

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

Date: Wednesday, March 9, 2016 **Time:** 7:00 pm

Location: Thomas Haney Secondary School

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| Board: | Scott Falconer | Derek Gullmes |
| | Blaine Hallman | Carolyn Gosling |
| | Peter Dubinsky | Roxanne Reid |
| | Pamela Galvez | Angela Schulte |
| | Bruce Vasarhely (late) | |

Absent: Derek Bedard, Nolan Balatti, Tony Coombs

AGM called to order at 7:14 p.m. by Scott Falconer, President

1. **Motion** to approve minutes from AGM March 25, 2015 – Derek Gullmes. Seconded by Peter Dubinsky. **Carried**
2. Introductions / Roll Call was done by Scott Falconer – President which included the board and recognizing all of the key volunteers throughout the season.
3. Season Review – reports given by:
 - a. Derek Gullmes – VP of C Hockey
 - b. Blaine Hallman - VP of A Hockey
 - c. Carolyn Gosling – VP of Administration
4. Financial Report was given by Carolyn Gosling. 2015/16 Budget is looking to be balanced.
5. Motion made by Carolyn Gosling to approve Evancic Perrault Robertson as auditors for 2015-16 season. Seconded by Derek Gullmes. **Carried.**
6. Questions from the floor regarding the budget / finances:
 - What is the Jersey Rental Fee was asked by **Christa Balatti**? Answer was that it helps create a fund for jersey replacements down the road.
 - Where is the C Program Revenue was asked by **Rick Trulsen**? Answer is that it sits within the registration fees.
 - Registration expenses was questioned by **Adam Schwartz**? Answer is that it is the fees from PCAHA, BC Hockey etc...
 - **Andrew Koran** asked will development budget go up or down next year and is that the entire development budget or split between A or C? Answer was we have made a decrease from last year as Board feels we can be more efficient with our use of development times / ice / developers.
 - **Lorraine Trulsen** asked if **split between RM / PM will it affect our costs**? Carolyn answered that we've been told that it won't impact our rates on subsidized, but there was an increase to the private ice.

- **Andrew Koran asked if there are additional costs for administration / ice coordination?** Carolyn responded that Ice Coordinator stipend was lumped in with the Ice Costs and that we have also budgeted a small amount for an administrator given the extra paperwork demands by BC Hockey and PCAHA – and this falls under our administrative line item.
 - **Andrew Koran asked what change was from last year to this year for the administrator?** Carolyn responded that it was approximately \$35,000
7. President's Report was given by Scott Falconer. Derek Gullmes stepped forward to help with delivery of some of this. Scott also announced that we are excited to announce that we have an agreement in principle to renew James Eccles' contract as Director of Hockey Development.
 8. Scott opened the floor for Questions from the membership.
 9. Voting on approval of Contributing Members and Life Members:

No Life Members were present.

Contributing Members:

Pamela Galvez has requested membership as a Contributing Member – Seconded by Blaine Hallman. **Carried**

Derek Bedard has requested membership as a Contributing Member – Seconded by Blaine Hallman. **Carried**

Question from the floor as to what a Contributing Member was from Rick Trulsen. Carolyn responded that they were members who didn't have a child currently playing but that they contributed to the organization as a team official or board member.

10. Poll Captain's Report – 40 members eligible to Vote
11. Jake Rudolph was introduced as our Elections Chairperson.

Motion by Dave Hamilton for Annette Patterson & Ruth Nelson to serve as Scrutineers, seconded by Jeff Adams. **Carried.**

Elections are as follows:

- a. **President (2 years)** – Nomination of Scott Falconer by Carolyn Gosling. Seconded by Derek Gullmes. Accepted by Scott Falconer.
Nomination of Adam Schwartz by Bram Gagnon. Seconded by Chris Muc. Accepted by Adam Schwartz.

Adam Schwartz spoke – was Atom Division Manager this year.
Scott Falconer spoke – has been President for past 2 years, takes his role very seriously and is here for the kids.

Vote was taken – 28 for Scott Falconer, 12 for Adam Schwartz.
Scott Falconer was pronounced President.

b. **VP of 'C' Hockey** (2 years) – Nomination of Derek Gullmes by Adam Schwartz. Accepted by Derek Gullmes. Seconded by Bill Bourguignon. **By Acclamation**

c. 2 Directorship Positions for 1 year terms:

Nomination of **Bill Bourguignon** by Tom Blake. Seconded by Derek Gullmes. Accepted by Bill Bourguignon. **By Acclamation**

Nomination of **Derek Bedard** by Carolyn Gosling. Seconded by Blaine Hallman. Letter from Derek Bedard on file accepting nomination. **By Acclamation**

Nomination of **Nolan Balatti** by Andrew Koran. **WITHDRAWN** when letter was read that Nolan was interested in a 2 year term.

d. 5 Directorship Positions for 2 year terms:

Nomination of **Nolan Balatti** by Andrew Koran. Seconded by Adam Schwartz. **By Acclamation**

Nomination of **Adam Schwartz** by Derek Gullmes. Seconded by Jeff Adams. **By Acclamation**

Nomination of **Peter Dubinsky** by Blaine Hallman. Seconded by Carolyn Gosling. **By Acclamation**

Nomination of **Andrew Koran** by Christa Balatti. Seconded by Bram Gagnon. **By Acclamation**

Nomination of **Bruce Vasarhely** by Derek Gullmes. Seconded by Peter Dubinsky. **By Acclamation**

12. Motion to destroy the ballots – Dave Hamilton. Seconded by Bonnie Rose. **Carried**

Scott opened the floor for Questions from the membership.

a. Tom Blake spoke about the Juvenile C Program and spoke to the growth of it. RMMHA had 2 teams this year under the coaching helm of Tom Blake and Glen Mund and hopes it will continue. He encouraged everyone to let graduating Midget Players know about this Division. Tom asked if the association had considered doing anything to recognize the players that were aging out of the Juvenile program? Derek Gullmes responded that it is something that has been discussed but nothing has been finalized yet and the board will continue to look into this.

b. Lorraine Trulsen added that her son is aging out of Juvenile and was wondering if he could forgo his Jersey deposit to keep his jersey as a memento and that apparently in years gone by this was done. Derek Gullmes was unaware of this and said it would be taken under consideration

c. Tricia Liversidge offered a huge thank you to Tom Blake for spearheading the Juvenile C Program. She then asked what has the % increase been in ice costs every year? Derek Gullmes responded that it goes up year over year from the rinks and that we are challenging the cities / rinks on our \$600,000+ ice bill and

have compared our ice bills to other associations and learned that we are higher than everyone and we are the only association that has to buy ice from the private operators as well. Ice cost \$150 plus per hour where most neighbouring associations are paying \$100 per hour, so we are about 50% higher than others. We've had no success at this point to having any concessions but hopeful that with new leadership in both cities that we may find ways to get more ice at better rates in order to keep our ice costs in check. Tricia is concerned with the \$50 increase this year and feeling that over two years it is a 25% increase in midget alone. Derek Gullmes responded that he could not debate the math but that RMMHA ran 5 seasons previously with zero increases and that RMMHA has had to adjust in order to achieve a balanced budget. Scott Falconer also responded that the last thing the board wants to do is a fee increase, but the fact of the matter is that no one wants to step up to do any of the jobs and there are more and more demands on these positions. In the association over the past years volunteerism and fundraising has gone down and if we could step up as an association to do more then we could cover these costs off. Scott also reinforced that neighbouring associations ice costs range from \$100,000 to \$300,000 but recognize that we are also a larger association, but our hourly ice rate is much higher and our % of subsidized ice is much lower than others.

- d. Lorraine Trulsen asked if the rate increase has decreased the number of registrations or if the divisions with lower rates had larger registrations? Scott Falconer responded that no we continued to grow over the past 3 years. Derek Gullmes responded that while some of the younger divisions had larger registration rates, it was only specific birth years such as the 2008 year but then compared that to the 2002 birth year that was also a large group. He reiterated that our ice rates are still unreasonable and unfair. Lorraine commented that this has always been the case it seems. Scott responded that they continue to lobby the cities and have also had Evelyn Pedersen help them up.
- e. Lorraine Trulsen asked if the Administrative assistant role would be paid employee or contract and whether it would be posted to the public. Derek responded initially yes, yes and yes, but then Carolyn stepped in to answer that we needed this role to be an employee to stay above board with Revenue Canada so would look at this role as an employee.
- f. Bram Gagnon asked about the situation with the Development Instructor and whether a policy was put in place and whether the police were engaged. Derek Gullmes responded that the Police were brought in by the family involved, but the police informed the board that things weren't going further. There have been no policy revisions as of yet, but that's because the 3rd party investigator's report was only just delivered and there will be a review to ensure it's covered off moving forward. Peter Dubinsky also responded that as an association we have to be cautious not to policy everything but look at our Code of Conduct as that really serves as the guiding principles to direct everyone moving forwards.

Motion to adjourn – Derek Gullmes – Seconded by Lorraine Trulsen. **Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.