**Vermilion Minor Hockey Board Meeting Minutes**

**December 11, 2019**

**In attendance:** Blair Molsberry, Shaun Cadrain, Darren James, Leslie Carlson, Angie McDonald, Sarah Kastendieck, Candice Young, Karen Selte, Jodi Selte, Tara Garnier, Kim Shimko, Lee Selte, Roger Garnett, Ross Wilson, Dwayne Sheppard, Terri Herzog, Kimberly Tiffinger

**1. Call to Order:**Called to order at 7:12pm

**2. Approval of Agenda:**Approved by DJ, seconded by Dwayne

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

**4. Old Business:**

**5. New Business:**

**President Report**

* Would like everyone who is a town residentmake it known to their town counselor that they appreciate the rink and all it has to offer. As well if we could pass this along to everyone that also appreciates the facilities.
* Tomorrow at the Red Brick the Western Financial will be wrapping presents from 4-8pm for a $2 donation, all proceeds go to the ice plant.
* Hockey Alberta division name changes take place next year.
* Hockey Gives Back is a small contest Hockey Alberta is hosting so theywould like us to forward them any stories of good deeds; shovelling side walks, toques on the Christmas tree etc.If you have a story about something nice around the Holidays, Shaun can get you the email addresses or even forward them for a chance to win.
* Would like to look at buying the rink staff as well as Nadine lunch or supper as a Christmas bonus to show our appreciation. Ross makes a motion to buy the staff members lunch, seconded by Karen.

**VP of Development Report**

* Jr B’s called a meeting with Blair and Shaun to discuss the future of their club and ways they could get more involved with the VHMA.
* Discussed purchasing Pep equipment.
* Coaches are utilizing the passer.
* Coaches room is struggling. Need to make sure pucks are locked up after use, down 200 pucks.

**VP of Business Report**

* Discussed do not call list, Candice will update website.
* Has had feedback that VMHA does not give back and is always asking for donations so a Mitten and Toque Tree was set up for anyone to donate to, donations will be welcome until the 20th.
* Working with the Lyon’s Club to help families in need over the Christmas season to Adopt a family. There are 15 families and 15 teams, it is not mandatory but would like each team to consider adopting a family. The Lyons Club would like to like to be able to donate $50 to $100 per kid. Directors will have to let it known as soon as possible if their team will be participating as everything must be in by the 17th and left unwrapped for the parents.

**Treasurer Report**

**Account balances as of November 30, 2019**

* + General Account$160,816.37  
    Plan 24$37,182.19
  + Concession $12,633.62
  + Raffle Account $38,434.47
  + Common Share $476.26

**Registrar Report**

* Has a list of people still needing their criminal record checks that will be emailed to directors for follow up.
* Discussed placement of a new player registered for novice as they have never played before.
* Need to discuss refund policy

**Discipline Coordinator Report**

* Nothing to report
* Had a parent call asking what the proper procedure was to put in a complaint.

**Team Accounts Report**

* Team Accounts $42,180.84
* Tiger Pride $30,236.55

**Concession Report**

* Eva’s contract with the concession has come to term, she would like to finish out the remainder of the season. Discussed options in how to go forward with the concession. Kim Shimko motions for Eva to finish out the season, 2nd by Kimberly, all in favor.
* 17 families still have a concession shift to work before Christmas.

**Equipment Report**

* Sponsor bars for Rona are in, Ross and Darren will make the necessary arrangements.
* Coaches boards are in (2 large and 2medium)
* Discussed puck issue, Shaun will talk to the Rec board about the locked doors.

**Website Report**

* Would like to form a committee of Executives after the season to go through the website and make all applicable changes. Blair would join if needed. Angie, updates need to be made before AGM.

**Director’s Report**

* **Initiation** (Sarah Kastendieck-James) – teams are good. The new boards are being used but are not liked. Would like to use the smaller boards for the tournament but Shaun will talk to the town to see if they can clean the ice one side at a time. Suggests having Initiation and Novice practices back to back next year. Tournament is full, there will be 12 teams. When calling the managers of other teams to switch ice times please be respectful of their answer if they are unable to switch.
* **Novice** (Roger Garnett) – Most things are good. Urban areas are still tiering kids and are wanting to know what tier are teams are. Urban teams are maxed at 19 to 20 players. Will be letting those teams split into two teams for the tournament. Dodge Caravan packages have been sent out just waiting to receive them. Discussed affiliations and rules involved.
* **Atom** (Ross Wilson) – tournament is full, 6 teams for each tier. Discussed protocol regarding donations to the teams for the tournament.
* **Peewee** (Dwayne Sheppard) – had a team drop out of the tournament due to being tiered down. Discussed the rules of affiliation. Due to kids taking turns sitting out every game the league does not want kids beingpulled up.
* **Female Atom/Peewee** (Tara Garnier)– Atom girls have had a player step up to be the full-time goalie. Tournament is up to 5 teams. Pee Wee girls got the provincial bid. Was under the impression that there were 7 teams registered but only have 2 teams. Manger would like communication on cancelled ice, Nadine never sent out an email about available ice so the girls booked a game in Dewberry. Shaun needs to know every time the town and/or Nadine are not following procedure.
* **Bantam** (Leslie Carlson) –everything is good.
* **Midget** (Terri Herzog) – Midget 1 tournament is full. Midget 3 tournament went well, made tournament 2 tiered. Had two new players register to play with the Midget 3 team. Blair, is VMHA willing to pay for the kids to play a game in Elk Point in place of a home game, as there are 4 players on the team from Elk Point. Shaun, VHMA will the same amount that would be paid for a home game in Vermilion but parents would have to pay any difference.
* **Female Bantam/Midget** (Lee Selte) – Bantam girls have had a slow start but have now found each other. Had a 4 team tournament. Midget tournament was cancelled but hoping to reschedule in March.

**Fundraising Coordinator**

* For the Night on Ice, 60 sponsorship packages were sent out last week and the follow up calls will be done this week. Credit Union will be the safe ride home sponsor. Tickets are available at Mach Clothing. There have been roughly 30 tickets spoken for so far.
* Raffle went well.

**Open Forum:**

* Blair, policy bylaw committee discussion.Discussed ideas and possibilities for Minor Hockey Week.Looking at maybe changing it to a one-day event.
* Discussed NEAHL Reps and how they are representing VMHA, Shaun will look it to it.
* Karen, discussed the Midget girl’s tournament coordinators bond and coverage
* The Curling Club is taking full control of the bar for the Night on Ice fundraiser, including set up and ordering. Figure Skating will be helping to decorating, and Pond Hockey is looking to help in the kitchen. Express Pizza will be donating pizza for midnight lunch.
* Ross, motions we should give the Rink Staff each 2 tickets to the fundraiser for Christmas instead of giving them lunch 2nd by Blair, all in favor.
* Roger, talked to his county counsellor and there will be changes in the budget and to the town. Roger to push political group forward with group forward with joint agreement, let Roger know if we have any concerns with the Rec Board.
* Darren, discussed insurance coverage wondering if the players would be covered if they happen to get injured in a VMHA activity off ice ex. shoveling snow etc. Shaun will look into it.
* Sarah, Pee Wee girls are hosting provincials. Will still be looking for sponsorship but had some concerns that the town maybe be tapped out with everything going on this year. Looked at alternatives for funding and found a grant “Gender Equityin Recreational Sport” from the Canada Parks and Recreational Association. Talked to George and Kevin Martinand they confirmed the town and Parks and Rec are not applying for the grant. There are different levels that can be applied for so Sarah will be applying for $15,000. We will use provincials as a platform to encourage females in sport. Teams will be paying a provincial fee so we will not be charging a door fee for attendance. The Ag society has donated us their space so there will be sessions offered for the teams at no cost,the sessions will be Healthy Relationship with your Body, Mental Toughness in Sport etc.Talked with the lacrosse club, Vibe, Football they have submitted letters of support. Looking at bringing in a high-profile speaker. Would like to survey the kids to see where there are barriers on where and why kids leave sport. Everything will be /subject to receiving the grant if not approved would scale back. The grant must be submitted by Dec 15th and we will find out Jan 15th if we will receive it.Just waiting to hear back from George as this grant can be applied for continually, usually the towns would apply for the grant but if not, they just need to show support for it. Hockey Alberta also has a $1,000 grant we can apply for.
* Lee, VMHA game sheets need to be updated to include the sanctions and other missing info.
* Terri, discussed bonds for assistant coaches due to their attendance, nothing is officially tracked as of right now.
* Website coordinator for the Midget 3 team is no longer on the team, need to refill the position and let know Kim Shimko know who has refilled that position. Clarified that exhibition games are ok to put on the website.

Next Meeting January 15th @ 7pm

Adjournment 8:56pm by Shaun