**Vermilion Minor Hockey Board Meeting Minutes**

**November 13, 2019**

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

**1. Call to Order:**Called to order at 7:03pm byKaren

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

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

**4. Old Business:**

**5. New Business:**Guest Speaker:Gylnn McDonald, VMHA’s system seems to be broken as it hasn’t liked affiliating players in the past due to complaints of some players getting more ice time than others but Glynn would like to affiliate players between Midget 1 and 2. After evaluations 4 players have quit from Midget 3 but are still insured. Glynn would like to keep those who have quit on the roster to keep those numbers for affiliations from the Bantams. Numbers a low and if a player gets suspended you are not allowed to fill the players spot with an affiliated player and you have to play short-handed. Vermilion only has 15 players where other teams seem to have 17 to 18. Glynn, would like to run 3 lines instead of 2 and have subs. To keep kids playing and engaged in hockey Glynn would like to start bringing kids up to play. If players are getting to play up this might keep them from quitting hockey if they do not make the tier they wanted.

Ross, affiliating players will help with development and need to also look at other teams and programs to help develop our teams.

Shaun, we need to decide if we want to develop players or run fair play.

Ross, motions to accept Glynn’s proposal. We will keep the players who have quit on the roster in name. This allows us to use their numbers on the roster so we can affiliate players up. We will have to get parents approval to keep their child’s name on the roster and emphasize this will be for the betterment of the program, they would be a healthy scratch. Seconded by Terri, all in favor.

**President Report**

* Talked to Randy Martin the NEAHL Commissioner. Randy said we can look at replacing our representatives. Randy will look at having the representatives come to a few VMHA meetings every year. Randy will be clearer on non-contact.
* Refunds- must follow handbook but we will be looking at changing the handbook rules. To wait for the official roster before returning money.

**VP of Development Report**

* November 17th is the deadline for all teams to complete all the following; coaching certification, respect and sport, and safety. If not completed teams will not be allowed on the ice.
* Travel permits and exhibition games are good.
* Breakfast club is getting the run around from Hockey Alberta

**VP of Business Report**

* Rink dividers are in, in the process of getting the sponsorship competed $260 per pane one sided.
* It is not the towns job to set or take down the dividers, teams will have to make team schedules.
* In works to make second parking spot for auction, town will only allow this if all raised funds go to the ice plant.
* Directors please talk with your teams to have everyone slow down in the parking lot.
* Do not go to Co-op and the Community Closet for donations.
* Karen has Co-op gift cards for tournaments.

**Treasurer Report**

* Account balances as of October 31, 2019
* General Account$73,440.94  
  Plan 24$37,179.08  
  GIC $11,595.11
* Concession $12,693.62
* Raffle Account $16,065.85

**Registrar Report**

* All hockey fees have been collected.
* Criminal record checks still to be completed.
* Affiliations are completed
* November 15th is the deadline for official rosters if qualifications are not finished your team will be disqualified from provincials.
* NEAHL game sheets are downstairs in the stadium.

**Discipline Coordinator Report**

Nothing to Report

**Team Accounts Report**

* Team Accounts $11,433.50
* Tiger Pride $30,002.05
* Discussed why the association reimburses each player for one logo embroidery per year, Angie would like to look at changing this.
* Socks will no longer be sold at the concession, instead Angie will give them to Jodie and they will be made available at Twin-D. Kim Shimko will send a message to the Managers on team snap regarding the changes.

**Concession Report**

* Concession shifts are filling good.
* No one has signed up for Hockey week.

**Equipment Report**

* Pucks have not been put away.
* coaches’ keys are ready, directors please tell your mangers they are ready for pick up and that the keys will be added to the managers equipment sign-out.
* Still needs to pick up boards.
* Name bars have been added to the Tier 2 Atom Boys jerseys by the coaches where the sponsor bars were to go. Ross to look at seeing if sponsor bars will fit at the bottom of the jersey above the Atomic symbol.
* Traditionally jersey have not been allowed the use of name bars and Gatorade, this helps with wear and tear.
* Blair will take the lead with other teams who have questions about name bars.

**Website Report**

* Everything is uploaded.
* Will send out emails for directors to have managers let her know if she has missed any information.

**Director’s Report**

* **Initiation** (Sarah Kastendieck-James) All things are good. Will make a schedule for parents to set up dividers. Mandatory for novice and initiation that rink boards be set up for games by Hockey Alberta but can use the foam dividers for practices. Tournament has a lot of interest. Sarah will have to talk to the town regarding the tournament schedule.
* **Novice** (Roger Garnett) Dodge Caravan is completed, will send out packages when they come. Boards are in the storage room in the Arena. Roger will pick up safety straps for the boards and submit receipt. Teams are doing well. Made guideline from Hockey Alberta to help the parents. Shaun sent game sheets to Roger for tournaments.
* **Atom** (Ross Wilson) atom tournaments are on now on the same weekend. Have added 6 ice slots to the 12 we already had.
* **Peewee** (Dwayne Sheppard) Team is good. Needs two more applications for tournament.
* **Female Atom/Peewee** (Sarah Arthur) sent in email to step down from her position. Atom girls went to a tournament without the proper permit. Sarah will not respond to parents and team managers. Not sure where the atom and pee wee teams sit for their tournaments. Karen reached out for all info for both teams. Sarah’s bonds will still be covered as her husband is an assistant coach for her daughters’ team. Sarah will not be allowed to apply for position again next year. Tara Garnier to be the new director.
* **Bantam** (Leslie Carlson) Bantam 2 had their tournament and did well financially. Bantam 4 tournament is this coming up weekend and each team is Guaranteed 4 games. Pear 2 have now played a League games. NEAHL not happy with tiering Tier 4 talk to Darlene Gourly Aaron Starko.
* **Midget** (Terri Herzog)Tier 2 is doing well. Sent out emails regarding the Midget 4 team to play at tier 3 as they were competitive but always playing shorthanded. When talking to Kevin Galloway who is the Midget Governor from NEAHL, he said that the boys would stay as a tier 4 and that the website was wrong not to worry. Had a parent meeting assuring the parents that the boys would stay in tier 4. Kevin then sent out an email the next day saying that they were place in tier 5, non-contact. Immediately wrote 3 appeal letters but NEAHL was firm on their decision, do to this, 4 kids have quit. Being a tier 5 non-contact team means there is no provincials. The team is down to 11 players with the worry of loosing 3 more. Checked with Hockey Alberta regarding insurance if team leaves NEAHL to play tournaments and exhibition games all year and was told they will just need the proper sanctions and travel permits. Had a meeting picture night with the team regarding the choice to leave NEAHL and play exhibition games and they have chosen to leave NEAHL. NEAHL has really let down all the teams placed into tier 5, Lac La Biche and St. Paul teams have folded. Team proposal is to take the exhibition route, hoping to have 20 to 25 games home and away and perhaps another away tournament. The team would like to have the funds made available to them to cover costs and find a balance so that their tournament account can cover it. They are already booked in to the Wetaskewin tournament and would like VMHA grant them the extra monies needed if they need it to enter a second tournament. Angie, wants the team to wait and see what the financial out come of their home tournament is first, possibly letting their team keep the $45 per player fee for Tiger Development. Blair, suggests that the team also do their own fundraising. Shaun, NEAHL can’t make us stay at tier 5, kids did not sign up for non-contact. Randy Martin is not responsible to relay NEAHL minutes and say it is our governors that should be relaying down all the information as League minutes are not posted until the following year. NEAHL took out tier3 to line up with the city leagues. Hockey Alberta has only a certain number of teams per level. Terri, confirmed that NEAHL and Edmonton are the only two leagues in Alberta that are non-contact. Dom Want to know if we are considered a tier for or tier 5 Dom needs confirmation.Shaun, they will be a considered a tier 4 team and managers must let the teams we are playing know that they are a full contact team.

Blair motions to support the team and leaving NEAHL and let them keep their practices and home game ice. Karen seconds, all in favor.

* **Female Bantam/Midget** (Lee Selte) Both teams are good. Still filling up tournaments.

**Fundraising Coordinator**

* Has a committee set up for the New Years Eve fundraiser but still needs a Hall Rep. Hall Rep’s responsibility will be to make sure the Hall is open for decorating and locked up at the end of the night.
* The New Years Eve fundraiser theme will be “A Night on Ice”. There will be a comedian, there will be roast pork as well as a second option on the menu.
* Hopefully will have tickets for sale by the end of next week, waiting to finalize the price of the menu first.
* Midnight lunch will be pizza delivered by Express Pizza.
* Still waiting on a few tickets to come back for the ticket raffle. Out of town parents sold lots.
* Wrote a letter to the AG Society to raffle a parking spot for the fair.
* Approached the Jr B’s to sell raffle tickets at their games but was denied.
* Have teams sell raffle tickets at their tournaments.
* Terri submitted for the tier 2 Midget boys to host Provincials, Pee Wee Girls are also putting in a bid.

**Open Forum:**

* Karen, the concession contract is up at the end of the month. VHMA has lease until the end of the year. Do we retender it or continue to allow Eva to run it. Eva is all up to date on monies owed. Will offer it to Eva and have her just pay rent.
* Karen is working on the Scotia Bank sponsorship for the Atom Teams.
* Dom, Hockey Alberta wants to wash their hands with NEAHL. Tuesday at 5pm is the cut off for cancelling games unless weather permitting. Ref room has been a nightmare, coaches cannot be leaving anything in there. Please come to Dom if there is any going on that is inappropriate with the Refs. Talked to Nadine about tournament schedule, proposed that we have consistency through out the weekend. Spread out the older groups game as we have refs in college. Write-ups will be held by the Refs, so they have time to properly fill them out. Dom will handle all calls. Sold all the old reffing jerseys.
* Karen, to look back at scheduling tournament weekends, will try to get them all to line-up properly.

Next Meeting December 11th @ 7pm

Adjournment 9:12pm by Shaun