

MINUTES

Yellowknife Minor Hockey AGM 2020
Thursday August 20th 2020
Multiplex Parking Lot



- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Attendance:
Ashley Rivers, Moe Helyar, Tim Morton, Beverly Pilgrim,
Robert Carey, Kacee MacLean, Frank Walsh, Bill Gordon,
Denise Pickles, Corey Francis, Karin Rossignol, Lori Hutchings, Liesbeth van Blarikom,
Brad Dusome, Anna-May St. Amand, Darren Wicks, Shawna Pound, Shaun Murray, Kent
Rose, Andrew MacKay, Jennifer Teed, Tamy Brenton, June Bartlett, Adrian Lizotte, Alan
Bowerman, Steven Bard, Stu Impett, Bruce Stuart, Mike Greening, Karen Wood, April
Fraser, Keir Ramsay, Doug Rankin, Ozgur Oner
- 3) Approval of Agenda
Moved: Maurice Helyar
Seconded: Kent Rose Carried
- 4) Adoption of Minutes from previous Annual General Meeting as amended.
Moved: Andrew MacKay
Seconded: Adrian Lizotte Carried
- 5) Committee Reports
 - i) Director of Special Events
 - ii) Director of Ethics and Discipline
 - iii) Director of Female Programs
 - iv) Director of Sponsorship and Fundraising
 - v) Director of Director of Administration League Programs
 - vi) Director of Development Teams
 - vii) Director of Skills and Training
 - viii) Director of League Programs
 - ix) Director of Finance
 - x) President
- 6) Approval of Financial Statements (Director of Finance)
Moved: Beverly Pilgrim
Seconded: Maurice Helyar Carried
2020-2021 Fees
Moved: Shaun Murray
Seconded: Frank Walsh Carried
Appointment of Auditors Crowe MacKay
Moved: Tim Horton
Seconded: Karin Rossignol Carried
- 7) Election of Directors (as per bylaw the following positions are available for nominations
this year. Please note there may be other positions available)
 - i. President – no nominations vacant
 - ii. Director of League Programs

- Nomination – Tim Morton
Moved Kacee MacLean
Seconded Shaun Murray Acclaimed
- iii. Director of Skills and Training
Nomination – Darren Wicks
Moved Kacee MacLean
Seconded Tim Morton Acclaimed
- iv. Director of Administration
Nomination – Frank Walsh
Moved Darlene Hodder
Seconded Moe Helyar Acclaimed
- v. Director of Sponsorship and Fundraising
- vi. Director of Development Teams
Nomination – Kent Rose
Moved Adrian Lizotte
Seconded Al Bowerman Acclaimed

8) New Business

i. Proposed Bylaw changes

5.1 Annual General Meeting a) Location and Date The Association shall hold an Annual General Meeting in the City of Yellowknife, each year, on a date to be set by the Executive Committee. The date must be at least thirty (30) days after the date on which the fiscal year of the Association ends.

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Moved: Kacee MacLean

Seconded: Rob Carey Carried

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Moved: Kacee MacLean

Seconded: Corey Francis Carried

- ii. Draw for 3 \$200 credits to use in the 2020/2021 season
 1. Karen Wood
 2. Adrian Lizotte
 3. Karin Rossignol

9) Adjournment

Reports

Director of Special Events

- Carl Bulger Invitational
 - December 6th -8th 2019
 - 15 Teams (Hay River)
 - 350 SWAG Bags
- Chris Bergman Memorial
 - January 31st – February 2nd 2020
 - 20 Teams (Hay River, Inuvik, Fort Smith, Fort Providence, Fort Good Hope)
 - 325 SWAG Bags
- Awards Night
 - 158 Nominations for 47 Awards

Thanks to all the volunteers, sponsors, and people who donated prizes!

Director of Ethics and Discipline

14 incidents forwarded to director of discipline and ethics.

7 for player on ice incidents

2 for player off ice incidents

5 for non-player conduct off ice

Total of 26 games missed due to player suspensions

2 letters of reminder about YKMHA policy guidelines and procedures sent

2 jointly agreeable mutual apologies and decision to handle misunderstanding in team.

2 In person discussions about YKMHA policy guidelines and procedures

Developed tracking sheet to help with consistency of rulings and ensure hockey Canada's supplemental guidelines are followed.

Clarification to procedures unique to YKMHA further defined.

Due to the ability of players to be on multiple teams (Dev, House, Female) a change was brought to the board and voted upon. Governors and coaches were then informed of the following change: (Slide 4)

Clarification about smaller female dressing room voted on by board and sent to YKMHA members: (Slide 5).

- ▶ When a suspension is incurred in exhibition play, development games, tournament play or YKMHA Sanctioned Events, the suspension must be served in the next consecutive games (league, tournament, development games or YKMHA Sanctioned events). Exhibition games do not count as suspended games. Players cannot play in exhibition games while serving a suspension.
- ▶ When a suspension is incurred during league play, the suspension must be served in the next consecutive games, league play, tournament play, development team games or other YKMHA Sanctioned events. League play is considered to include house and development teams.
- ▶ Any Player incurring a suspendable infraction with either his/her registered team or affiliated Team is suspended from all sanctioned hockey games until the suspension is served with the team(s) they are registered with. If that Team is finished hockey for the season, this Player would be allowed to serve such suspension with his/her affiliated

Team. The Player and the suspension must be listed on game sheets. If there are no league games remaining, then the suspension will carry over to the next season.

- ▶ To count towards serving a suspension the game must have been scheduled with referees prior to the incident, and the player's participation in the game must have been confirmed. Reasonable assumptions can be made for regular scheduled games where the player generally attends and is on the listed roster. Games added to the schedule after the infraction occurred will not count towards serving the suspension, and the player cannot attend the post infraction scheduled game. Exceptions can be made where there is a tournament that the team is registered in and the player's attendance has been confirmed as tournaments may not have a completed schedule. This tournament, tournament dates, and attendance must have been confirmed prior to the infraction.
- ▶ Coaches of the player are responsible for checking with the referees after each game if there is a write up of the infraction to be completed on the game sheet. The coach is responsible for sending a copy of the write up to the YKMHA Director of Ethics and Discipline, YKMHA President, and divisional governor through email (Photo or text write-up) immediately following the game. Coaches are responsible for listing all the teams the player is a member of in the same email.
- ▶ Exhibition games are defined as not regularly scheduled, not sanctioned by YKMHA. If the game is scheduled and sanctioned by YKMHA PRIOR to the infraction it is not considered an exhibition by the suspension definition. If the player has been committed to the game in writing PRIOR to the infraction it will be allowed to count towards serving the suspension.
- ▶ As we work to update our dressing room policy, please be advised that until further notice, **no males (parents/grandparents/coaches included) are to enter the small "female" change rooms at the rinks.**
- ▶ These rinks are currently considered "female" change rooms by multiple user groups, not just Yellowknife Minor Hockey, and we want to ensure there are no instances that could lead to disciplinary or legal matters, especially as ice times involve user group crossovers.
- ▶ If a male adult is needed to help tie skates, the player may put their skates on, leave the change room and have their skates done on the bench in the lower foyer of YKCA or in the small vestibule area just outside of the female change rooms at the Multiplex.
- ▶ For the larger rooms occupied by a solely female team, the current policy is still in place:
 - ▶ FEMALE TEAM SUPERVISION
 - ▶ It is recommended that when using the "Two Deep Method" with female hockey teams, there shall be two female supervisors with the players where possible. If not possible there may be one (1) male and one (1) female supervisor. The male supervisor however, would not enter the dressing room but would be within hearing distance to protect supervisors or players. At no point will the male supervisor enter the dressing room alone. Prior to entering the dressing room, the male supervisor must knock at the door and be cleared to enter by the female supervisor.
- ▶ Sub Committees formed ad-hoc to review procedural rulings.
 - ▶ During the course of the season committees were formed (Upon approval vote of the YKMHA board) to review any decisions made when there was an appeal or questions raised based on procedural processes. These committees involved various members and past members of YKMHA that had no proceeded direct conflict with the subject in the appeal.

Thank you to those YKMHA members that volunteered their time to go over the information with the board and to both Sport North and the YK Ref association for their insight in rule guidelines and rulings.

Thanks to:

Beverly Pilgrim, Bruce Stewart, Dan Desjardins, Darcy Milkowski, Darren Wicks, Dave Earle, Doug Rankin, Kyle Kugler, Liz West, Sheena Jensen, Stephan Goodman, Tim Morton.

Moving forward:

Put out requests for a group of interested parties to form ad hoc committees earlier in season to have a list of available people ready if required.

Review / Develop / clarify YKMHA guidelines on discipline and ethics.

Develop easier method for reporting by Referee's, coaches, or any YKMHA member.

Develop streamlined sharing platform with Hockey North & YK Rec league to ensure consistency and help with team selections for camps etc.

COVID-19

YKMH is seeking approval for a return to play plan for all YKMHA members. This plan will outline all restrictions on and off the ice surface to help ensure the safety and wellbeing of all it's members. Part of this plan will not have any games initially and ice times will be practices with considerations for social distancing. All athlete's, players, and family or friends are expected to follow all the guidelines as outlined by YKMHA and the CPHO of the NWT. It is important to acknowledge that it is not the responsibility of YKMHA to debate the effectiveness of measures put forward, (Masks, social distancing, health screening, etc) but it is important that YKMHA and its members follow the recommendations of the health professionals through this pandemic. YKMHA will only have a successful season if all it's members participate in the return to play action plan fully. Failure of YKMHA and its members to follow the guidelines could result in the return to play plan being revoked and effectively cancelling the season for all it's members.

A failure to follow the guidelines set forth will result in discipline actions as outlined on the following page.

Any YKMHA member, (Player, Parent, coach, etc) found to not be following any of the guidelines as laid out by YKMHA and / or the CPHO will be subject to the following during the first phase of the return to play guidelines (No Game Play):

Infraction examples for all YKMHA members: Spitting, using other persons H2O bottle, not wearing a mask when required, intentional contact of another individual, intentionally coughing on another individual, loitering around the ice surface or inside the arena when not required, on ice infractions, and / or game play when not permitted will be Subject to a 15 day suspension from any team or YKMHA activities and access to the facilities while YKMHA is using them will be denied. A second infraction by the same YKMHA member will result in a 31 day suspension for all YKMHA activities. A third infraction will result in the complete removal for the remainder of the season.

Director of Female Programs

- This year saw healthy numbers for our program:
 - Midnight Girls – 27
 - DT Junior Girls – 20
 - DT Senior Girls – 15
- Midnight went to Wickfest in Surrey in February
- DT Junior went to Banff in February
- DT Senior went to Wickfest in Calgary in November

- Two great sponsors this year:
Midnight Petroleum Girls
DT Electric - Sr & Jr Female Teams

Director of Sponsorship and Fundraising

THANK YOU TO OUR GREAT 29 TEAM SPONSORS



Rink Board Sponsors – Norland Agencies

Association Sponsor – Prostock Hockey.com

Tournament Sponsor – Canadian Tire

Fundraising – Bingos Fall \$20,078.60 Winter \$16,837.75

YKMHA Parents participated in Yellowknife's Hockey Day in Canada beer garden and 50/50 and fundraised a total of \$11,464.

Director of Administration

Jerseys

Jerseys Cheques

Volunteer deposit

If you are interested in coaching or volunteering for next season please use the form on the website.

Criminal Records checks please be more diligent in getting these to us in a timely manner.

Scheduling – be patience and the year rolls out. Schedules may changes as new information becomes available.

Director of Development Teams

2020-2021 Initiatives

- Independent selection committee.
- Restructured seasonal plans due to COVID and HNWT requirements for a safe return to play policy once approved.

5 Teams in 4 Divisions & over 100 players

- Atom Development A Team
- Pee wee Development A Team
- Pee wee Hybrid B Team
- Bantam Hybrid Team
- Midget Hybrid Team
- 12 Out of Territory Tournaments
- Alberta = 4 tournaments

- Leduc – Calgary – Cochrane – Strathmore
 - Saskatchewan = 3 tournaments
 - Regina (2) – Saskatoon
 - British Columbia = 2 tournaments
 - Vernon – Richmond (Cancelled due to COVID)
 - Arizona = 1 tournament
 - Phoenix
 - Ontario = 1 tournament
 - Ottawa
 - Manitoba = 1 tournament
 - Winnipeg
- YKMHA Tournament and Divisional Championships Results

December Tournament

- Pee wee Division - G&G Expediting (ADT)
- Midget Division – Subway(BDT)

February Tournament

- Bantam Division – Mary Browns (PBT)

Divisional Championships

- Bantam Division – CR Oilers – DNP
- Midget Division – Subway – 4th
- Mens Rec B Division – Carls – 3rd

Director of Skills and Training

Power Skating cost	\$5, 562.50	Local Instructors
Goalie Instruction cost	\$6, 213.42	Chad Carder

Power Skating Sessions (October to February)

Power skating instruction 2400 minutes.

Division	Length	# of ices times	Total minutes of Power Skating
Initiation	30 minutes	10	300
Novice	30 minutes	10	300
Atom House	45 minutes	10	450
Atom Dev	45 minutes	9	405
Pee Wee House	45 minutes	9	405
Pee Wee Dev	45 minutes	6	270
Bantam	45 minutes	6	270

Goalie Instruction – Chad Carder

October 18-19, 2019 and November 1-2, 2019

At both camps, all minor hockey goalies had an opportunity to have between 3-4 sessions with Chad. Each session was 60 minutes.

Director of League Programs

- Timbits – 58 players/3 teams (increase of 13 from 18/19)
- Initiation – 63 players/3 teams (decrease of 1 from 18/19)
- Novice – 69 players/5 teams (decrease of 6 from 18/19)
- Atom – 68 players/3 house teams(decrease of 1 from 18/19)
- 1 Dev teams (15 Players)
- PeeWee – 66 players/3 house teams (decrease of 10 from 18/19)
- 1 Dev teams (14 Players)
- 1 PeeWee B Team which participated in the February Tournament
- Bantam – 62 players/3 house teams (increase of 15 from 18/19)
- 1 Dev teams (17 Players)
- Midget – 44 players/3 teams (decrease of 3 from 18/19)
- 1 Hybrid Team (17 Players)
- Female Midnight Sun – 27 players
- DT Electric Jr – 20 Players
- DT Electric Sr – 15 Players

Novice Half Ice

- YKMHA started running the Novice half ice program in conjunction with Hockey Alberta. 2 Teams were on the ice, each playing half and half on separate sides then switching. This program allows for greater goalie development and more ice time for all players. It also helped reduce dressing room congestion.
- Updated the Novice policy for all upcoming seasons. This policy helps outline the expectations of the Novice program.

Coach Expectations

- As always the Criminal record check is required every 2 years. Vulnerable Sector. We had a struggle getting both the RIS and CRC from all coaches.
- Respect in Sport for coaches – typically required once only and it is user pay – coaches are required to pay for this themselves.
- Coaching training from Paul Murphy in Oct 2019. A total of 15 coaches participated in the training and generally the feedback from the training was positive.
- Tested and evaluated the TeamGenius App. This app helps with the evaluation of players however it was deemed to be too much for YKMHA to implement and the cost was not something that we wanted to pass on to the membership.

Initial meeting with governors

- Meet with all governors prior to the start of the season to discuss the years expectations and discuss policy
- Participated in and attended all house balancing meetings to ensure all policies were followed and they were done fairly.

Director of Finance

In 2019/2020 the league saw increased costs for the following budget items:

- Ice rental
- Insurance
- Anticipated higher costs for referees but there were fewer officials than expected that arrived for games, lowering the costs
- The league invested in half ice boards for Ed Jeske and YKCA to meet the demand as YKMHA follows Hockey Canada half ice format

2020/2021 Recommendations:

- Costs for ice, officials and insurance will be rising again this season.
- With limitations due to COVID and fewer players on the ice at at time normally fees would rise by \$90-\$100/player

- The has run a surplus last season and will hold fees at last rates
- We are asking all registrants to pay monthly
- a. If the season is cancelled we will not have to refund, we will just stop processing payments.
- b. If the league has excess funds, fees will be further reduced by not processing a payment at the end of the season
- Due to COVID uncertainty the league has made these choices for this year:
 - a. Socks will not be provided as we cannot guarantee they will arrive. This has been taken out of the fee amount
 - b. Pictures will not be done by Life Touch this year but local photographers will be approached

President

- Thank you to the increased participation of our parents
- that helped out and volunteered this season.
- Respect on and off the ice needs to continue, especially with
- our referees. Games cannot be played without them.
- Our governors also need to be treated with more respect.
- Acknowledgement to Craig Hockridge . He dedicated his time not just in YK, but in the NWT and internationally. He will be greatly missed.