 – 5thVMHA paid out 3 shifts and the weekend of October 26-28th paid out 1 shift costing a total of $240.00 as no one signed up. As of January 19th, we have 54 people who need to work their second concession shift and 6 who still have to work there first. With approximately10 weekends of hockey left which runs 8 to 17 shifts that we staff, during playoffs there maybe more due to games during the week.We will be required to cover the remain shifts 10 weeks 10 shifts is 100 shifts which leaves us with 60 shifts left of required concession. This leaves 40 shifts to payout which will cost $2,400, this is assuming we will be providing volunteers for provincials. Eva has asked if we will be providing volunteers to work during provincialsand I said I would have to check. We will have to come up with 40 more shifts for provincials or pay them out. There are 28 people who still have to fulfill their family bond, each one has had the chance to sign up for the Casino and Minor Hockey Week these positions were posted in the stadium and handed out to their managers as well. When realizing that no one has signed up these positions were re-sent to the managers. Parents are looking to tan easy bond, to work their 4 hours no where in the hand book does it state that the family bond is a 4 hour shift.
* Discussed options with the concession.Parents who have not fulfilled their first concession shift by Jan 21st gets their first concession bond cheque cashed, you must work 12 hours (3 shifts) to cover the family bond in the concession or have the option of paying $180.00 to opt out. Motioned by Karen 2nd by Melissa All in favor.
* Parents know the rules and have already been given two additional weeks to fill their bond, if a stop payment has been put on the cheque kids will not be able to go on the ice until payment is made. Karen will go through the list of parents and if anyone’s cheque is cashed by mistake, they will be reimbursed.
* Eva to have two options with the concession. Option 1, $1000 rent for the rest of the year, we will provideher with our remaining bond shifts and withdraw anymore further payment and volunteer hours. Option 2, February 1st we close the doors and finish off the concession ourselves for the remainingbond shifts. Motions by Dj and 2ndby Melissa all in favor.
* Melissa, there used to be a Stadium Board that looked after the concession, but the town abolished it. The Stadium Board still exists and should be put back into place for the charity of the ice plant. Robert Snelgrove has talked to Shawn Bell and George Rogers about the Stadium Board. When applying for grants we should be going back to the Stadium Board format and pair up with all the other user groups of the building. Shaun will look it to this and take it to the Rec Board.

**Equipment Report**

* Thevinyl on theTier 2 Atom team’s sponsor bars have washed off,Darren is working with Factory Sports to get themfixed.

**Website Report**

* Nothing to report

**Director’s Report**

* **Initiation** (Sarah Kastendieck-James)Nothing to Report
* **Novice** (Roger Garnett)got the break put on the trolly for the boards. When looking at a new sponsor’s next year, G3 will be coming to the area. They are the new grain elevator that is to be built in Vermilion.
* **Atom** (Ross Wilson)discussedreapplying for Atomic Jerseys for next year. Terri motions to go forward with the order 2nd by Karen, all in favor. Discussed Boston Pizza and other town venues.
* **Peewee** (Dwayne Sheppard) had to cancel their tournament last weekend. Shannon Leonard spearheaded a 50/50 to help raise funds so we talked to Jason the Head of Ag Society and went to the Curling Rink, ended up raising $280.00.
* Trying to fill a new tournament for the end of February and are looking at getting at least 4 teams. With the cancelation of the tournament a Lloyd team had entered very early and were re-tiered to a tier 5 and is unsure about refunding them. Camrose was refunded their entry fee however they were still committed to come when we made the decision to cancel.Terri motions to refund Lloyd the full cost of their entry fee 2nd by Roger all in favor.
* **Female Atom/Peewee** (Tara Garnier)Atom Girls tournament went very well. First provincial play downs is next Wednesday. Pee Wee girls are doing well, and their tournament is coming up this weekend.
* **Bantam** (Leslie Carlson)Nothing to report
* **Midget** (Terri Herzog)Midget 2’shas seven league games left and provincial play downs will be played after, playdowns do not have a set pattern but found out that Hockey Alberta will have the last word in how it will be done.Is concerned that Midget level hockey should only be played in the stadium and the Live schedule is not working well, it worked better the old way.The reason that the Midgets should be always be in the stadium is because there were far more fans watching the Midgets in the arena than were at the Jr B game.Need better communication to know when and if tournament ice has been canceled to allow other teams to booknewly available times. Midget 4’s wereupset because there was a lack of information and communication with no games scheduled to go forward. Dot Cleland has step up to help the manager and now has 7 games booked.
* **Female Bantam/Midget** (Lee Selte) The Midgets are in the middle of the row but there are some issues with the but is not ready to come forward them. There is a lot to do with their provincial playdowns, the girls didn’t get in. there was something missed. There is a lot of grumblings over it and doesn’t feel like the parents are comfortable coming to her being the coach’s wife. Miss communication with the Intent to Play letter all deadline was December 1st all the warnings and emails were missed so the deadline to enter was also missed. They would have even consented had we entered by January 14th. Bantams cannot go either, but they do not have a host.

**Fundraising Coordinator**

* Has finally got all the raffle tickets sorted, we are short $120.00, and we need to pay out the difference.
* Was on the agenda for the Ag Society meeting but the meeting was canceled. Was able to find out that in the Ag Society’s bylaws they are not able to allow an association to have a 50/50 at the fair but are however would consider hosting one for anassociation. They would man it and donate all monies to the asking association.Melissa will bring this forward at the Ag Societies AGM in February.
* Discussed covering the bonds for the volunteercommittee of the New Year’s Eve fundraiser. Motioned by Karen 2nd by Dwayne, all in Favor.
* Karen motions that her and Melissa get Brett Maron and acceptable gift between $50 -$100. He did not charge VMHA for cancelling his DJ services for the New Year’s Eve fundraiser. 2nd by Candice, all in favor.

**Open Forum:**

* Angie, Bantam 2 team is asking for a receipt for money that was given directly to the coach from a sponsor to purchase productfor the team and would now like a receipt but did not issue one as the sponsor should have made the cheque out to VMHA.
* Angie, NEAHL AGM is coming up April 18th, we should sendlots of Vermilion representatives.
* Karen, needs to advertise for the Spring AGM, set date for April 7th.
* Angie,discussed picking a date for the Bylaw Committee, anyone wanting to be involved in the committee can email Shaun.
* Terri, wants options to fill bond positions. Shaun would like 4 people to setup a float for the parade. Volunteering for provincials does not count for filling their family bond.
* Discussed Minor Hockey Week. Angie suggests making it a day event. Dwayne suggest doing it the same time that Edmonton has theirs as their teams can’t travel during that week.
* Sarah, got a grant for Female Minor Hockey Day, will be hosting a Tiger Girl’s Friend Skate on Saturday in the stadium at 11:15-12:15pm. All the girls in every division is welcome to bring a friend and encourage all girls in the community to come, there will be prizes and snacks. For provincials there will a progressive 50/50 winner will take home $10,000. There are 4000 tickets that will be sold for $5.00 each. The draw will be made March 28th.

Next Meeting February 19th @ 7pm

Adjournment 9:12pm by Shaun