

GVMHA EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9 2019
KTPN – 6:00pm-8:00pm

Attendees: Gareth Jones, Conni Damini, Kara Blazek, Jamie Saxton, Gord Sitter, Drew Trainor, Greg Louis, Sandy Moger, Michelle McCrea, Jodi Tung, Cheryl Roddis, Michelle Godard

Guest: Les Hobenshield

1. **Approval of Agenda - Jamie Saxton, Kara Blazek**
2. **Approval of Minutes – Michelle Godard, Greg Louis**
 - **Revision request** – ‘Carding piece of official roster was oversized’ to be added to section on female program
3. **Approval of Financial Report - Michelle Godard, Kara Blazek**
 - New office expenditures – Michelle
 - No ‘red flags’ everything looks good, nothing over budget
 - Some adjustments to be made to new office amount, reducing expenses to be paid to City of Vernon
4. **Equipment Updates – Equipment Manager Les Hobenshield**
 - Proposal to move to sublimated jersey – more durable, same costs, no crests, no glue, no stitching.
 - Easier to replace jerseys once the association moves away from crests as crests are not kept on hand. With sublimated jersey the image is kept on file electronically. Only sponsor bar will be required
 - Priced through Sun Valley Source for Sports
 - There is a need to replace PeeWee rep, Bantam rep and Atom Dev sets and would like to move forward with replacing at least half. Costs are approximately \$3200 per set both home & away so half for house teams.
 - Equipment Manager to purchase sets of PeeWee & Bantam rep jerseys and Atom Dev will be looked into to possibly go with AtoMc jerseys.
 - Racks and shelves to be installed in equipment room next week. New equipment was purchased for Initiation/Novice. No need for additional goalie pads. We have up to size 28 but will order higher sizes as required. We’ve supplied everybody with goalie sticks who wants them, but moving forward will only purchase sticks for Initiation/Novice as many are sitting unused in storage as parents generally purchase sticks for their players at the Atom level and up.

5. Team Fees

- Every year there are a number of parents who are not paying team fees, despite many reminders. Need to consider leverage to help collect these funds in a timelier manner and with less effort.
- Suggestion made to handle on a case by case basis. Administrator can bring cases forward for board input on further action. This approach was unanimously agreed on.
- Ideas generated for future discussion on how to prevent this type of issue happening moving forward as the goal is to keep kids on the ice.

6. Independent Review of Female Program

- Rod Knopp approached to complete an independent review as there were many different versions of the events being reported.
- Letter to be drafted by Gareth, circulated to the board and sent to the parents summarizing the review.

7. Ongoing issues related to hockey programs

- Player made inappropriate statements and made false accusations against coaches when they took action. After completing Respect in Sport the player is trying to get back into the game however this was met with resistance from coaches. Issue was taken to OMAHA who sided with Gareth's decision. In the end the player chose not to return.
- Issue has arisen regarding online bullying and social media which will be taken to the RCMP due to the severity of the matter.

8. Summary of 'Winning Matters' presentation

- Turnout of 75-100 people
- Excellent presentation which included resources that Players, Coaches and Parents could take away to their teams.
- Michelle will arrange something to acknowledge Tolko's donation which made the presentation possible.

9. Dealing with parents from other associations

- When there is an issue with parents from another association those concerns should be brought to the attention of the association they belong to. Quick discussion around how emails from parents from other associations should be handled.

10. Coaching when kids are moving up

- In some associations the parents of kids playing up a tier are not permitted to go on the bench. The question is raised if it's worthwhile to consider creating a policy to have

something in similar in place in our association. Policy to be drafted and reviewed next meeting.

11. Draft process & Coaching for Novice & House Teams – Gord

- There was conflict and drama at the Novice draft this year. The current process creates an environment that promotes cliques. The draft process is not necessarily fair and should be reviewed.
- Gord and Sandy to work together to develop a proposal of a new system

12. Atom Development & Atom Half Ice – Gord

- Hockey Canada is driving discussion around the removal of Atom Development. While this isn't something that would happen in the next few years, quick discussion around the board's stance on this topic - we support Atom Development teams.

13. Video – Sandy

- At Zone teams they are using iPads to video games and the video can be viewed from home using an app called Hudl. Video is a great coaching tool that assists with developing hockey sense. Sandy and Gord to look into implementing a pilot program utilizing video.

14. Sports Psychologist – Sandy

- Mike Shaw, sports psychologist from Kelowna has created material for mental training similar to Shawnee Harle. Would be beneficial to host an annual presentation along these lines and offer these skills to the kids in the association.

Adjourned 8:00pm