VMHA Board Meeting February 26, 2025, at 7:00 PM

In Attendance:

Jenna Betz Brooke Fadden Blair Molsberry Tori McMillan

Sean Tennant Amanda Kotun Travis Woywitka Kelsey Rose Carmen Unland Braden Stolz Terri Herzog Amy Eyben Brad Wight Chris Parchewsky Bailey Snelgrove Rob McCulley

Call To Order

The Meeting was called to order by Sean Tennant at 7:08 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Chris Parchewsky made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Brad Wight. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Chris Parchewsky made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Seconded by Blair Molsberry. Motion carried.

President's Report

Let Sean know if you are planning to return to the board/executive next year.

Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of January 31, 2025: Main Account = \$96,793.80 Team Account = \$95,670.96 Common Shares = \$626.17 Plan 24 = \$10.17 3 Year GIC = \$20,912.12 1 Year GIC = \$9600 Development = \$7,749.76 Casino = \$0.00

Ice fees for January were \$34,451.55. Ref fees for January were \$11,251.00.

The budget from grants and sponsorship for the female hockey event was \$2700, total expenses were \$2,456.07. Came in under budget.

Still waiting on one jersey sponsor payment. Travis has followed up, expecting an EFT in the next couple weeks.

\$483 spent on advertising in local newspaper for the Stan Hartwell award nominations. Cash calendar prize money amounts paid out.

\$629.96 at Top Source for Sports to purchase more pucks.

\$129.05 at Rural Roots to purchase VMHA mug and hoodie to gift Heine Westergaard for making shooter tutors.

\$500 to Apex Wellness for January team development sessions.

\$962.32 to Ashley Hunt for January team powerskating development sessions. A total of \$2425 was paid to Xquisite Delights (Vermilion Concession vendor) for referee burger coupons for all 24/25 home tournaments.

Disbursed some teams their home tournament 50/50 funds upon receipts being provided.

Tori McMillan made a motion to lock in the jersey sponsor money into a two-year GIC. Seconded by Brooke Fadden. Mation passed.

VP Business Report

Travis is tracking down the last of the jersey sponsor money for this year. He is also working on getting some sponsorship for the Tier 1 and 3 U11 playoff tournaments.

VP Development Report

Evaluations for coaches and parents sent out last week, directors and coach liaison please remember to share with our groups. Submission deadline is Monday, March 17th. **New** for this go around is a responder email will be required. All information is still confidential. We made this change to confirm that only player parents and guardians are submitting forms. The forms will only be viewed by the VP of development. Information that may be shared with the coaches and VMHA board will only include the information submitted on the form, nothing that will identify the responder.

This should make sure that information submitted on forms is genuine, It is confidential but not anonymous.

Twin Hockey Development - I had shared their summer camp schedule with directors to share with teams earlier, they are based out of Lloyd.

I have been talking with Easton and Chase Haygarth about potential fall camps (checking camp U13/U15), prep skates (U9-U11), on ice development.

Rates forTeam/Group Sessions 1-2 Sessions = \$25/skater 3-4 Sessions = \$22.50/skater 5+ Sessions = \$20/skater

Their dad is also the Head Coach of the Junior B Tigers. They talked to him and he could get a few Tigers players to come out and help them run these camps. They think it's a cool opportunity all around! Just another option for VMHA....

Have fall player evaluations/tiering place marked with Competitive Thread, will confirm dates in March. Will be the same weekend or 1 weekend earlier as this past season.

I am working on a goalie development package to send out to all U11-U18 goalie parents for the spring/summer. Will list what's available to goalies, \$500 for on ice development (goalie camps, etc), reduced registration fees, etc.

Coach Liaison Report

Coach Evaluations have been sent out.

Registrar's Report

Next year player projections (g/b) U7 17/3 U9 33/25 U11 30/21 U13 24/12 U15 12/4 U15 12/4 U18 18/10

VMHA will continue to work with Marwayne, Dewberry, and Mannville to ensure teams have players/players have teams.

Discipline Report

VMHA's change room policy needs to be updated to better align with Hockey Canada guidelines. Some issues with language use, official abuse, and players showing respect/accountability.

Website Report

Nothing at this time.

Equipment Report

Dave has ordered jerseys to replace those being given to graduating players. He will be setting up some meet times for teams to return their equipment.

RIC and Ice Schedulers Report

Nothing at this time.

AGLC

Nothing at this time.

Fundraiser

Cash Calendar fundraiser was a success. The grand prize of \$1,500 was donated back to the association. Will need to look into having more than just the one fundraiser/year.

Directors Reports

- a) U7 no updates
- b) U9 M no updates
- c) U9 F suggestion to hand out sponsor pictures earlier

- d) U11 M T1/T3 hosting playoff tournament. Chris to report on winner of the Gary Ferbey award.
- e) U11 F playoff tournament next weekend
- f) U13 M had a checking/angling practice with U18 players. Great experience make effort to join up different teams again next season (minor hockey week)
- g) U13 F no updates
- h) U15 season is done
- i) U18 M are in playoffs Ace Wight nominated for Kinsmen award
- j) U18 F heading to provincials

Brooke Fadden sent out a survey to get feedback from the U15/U18 mixed teams. Feedback was good and will be helpful going forward.

Sean Tennant made a motion for VMHA to cover the entry fee for any team playing in provincials. Seconded by Chris Parchewsky. Motion passed.

Rob McCauley made a motion to allow teams to fundraise for extra funds in order to cover costs when playing in provincials. Seconded by Terri Herzog. Motion passed.

Bonds

Anyone with outstanding bonds will be given the opportunity to work the year end celebration event or get their cheques cashed.

New Business

Stan Hartwell Award was voted on. Stan Richards has been selected.

Round Table

Discussion of having cashless tournaments - strive for more consistency.

Rotary Garage Sale - usually the U18 team volunteers. Brooke will be looking into what they need exactly and if we are able to provide help this year.

Board clips - can we make something that will keep the boards together so that they are easier to move?

Development - Teams need to be more mindful with how/when they spend their development money. Coach applications can have a section that allows coaches to share their plan.

Make upgrades upstairs that can lead to more fundraising opportunities, more comfortable, accessible, etc.

Stan Richards has been looking into opportunities for female players/teams outside of their league.

Next Meeting Date

Spring AGM set for April 2, 20025 at 7:00 with board meeting to follow.

Adjournment

Sean Tennant adjourned the meeting at 9:21.