

**Ridge Meadows Minor Hockey Association
Annual General Meeting
MINUTES**

Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 **Time:** 7:00 pm

Location: Thomas Haney Secondary School

Board:	Scott Falconer	Derek Gullmes
	Evelyn Pederson	Blaine Hallman
	Carolyn Gosling	Roxanne Reid
	Bruce Vasarhely	Lisa Voncina
	Derek Bedard	Tony Coombs

Absent: Brent Boatter, Nolan Balatti

AGM called to order at 7:24 p.m. by Scott Falconer, President

1. Voting on approval of Contributing Members and Life Members:

Life Members:

Debbie Vey-Lourens has requested membership as a Life Member – **Carried**

Gladys Hewson has requested membership as a Life Member – **Carried**

Contributing Members:

Lisa Voncina has requested membership as a Contributing Member – **Carried**

Earl Bloom has requested membership as a Contributing Member – **Carried**

Dan Herbranson has requested membership as a Contributing Member – **Carried**

Michael Lourens has requested membership as a Contributing Member – **Carried**

Derek Bedard has requested membership as a Contributing Member - **Carried**

2. **Motion** to approve minutes from AGM March 11, 2014 – Earl Bloom. Seconded by Derek Gullmes. Discussion: Gladys Hewson made a comment that the election information contained in the minutes concerning the number of votes shown did not contain spoiled ballots. **Carried**

3. Season Review – reports given by:

- a. Evelyn Pederson – VP of Administration
- b. Blaine Hallman - VP of A Hockey
- c. Derek Gullmes – VP of C Hockey
- d. Carolyn Gosling - Treasurer

4. President's Report was given by Scott Falconer.

5. Poll Captain's Report – 66 members eligible to Vote
6. Special Resolution as follows:

To approve a Special resolution (requiring not less than 75% of the votes from the voting members) in order to delete By-Law 2.5 of the Society's current By-Laws which currently states the following:

"2.5 Eligibility for Life Membership

In order to be eligible for membership in the Society as a Life Member:

- (a) a Person must have rendered, in the opinion of the Directors, distinctive service to the Society for at least 10 years; and
- (b) the Directors must have decided, by Board Resolution, to grant such Person a life membership in the Society."

and to replace it with the following:

"2.5 Eligibility for Life Membership

In order to be eligible for membership in the Society as a Life Member:

- (a) a Person must have rendered, in the opinion of the Directors, distinctive service to the Society; and
- (b) the Directors must have decided, by Board Resolution with a 2/3 majority vote, to grant such Person a life membership in the Society."

Motion to approve the Special Resolution as shown above – Roxanne Reid. Seconded by Derek Gullmes – Discussion **Carried**

7. Kelli Semple-Borkowsky was introduced as our Elections Chairperson. Elections are as follows:
 - a. VP of Administration (2 years) – Nomination of Carolyn Gosling by Roxanne Reid. Accepted by Carolyn Gosling. **By Acclamation**
 - b. VP of 'A' Hockey (2 years) – Nomination of Blaine Hallman by Derek Bedard. Accepted by Blaine Hallman.

Nomination of Andrew Carr - declined.
Blaine Hallman is VP of 'A' Hockey by Acclamation
 - c. 4 Directorship Positions for 1 year terms:

Nomination of Bruce Vasarhely by Blaine Hallman. Accepted by Bruce Vasarhely.
By Acclamation

Nomination of Peter Dubinsky by Charlie Sackmann. Accepted by Peter Dubinsky. **By Acclamation**

2 Positions remain vacant for 1 year terms and will be filled by the Board.

d. 3 Directorship Positions for 2 year terms:

Nomination of Tony Coombs by Roxanne Reid. Accepted by Tony Coombs. **By Acclamation**

Nomination of Pamela Galvez by Bruce Vasarhely. Accepted by Pamela Galvez by letter as she was not in attendance. **By Acclamation**

1 Position remains vacant and will be filled by the Board.

8. Motion to destroy the ballots – Rick Trulsen. Seconded by Elizabeth Fox. **Carried**

Scott opened the floor for Questions from the membership.

1. Tom Blake asked about an incident on his midget C team about a discipline matter with a parent on the team that occurred in November. Concerned that he never heard anything from the Board concerning this matter. Scott explained that he did receive an email from Tom about the incident and that he did send an email, and apologized for not dealing with the matter in as timely a manner as should have been done. Derek Gullmes commented that he believes that the player left the team/association and the family is no longer part of the association. He also apologized for not managing it as effectively as possible, and that he would look into it for next season.
2. Lorraine Trulsen – wanted to thank Tom Blake as coach and RMMHA for having a Juvenile C team – her team had a great year. She hopes it continues to grow. Questioned the large increase in registration fees for this coming season, and also asked about Midget A Evaluation Fees being \$150 when their ice is the usual subsidized ice used during the season. Derek Gullmes explained the budget and the rates were set based on what hockey costs. Also Derek explained that we need to run a balanced budget moving forward as our surplus has been drawn down to an appropriate level after running several deficit budgets. Lorraine then asked about the Jersey Rental Fee line item on the Budget. Derek explained that there hasn't been a plan in place in the last few years to have money on hand to pay for replacement of jerseys when that is needed (usually every 3 to 5 years). That rental fee is included in the rates as posted.
3. Tim McCulloch – he wasn't aware of the large fee increase that was coming for this coming season. Scott explained that the cost of ice rises approximately 3 to 5% each year and it has been 4 years since an increase in fees had taken place. Derek Gullmes mentioned the subsidy program through the City of Maple Ridge for those families who need help with their registration fees.
4. Tom Swan– asked about discipline for parents acting improperly in the stands/rinks. He's very concerned about this issue and understands that our association recently put into place guidelines for discipline on parents. Bylaws also include a clause whereby we can expel a member for conduct unbecoming. He wanted to know if this Board has ever dealt with any of these types of issues. Scott answered that unfortunately, yes, this Board did act and handed down discipline numerous times this season. Scott went on to say that this season he was embarrassed by the number of incidents that involved our association and that the Board had to be involved with.

5. Gladys Hewson – Hockey Pool Fundraiser – how much did we make? Scott answered approximately \$6,000

She also asked how many paid employees does the association have? Scott answered 1 – James Eccles. There are a few coaches who receive a stipend to cover expenses.

6. Doug Walton – comment about the AFM held in November. He knows that we are all busy people and we can't all make it out to events. That particular meeting was very well communicated through email and word of mouth. He mentioned that the board is totally approachable and you can send an email to them or talk to them in person to ask questions and receive answers.

Motion to adjourn – Tom Swan – Seconded by Tom Blake. **Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.