VMHA Board Meeting Nov 24, 2022, at 7:00 PM

In Attendance:

Carrie Stark Carmen Unland Mitch Visser Richard Lavoie DJ Mewis Blair Molsberry Terri Herzog Roger Garnett Brandy Poliakiwski Candice Holowaychuk Sarah Kastendieck Ashley Holowaychuk Derek Young Jodi Selte

Call To Order:

President, Blair Molsberry, called the meeting to order at 7:07PM.

Approval of Agenda:

Roger Garnett made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Derek Young. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Jodi Selte made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by DJ Mewis. Motion carried.

Business Arising From The Minutes:

No one has attended a Rotary Meeting; as it has not happened yet.

\$1000 Tournament Funds - Jodi Selte made a motion that teams who want their tournament \$1000 just need to let Brandy know and provide an email and name who that goes to. The \$1000 is all in one shot and the teams must provide receipts. Seconded by Terri Herzog. Motion carried.

DJ Mewis is heading up the committee for Bylaw and Handbook changes and will be sending out an email to see who would like to help and join the committee.

Blair talked to Coop about getting bulk Gatorade; they do not get bulk Gatorade, can get bulk Powerade and will keep Blair posted on when it is best priced and available.

JR B will no longer be selling liquor at Vermilion Minor Hockey events.

President's Report:

Nothing at this time.

VP Business Report:

Name bars are in, DJ has spoken with the seamstress, she was getting some thread to match the name bars. She figures she can do one to two sets a week, DJ will need to arrange with Mangers to get jerseys and connect with seamstress.

VP Development Report:

Kam Ballas from Apex Wellness is starting next week to work with all the teams for dryland and on ice skills, this player development will be paid for by Grant monies received by Vermilion Minor Hockey.

Sarah Kastendieck made a motion to accept the new \$15K Grant Budget (Sarah applied for \$20K Grant and was approved for \$15K Grant). Seconded by Jodi Selte. Motion carried.

We require a date for the Female Jamboree, Sheila Cadman and Amy McPhee are organizing the Jamboree. We will host a mini U9 Female Tournament, a fun bring a friend on ice session and an off ice session for all U7-U18 females. We will have female player and coach recruitment, new to hockey parent resources etc. They will also be planning a banner raising event for the U15 Female B 2021/2022 Provincial Banner.

Sarah Kastendieck made a motion to host the Female Jamboree on Sunday, March 12, 2023. Seconded by Terri Herzog. Motion carried.

The U9 girls made a team for the Irma U9 Female Tournament hosted on Sunday, November 20; all the girls had a great time. Sarah did reach out to a current U9 coach and he is on board to coach a U9 Female team if we have the numbers.

We are matching teams up again this year for practices, Sarah would like to see one before Christmas and one after. Stacey Wight is taking care of pairing up the teams and giving the matches to the Managers to arrange. Since we have grant funds, Sarah felt a way to enhance Tiger Pride would be to offer to host a pizza party after the first shared practice, very casual, upstairs or in a dressing room. Managers can take on the ordering and organizing; and VMHA could provide them with a budget of \$200.00.

Discipline Report:

All is good and they are still working on some wording with the discipline policy.

Treasurer's Report:

As of October 31, 2022; VMHA Main Account \$236,448.07 Common Shares \$530.62 GIC 1 Year Cashable \$11,816.48 Raffle Account \$0 Casino Account \$0 Team Account \$39,868.16 Development Account \$19,762.34 Ref Fees \$2,769.00 Ice Fees \$10,941.42

Action: Brandy Poliakiwski to check back in with Vermilion Credit Union to see what rates are at today, as she was quoted 1.7% 1-2 months ago.

Registrar's Report:

Jodi has been busy working to make sure the teams are entered, all the personal profiles are updated and all the coaches have their credentials.

Jodi will email our new approved rosters once they are approved.

Website Report:

Candice is wondering if we are going to create a Director position explanation and a handbook like we did for Managers.

Candice wants to put all the sponsors and logos up on the website, so DJ will get her the puck sponsors.

Equipment Report:

Still waiting on U9 goalie equipment and will leave the jerseys in the lobby for a few more weeks; hoping someone will take them all.

AGLC:

Need a QR code on a letter size piece of paper for tournaments. Carrie Stark will contact Sharla Bauer.

Fundraiser:

Nothing at this time.

RIC and Ice Scheduler's Report:

Town website is now fixed and should be showing all games and practices correctly. Richard has freed up some ice times for interleague play. So far we have paid \$475 because of canceled games. Action: Managers need to make sure they check the Town of Vermilion website on a regular basis to make sure their games and practices are showing up properly. Action: Blair Molsberry to send out the two facility schedules again; that is the base schedule; and subject to change with Jr B games and tournaments.

Coach Liaison:

No response to his survey; so nothing to work on with the coaches. He will get on that earlier next year and do some face to face. Mitch Visser suggested not to just survey Head Coaches, survey all coaches, including Assistant Coaches also.

Directors:

- a) U7 Derrick Young Tournament is full; upset about lack of new jerseys
- b) U9 Carmen Unland U9 Girls attended a tournament and had a blast, Tournament Coordinator is having trouble getting teams; U9 with 4 teams is struggling to get enough home ice after Christmas; openings to be offered to U9
- **c) U11 Roger Garnett** U11 looking to host NEAHL playoffs in Vermilion possibly; 50/50 questions; Gary Ferbey Award
- d) U13 Rob McCulley Tier 3; Tournament is not full
- e) U15 Female Ashley Holowaychuk 6 teams, tournament is not full yet
- f) U15 Male Steve Meissner Only have 5 teams for tournament, canceled ice in Mannville
- g) U18 Female Mitch Visser Tournament is full; Camrose away tournament attended
- b) U18 Male Terri Herzog Filled our tournament with 8 teams; Tiered to Tier 2; would like all U18 games in Stadium

Committee Reports:

a) Jersey Committee:

Had some sizing issues; extras we ordered worked out well.

b) Tournament Committee:

Some divisions are not happy that there are not individual 50/50's being allowed to be sold at home tournaments; so the teams can raise money for their own teams to do personal development such as dryland training.

Terri Herzog made a motion that individual 50/50's be reinstated to be sold at home tournaments; all funds are to be returned to the Association. The Association will work with the team to approve the usage of funds. The team will receive 75% of the funds retained with the Association from the 50/50; and the

Association will keep the remaining 25% of the funds. The team must use the funds on AGLC approved uses only. Seconded by Roger Garnett. 8 in favor, 3 opposed. Motion carried.

Teams have been struggling to get teams for our home tournaments; local hotels are not allowing blocking of rooms, due to the influx of workers in the area, and teams do not seem to want to stay in Wainwright and Lloydminster. Need to brainstorm.

c) Discipline Committee:

Nothing at this time.

d) Manager Guide Committee: Nothing at this time.

New Business:

Need to choose the Gala date, do not want it on the same weekend as Band in the Sand. Need to book the Regional Centre.

Round Table:

Sarah Kastendieck found a grant to apply for; for \$25K; this grant is to just keep costs down, not much criteria, so she will apply. Sarah has an extra \$500 for development that is not accounted for, she will send an email out to see who has uses for it.

Ashley Holowaychuk mentioned that our Social Media (Melissa Guenthner) should be promoting our online 50/50 more as this is what her Bond Position does.

Roger Garnett was wondering where we were at with LIVE BARN, Blair will check back with the town.

Next Meeting Date:

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 7:00 PM, upstairs in the Stadium

Action: Carrie Stark to book the meeting room upstairs at the Stadium with Bari at the Town for the next meeting on Thursday, December 15, 2022.

Adjournments:

Roger Garnett adjourned the meeting at 9:32 PM.