**Vermilion Minor Hockey Board Meeting Minutes**

**November 21, 2018**

**In attendance:** Lisa Rochford, Leanne Lupul, Blaine Cusack, Shane Croke, Blair Molsberry, Dom St. Amand, Chantel Betz, Kimberly Tiffinger, Candice Holowaychuk, Leslie Carlson, Corrine Hinton, D.J Mewis, Jay Stepanick, James Martin, Darren James, Angie McDonald, Carla Myshaniuk, David Eremko, Karen Selte, Tara Garnier, Special guests Kevin Martin and Russ Cameron (Parks and Rec Board).

**1. Call to Order:** Called to order at 7:20pm by Lisa

**2. Approval of Agenda:**New open forum items added

b) Parks and Rec

c) Ref Coordinator

d) 50/50’s

**3. Approval of minutes:**Previous minutes were reviewed and moved by D.J Mewis, seconded by Blaine Cusack, all in favor

**4. Old Business:**

**5. New Business:**

1. **President Report-** nothing to report
2. **VP of Development Report**

-Dave wanted clarification about two VMHA teams receiving the PEP program, what teams, why was PEP brought in? How is this being paid as it will not be paid by VMHA. Blaine brought in an independent source through Hockey Alberta to see if it is something that would help develop VMHA coaches. The cost will be covered by the coaches or parents of the Atom tier 2 and the major Novice team as those are the teams receiving the PEP sessions and will not be paid by VMHA or any team accounts.

-Blaine stated that all coaches have not been invited to watch these practices as the independent party wanted to wait for a few sessions, Dave’s concern was if this was to better develop the coaches then they should all be there from session 1 to session 6. Blaine will send an email out to all coaches informing them of the upcoming sessions.

-Blaine will send out an email to all directors to pass on to their teams to clarify why only two teams are receiving PEP and the purpose is to develop coaches and all coaches are invited to watch, that it was set up by individuals and not through VMHA.

1. **VP of Business Report**

-most of the cash raffle tickets have been handed in, two families haven’t sold their required amount of tickets, VMHA had decided that if the required amount of tickets is not sold then VMHA will take the remaining amount out of their family bond cheque. Are we following through with this?

-all families did try and sell unlike the last raffle VMHA did, this is a positive

-Crusader game ticket sales are poor, Kim Thompson was wondering about making it a mandatory team attendance. Leslie responded that teams have games that day. Directors need to encourage those available teams to please participate in this event.

-Should we do a Christmas survivor? Decided to wait till later in the season as we just finished up one fundraiser.

1. **Treasurer Report**

Account balances as of October 31, 2018

General Account$ 103,059.35  
Concession Account $ 13,936.37  
Plan 24$ 35,745.70  
GIC $11,503.09

Raffle Account $ 8,300.00

-as of Nov. 21 the Raffle Account is sitting at $38,060.00

1. **Registrar Report**

- Carla send in for team approvals and has received 1 out of 14 approvals so far.

-entered every team into provincials

1. **Discipline Coordinator Report**

-minor issue at Bantam level and it has been resolved

-issue at Atom level that has not been resolved yet

1. **Team Accounts Report**

Account Balances as of October 31, 2018

Team Account $ 8,150.00

Tiger Development $15,380.46

-one concern that Corrine had was that tournament coordinators are coming up with their own spreadsheets and their own costs for reffing fees etc. The tournament coordinators take it upon themselves to contact the town and the reffing coordinator to get reffing fees, even before the tournament starts. Directors please remind your tournament coordinators to review what is expected of them on the VMHA website and Corrine is more than willing to meet with them and show them what is needed.

1. **Concession Report**

- 45 members need to still do one concession shift before Christmas

- 25 families still need to fill their family bonds

-are we allowing families to use the volunteer positons offered at the Crusader game to cover their family bond? Will figure out at a later date.

1. **Equipment Report**

-Directors please remind your teams that there are 80 tournament pucks provided at the beginning of your tournament and it is expected that all if not all then close to all pucks are to be returned at the end of the tournament. Darren asked Directors to talk to their teams about the expectations about the pucks if not followed this may result in teams paying for the missing pucks.

-Dave suggested that if every team is losing tournament pucks would it be a good idea to charge each team a puck fee? $20/tournament?

-Shane Croke donated 10 first aid kits to VMHA

1. **Website Report**

-Candice continues to update the website when needed so please continue to send in what needs to be updated or added.

-all teams have been ok at keeping their team pages up to date

1. **Director’s Report**

* **Initiation** (DJ Mewis)

-all good

* **Novice** (Sarah Arthur)

-not in attendance

* **Atom** (James Martin)

- tier 5 one kid quit due to bullying and one kid out with a concussion

-tier 2 is currently dealing with team issues

-both tournaments are about half full, teams have dropped out of tournaments due to no hotel rooms. Big company’s like atco book of blocks and whether they use them or not the hotel keeps them reserved because they receive payment either way.

-Dom suggested booking hotels 6 month ahead if we can get the tournament dates planned by then because they have to follow through with those reservations.

* **Peewee** (Leslie Carlson)

-tournament is full

-going well

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

-both tournaments aren’t full, Kim has sent numerous emails and had posted posters to many teams, out of province as well.

-Kim was approached by the peewee team and asked if their contribution towards tiger development fee could be lessened due the fact that they tried but couldn’t fill their home tournament. Lisa said VMHA will wait till the end of the season to see what is left in team accounts and make the decision then.

* **Bantam** (Jay Stepanick)

-tier 4 tournament had 5 teams registered until recently and one team dropped out stating they couldn’t get a travel permit because it is a contact tournament. All teams were made aware that it is a contact tournament before they registered.

-tier 2 have four teams that are interested in attending their home tournament

* **Midget** (Blair Molsberry)

-home tournament is full

-the team has been bumped up to tier 2 from tier 3

-no issues

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

-Bantam girls came back from Wickfest with a Silver medal

-Bantam home tournament had 6 teams, was a success

-Midget tournament has 7 teams

1. **Coach Mentor Report**

- coaches meeting went well

-Blaine will send email out to all Directors informing them about PEP

-couple coaching issues that are currently being resolved

-Blaine would like to get each head coach to sign out a key for the coaches room between the two rinks so they can access practice jerseys and equipment.

**6. Open Forum:**

**a) Ice Plant Fundraiser**- Russ Cameron and Kevin Martin

-Russ Cameron and Kevin Martin from Parks and Rec would like support from the following groups to help the Town and raise funds for the new ice plant, VMHA, Figure skating club, pond hockey, curling club.

- Russ contacted the CFCW critters hockey team and has arranged a hockey game to be hosted at the Vermilion Stadium on January 10, 2019. This will hopefully raise $5000-$10,000 to go towards the ice plant. They would like VMHA to try and get as many of their members there as possible to try and fill the stadium and provide volunteers to sell 50/50 tickets, work the gate, print tickets etc.

- Cost of tickets will be adults $10, students $5, 12 and under free

- Critters provide door prizes and they will advertise the game on the radio

- There will be a program at the game and businesses are welcome to put an ad in at a cost of $100 with the all the proceeds from the advertisements going to the ice plant.

-Dave offered to be the contact person

**b) Parks and Rec**

-Dave mentioned to Kevin, Chair of Parks and Rec, about a situation/commentsthat were brought to Dave’s attention about a proposal that VMHA brought forward to the Parks and Rec board asking for a rent reduction for the concession. Comments that resulted from the proposal were along the lines of integrity, lying, presenting false numbers and were directed at VMHA and Dave. These comments were made after that meeting. VMHA did withdraw their proposal after the final numbers came back from the concession and VMHA did end on a positive but not a great note with the concession. Dave asked if Kevin would please discuss this with his board members.

**c) Ref Coordinator**

-frustrated at receiving calls about reffing fees beforetournaments even happen, he doesn’t know until after the tournament finishes the final cost. Dom would like those who want information about ref fees to access the Hockey Alberta website for the ref fees.

-please show respect at home and while on the road

-if you have issues with reffing please follow the proper protocol

-trying his best to use local refs to lower mileage fees

-try to reschedule amongst teams to allow midget teams to play before 2:30pm as most senior refs are booked for junior A, B and senior teams in the evenings.

-NEAHL is working on implementing a zero abuse policy, if it’s your team that gets dinged for abuse it’s your team that gets punished not your association, this includes coaching staff, parents, fans. There are no warnings or strikes, if your team gets written up there will be a punishment and your team will be flagged by Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada.

**d) 50/50’s**

- Angie made the following motion “all teams will have the opportunity to sell 50/50’s at their home games throughout the season with funds being utilized by that respective team”, seconded by Blair, carried

**7. Next Meeting:**Dec. 12, 2018 @ 7pm

**8. Adjournment:**8:38pm by Lisa