**Vermilion Minor Hockey Board Meeting Minutes**

**December 12, 2018**

**In attendance:** Karen Selte, Kim Thompson, David Eremko, Carla Myshaniuk, Angie McDonald, Ross Wilson, D.J. Mewis, Candice Holowaychuk, Kimberly Tiffinger, Sarah Arthur, Leslie, Carlson, Blair Molsbery, Blaine Cusack, Leanne Lupul, Lisa Rochford, Chantel Betz, Dom St. Amand

**1. Call to Order:**Called to order at 7:17pm by Lisa

**2. Approval of Agenda:**The agenda was amended to include **m) Fundraising Coordinator**

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

**4. Old Business:**

**5. New Business:**

1. **President Report**

-nothing much to report

-Bantam 2 applied to host Provincials, waiting to hear if they were accepted

1. **VP of Development Report**

-Dave gave an overview of the team issues regarding Atom 2 team and the process that the VMHA went through to try and resolve the situation. Through this process two board members stepped down from their positions and one jersey sponsor pulled their sponsorship. Ross Wilson stepped up to fill the vacant Atom Director position and currently the Discipline Coordinator is still vacant. The jersey sponsorship was prorated for the two months of advertisementand VMHA refunded the sponsor back for the remaining amount. Ireland Farm Equipment took over that jersey sponsorship.

1. **VP of Business Report**

-Minor Hockey week is Jan 12-18, 2019, Kim Shimko is heading this event up. Kim Shimko sent in a letter proposing ideas of events during Minor Hockey week, a skills competition for each level and she would like to provide either muffins or donuts to each team, does she need to find sponsorship to cover the cost of donuts/muffins and prizes or does VMHA have a budget for her to work with. Kim Thompson made the motion for a $500 budget for Minor Hockey Week which will come out of the Tiger Pride account, seconded by Carla, all in favor.

-There was a misunderstanding with Barnyard creations on what was needing to be done to the Atomic jerseys in regards to having each Jersey sponsor name put on one set of team jerseys, Rona on the Atom 2 team and Webb’s on the Atom 5 team. But both sponsors were put on both sets of team jerseys, Barnyard agreed to do the second set of jerseys free of charge for the mix up.

1. **Treasurer Report**

Account balances as of November 30, 2018

General Account$ 85,199.36
Concession Account $ 15,491.29
Plan 24$ 35,947.18
GIC $11,503.09

Raffle Account $ 43,689.49

-raffle account as of Dec.12 is sitting at $27, 960 with some expenses still to come out

-concession is showing a loss of -$4000 at the end of November. Lots of money going out for hired help.

1. **Registrar Report**

- A few team rosters still need approval from Hockey Alberta

-Carla is currently working on getting another player added to an already oversized midget due to a new player moving to town, just waiting to hear if approved by Hockey Alberta.

1. **Discipline Coordinator Report**

-position open

-Karen asked if VMHA could appoint a replacement that already has their bond covered. VMHA has the ability to appoint a discipline coordinator for the interim till the spring meeting when the membership can vote in a discipline coordinator.

-Karen nominated D.J. Mewis as the discipline coordinator for the remainder of the 2018/2019 season, seconded by Dave, all in favor

1. **Team Accounts Report**

Account Balances as of November 30, 2018

* Team Account $ 38,405.57
* Tiger Development $8,841.71

-Corinne not in attendance so Karen reported on her behalf

-a few concerns about not cashing chequesreceived for tournaments and please return phone calls in a reasonable time frame when members have questions of Corinne.

1. **Concession Report**

-Does not have a clear number of what families have completed their one concession shift before Christmas.

- Chantel wondered if there will be any families left that need to cover their volunteer bonds and if there is will VMHA let them cover their bonds volunteering at the Critter game. Kim isn’t sure if there will be anymore bonds needing to be filled but will look into it. Dave suggested that since VMHA is a user of the ice that VMHA should try to support the Parks and Rec board by offering volunteers for the Critter game.

1. **Equipment Report**

-not in attendance

1. **Website Report**

-updated some links

-would like to get the job descriptions updated

1. **Director’s Report**
* **Initiation** (DJ Mewis)

-all good

-games were booked for both initiation teams right before the Crusaders game in hopes to bring in more fans for the Crusaders game. D.J. received info from the Town stating that both games were being cancelled as all the change rooms in the stadium were being used up for the Crusaders game. For security measures nobody besides security, on ice personal, officials and team personal will be allowed access to the dressing rooms.

-game sheets need to be restocked downstairs, Leanne will restock. Teams need to understand that they only need to take a few game sheets at a time instead of taking the whole book and leaving none for the other teams.

* **Novice** (Sarah Arthur)

-tournament is organized

* **Atom** (Ross Wilson)

- both tournaments are full

-so far it’s going good

* **Peewee** (Leslie Carlson)

-had one team pull out of their tournament, Leslie will make a few calls to find another team

-came home with the silver medal from the Mannville tournament

* **Female Atom/Peewee** (Kim Tiffinger)

**-** tournaments went well

**-**some atom parents were upset about the midget team selling 50/50’s at their home game during the atom tournament

* **Bantam** (Jay Stepanick)-not in attendance
* **Midget** (Blair Molsberry)

-one team pulled out of the tournament so down to 7 teams

-went to a tournament in Medicine Hat

-will be going caroling at the lodge.

* **Female Bantam/Midget** (Angie McDonald)

- all good with the bantams

-one team dropped out of the midget tournament so down to 7

1. **Coach Mentor Report**

-There has been a few issues with coaches not being dressed appropriately with proper gear when on the ice. A discussion was held indicating safety of all coaching staff is of the utmost importance as well as the validation of these individuals as role models for the players they are guiding and mentoring.

-Blaine sent an email out to all head coaches in regards to the VMHA protocol on proper equipment for coaching staff two weeks prior to this meeting. Some coaching staff still chose not to follow the protocol.

- Blaine made the following motion “Effective January 1, 2019 all on ice officials must insure they are using Canadian Standards Association (CSA) certified helmets. All CSA certified hockey helmets will have a sticker indicating this approval. These stickers must remain on the equipment and be visible during usage. All helmets must be properly fastened using the supplied hardware in the intended manner. Failure to comply will result in the suspension of the individual coach, of 1 week of practices (2 practices) and 1 game. A second offence would lead to a full suspension for the remainder of the season, seconded by D.J. Mewis, all in favor, motion was passed.

-Blaine has been asked if affiliates can be used, Carla said if she has sent an approved roster with approved affiliates to your team then you are allowed to use those approved affiliates. If the teams haven’t received their approved roster yet then they haven’t been approved and affiliates are not approved to play. If Blaine has any discrepancies with teams wanting to use unapproved affiliates he will forward that on to Carla.

- A discussion was held about Hockey Alberta, PEP and power skating programs coming into provide clinics to VMHA teams, these programs are not being brought in or paid for by VMHA, if VMHA teams want these services brought in it is up to the parents to organize and pay for it out of their pockets. Blaine will send out and email to directors to inform all teams that these sessions are the responsibility of the parents to book and pay for.

1. **Fundraising Coordinator**

-please return unsold tickets and money from sold tickets for the Crusaders game to Kim Thompson please. Still short 3 volunteers for the game, directors please send out email asking for volunteers. Kim has asked parents that needed to fill their bonds to volunteer but she hasn’t heard back from some of them. Kim asked Candice to post on the website.

- The cash raffle brought in just under $28,000, that’s a successful fundraiser, look into doing that in the future.

-Casino fundraiser was moved from spring 2020 to winter 2019, Kim will stick around to see the Casino through

-Suggested having booze survivor in the beginning of February, 2019, Kim has volunteers set aside already

**6. Open Forum:**

 **a)** Referee Coordinator Assigning Fee

 - Dom presented the Hockey Alberta pay scale that was brought to his attention. The referee assignor pay breakdown is as follows according to HA, $100/team/season (excluding tournaments) for exhibition, regular season and playoffs. For home tournaments it is an assigning fee of up to a maximum of $6 per game, excluding Provincial tournaments. VMHA currently does not pay the assigning fee for home tournaments and only pays a lump sum payment of $1500 for the season, Dom is asking for the $100/team/season which would be $1400 and for the current season $3/tournament games for the home tournaments this season. Leanne Lupul suggested that the tournament assigning fees come out of the team accounts. D.J. Mewis made the following motion “ VMHA will pay the Referee assignor $1500 and $3 per tournament game for the 2018/2019 season, seconded by Karen, all in favor, motion passed

- Dom would like all teams to contact him when they are cancelling a game as well as the Town. Sometimes he doesn’t get notified by the Town and refs show up for games that are cancelled so then VMHA has to pay for ref fees for cancelled games.

-Just want directors to please remind their teams about Respect in Sport again

-Dom received a call from Rex Smith about who is assigning the officials for the VMH/MMH Bantam 2 team that are having their home tournament in Mannville. There is some confusion as Mannville thought it was Vermilion is paying Rex to assign all the tournament games in Mannville. Dom is to tell Rex to talk to Ken Wyard Scott as this was already discussed and Mannville is in charge of paying those fees.

-Kim Tiffinger would like to know if there is a course that parents of kids going into bantam should take a course about hitting. Parents at the Bantam level have concerns about proper hitting. Blaine suggested that a checking course is offered for first year bantams, the parents need to attend to understand the proper protocol of hitting. Kim Thompson said that if you look into the coaching resources out there it suggests coaches introduce this at a younger age through different drills.

- If a team has a parent/fan/coach kicked out of a rink it’s up to the team to make sure those people don’t show up.

- If the coaches want to talk to the refs during a game please be respectful, Dom asked Blaine to send a reminder out to the coaches.

**7. Next Meeting:**Jan. 16 at 7pm

**8. Adjournment:**Meeting adjourned at 9:29 pm