

RMMHA

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 6, 2015

Time: 6:45 p.m. Planet Ice Meeting Room

EXECUTIVE IN ATTENDANCE:

Carolyn Gosling
Tony Coombs
Nolan Balatti
Evelyn Pederson
Brent Boatter

Derek Bedard
Blaine Hallman
Lisa Voncina
Bruce Vasarhely

Excused: Scott Falconer, Roxanne Reid, Derek Gullmes

QUORUM

1. **Motion** to approve minutes from December 14, 2014 – Lisa. Seconded by Evelyn.
Carried
2. Winter Round Up Tournament Update – Roxanne and Derek both aren't here tonight, but Derek asked that I pass along his gratitude to Roxanne and Jeff for all their hard work on the tournament – they did it all. One note is that the Atom teams from RM were each given one game where they were allowed to use the Flames dressing room and all the teams seemed to love that. Overall the tournament was a success.
3. Athletix Fundraiser Report – hopefully we will have updated numbers by next meeting from Athletix and in-house costs so we know what our final profit was.
4. Spring Tournament Update – 40 teams approximately in the tournament. Busy getting details finalized for the tournament and the committee members up to speed on their jobs and what the requirements are before the tournament begins. Shaping up to be another great tournament. Teams from throughout BC, Alberta and the US.
5. Awards Banquet Update – next meeting hopefully will have details.
6. **Motion** to approve payables in the amount of \$19,478.25 – Lisa. Seconded by Blaine.
Carried
7. Ref Cheques for Playoffs – some teams cancelled their shifts for Winter tournament at the last minute so fell below their 20 hours. **Motion** to withhold playoff referee cheques from teams who have not yet fulfilled their 20 hours of volunteering – Evelyn. Seconded

by Bruce. **Carried** Once the teams have fulfilled their hours (spring tournament) they will receive their cheques. Evelyn will be notifying the teams in question (19 of them) right away so they are aware of the plan.

8. Golf Tournament 2015 – Kyla MacEwen has asked permission to hold the Golf Tournament again August 16, 2015 at Golden Eagle Golf Course. **Motion** that Kyla MacEwen be approved to run the Golf Tournament on August 16, 2015 and RMMHA will provide a \$500.00 deposit cheque – Evelyn Seconded by Blaine. **Carried**
9. Hockey 3 player – coming from Port Coquitlam – transferring in from Poco Minor Hockey and Lisa wants to pro-rate their fees. **Motion** to charge this Hockey 3 player 50% of the usual registration rates as they are just starting in January – Lisa. Seconded by Bruce. **Carried**
Discussion was that we should look into offering a pro-rated policy in and out for next season.
10. Pee wee A1 “A” Player Fees – we let the Pee wee A1 coach go just before Christmas and he was the top paid coach - \$6,000.00 was his stipend agreed upon, and only \$4,000.00 was paid out prior to releasing him as coach. The parents on the team are requesting a refund of some of their A Player Fees due to this coach being let go. Discussion. **Motion** that Pee wee A1 parents pay their full A Player Fee and that the remaining \$2,000 in that fee that was allocated to pay their coach will be held by the association to pay the professional developers that have stepped in to assist, and any funds remaining at the end of the season will be split equally among the 16 families – Nolan. Seconded by Lisa. Discussion. **Carried**
11. A Player Fees – we have had 2 players leave the A program mid-season who did not pay any of their A Player Fees. Should we be pro-rating their fees and asking them to pay some of the A Player Fees? One left to play hockey in Ontario. Discussion was no – we write that one off. The Player being brought up into the Midget A2 team mid-season to fill the spot will be asked to pay half their A Player fees. We will also ask the Pee wee A1 player who went down to house to pay half their A Player fees as well for the part of the season that he was on the A1 team.
12. Fees for 3 goalies on Juvenile C – Lisa pointed out that we had already discussed this issue. Discussed again and determined that all 3 should pay full rate as the registration rates are so reasonable to begin with (half of Midget but Juvenile C gets more than half the ice time that Midget gets).
13. **Motion** to send flowers to Leo Ferguson Midget A2 team in sympathy on a death in the family – Evelyn. Seconded by Blaine. **Carried**

14. Ineligible Officials – some still showing up on the HCR Rosters as “ineligible” and Brent is concerned that enough time has passed that we could face fines if they are still on the rosters.
15. Nolan is concerned about goalies in the younger levels and not having enough goalies. Discussion. Tabled to a meeting when James is in attendance.
16. Sponsorship/Fundraising Update – Bruce went through the document that was done previously. He would like to have a discussion with Roxanne about paring it down to less levels.
17. **Motion** to send flowers to Kyle (Bantam A1 Assistant Coach) in sympathy due to a death in the family – Lisa. Seconded by Nolan. **Carried**

Motion to adjourn – Derek. Seconded by Blaine. **Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, January 19, 2015.

BOARD REPORTS

Evelyn Pederson – VP of Administration:

Hi everyone,

Here is my report for Tuesday.

Volunteering

The week before the December tournament, all volunteer shifts for the event were filled. The system sends out reminder emails of all shifts two days before the volunteer date. A handful of volunteers, whether they forgot they signed up for a shift, or they conflicted with their own tournament games that was not known at the time of sign up, cancelled their shifts even up to the day before. The Christmas tournament committee was updated with their volunteers daily and worked out any missing shifts. Roxanne even had some great volunteers that did more hours than they signed up for and I have added those hours to the appropriate teams.

A few volunteers re-signed a different shift so that their team hours were not affected. Some just cancelled altogether, which affected their team's minimum 20 hour volunteer requirement. These teams will have their playoff cheques withheld until they sign up for more hours for the spring tournament.

Due to the timing of the spring tournament which will be at the conclusion of the hockey season, there will be no other consequence of any volunteer cancelling for the spring tournament. I anticipate more to cancel just before the tournament, but by then, the teams will have received all of their referee fees. I would like to open a discussion on whether or not we hold on to playoff cheques for teams that still have to complete their hours at the spring tournament, or another suggestion would be to ask teams to submit a team cheque for \$100 **per shift** that would be cashed if their parents cancelled their shifts. These team cheques could be exchanged for their playoff cheque so there would not be any extra time spent to collect cheques or arrange to meet up with teams.

Spring Tournament Registration

I am working on getting the last of the registration information from the teams for the spring tournament.

To date, we have 41 teams registered, with 25 travelling teams, including:

- 11 Island teams
- 4 US teams from Portland, Boise, Seattle, Lane (OR)
- 7 BC teams from Kamloops (3), North Okanagan, Prince Rupert, Vernon, Prince George
- 3 teams from Calgary

Golf Tournament 2015

Kyla has asked for approval to run the 2015 Golf Tournament (3rd Annual). She has tentatively booked the date of Sunday, August 16th at Golden Eagle Golf Club. I would like to make a **motion for Kyla MacEwen to be approved as the organizer of the 2015 Golf Tournament to be held August 16th, 2015**. If approved, she would need a deposit of \$500 to be paid to Golden Eagle to hold the booking.

See you on Tuesday evening.

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Carolyn Gosling – Secretary Treasurer:

Hello everyone,

Here is my report for the meeting tomorrow night:

Spring Tournament:

Blaine and I have been working on fine-tuning details for the Spring tournament including Brad Hunt as our Hometown Hero, ice and number of games per division, obtaining quotes for shirts and other swag, trophies and medals, discussing possible sponsorships, etc. We are exactly 2 months away so will be getting the committee members working now to make sure they understand their jobs and start working on their assigned tasks. It's shaping up to be a great tournament.

A Player Fees Collection:

Over 90 players had not paid their A Player Fees as of Christmas so I spent yesterday emailing every family individually telling them that their fee is now overdue (due date was December 15) and that if their fees were not paid immediately that their player would be removed from playing in playoff games for their team. Several have already started paying their fees. I think we need to revisit this as a Board to determine if having the parents pay this directly rather than it coming from teams is really the most effective way of handling these costs. The Finance Committee can discuss at our meeting which will be held soon, and then a recommendation can be brought hopefully for the next Board meeting.

I have added a couple of items on the agenda related to players and the A Player fees as well to be discussed tomorrow night.

Budget for 2015/16 Season:

Reminder that I have asked everyone on the Board to please submit to me your budget requests for next season. Even if you are not planning to return to your same position next year we need an idea of what each division/responsibility needs in terms of finances to run next season so we can accurately prepare a budget. Please email me your draft budgets by **Tuesday, January 13** at the latest please.

Treasurer Reports:

Attached are both the Payables for this meeting and the Bank Balances.

See you all tomorrow!

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James Eccles – DHD:

- Attended dec 15-22 practices, games and scheduled personal practice requests
- Administered, scheduled and budgeted the jan & feb development sessions
- Communicated, collected and forwarded skill dev team invoices to secretary/treasurer
- Organized, administered a xmas coach game
- Organized, administered and completed new monthly drill page for coaches
- Organizing and creating new January and February team lesson plans
- Communicated with Hockey Canada and BC Hockey officials regarding the age/level changes being discussed within PW/BT/MG
- Administered the start to the spring hockey budget

- Forwarded all contracts and spring ice time communication to VP admin and ice scheduler
- Collecting Skill Dev Team members contract signature for month end requested by president
- Preparing future practice plans for coaches of all ages for assistance
- Communicated many and multiple times with coaches regarding their team development, hockey oriented questioning via email and phone
- Assisted the PW A1 team through 2 tournaments in Chilliwack and Delta

Lisa Voncina – Registrar:

Hockey 3 player from Port Coquitlam transferring here for the remainder of the season. I will be putting a motion on the table to prorate this kid's fees for the remainder of the year.

Still working on getting teams in order; coaches being removed that are not qualified.

Lisa

Nolan Balatti – Atom and Peewee Director:

Nothing much to report,

I would like to take the time to say Great Job ! To Derek G and Roxanne as well as Jeff Rose for an excellent job on the first ever Winter Round Up.

When I was at the rink I received great feedback from teams and was very proud of our Atom Teams sweeping the medals !

It was a 4 to 3 final between both ridge teams .

Great Job !

Roxanne Reid – H 1-4 and Communications:

Not a ton of new stuff. Sorry for the late report but I've been really sick for over a week and then ended up spending Saturday night in emerg with Liam so I'm at a point that I really can't do anything much for hockey as I need to get both him and me healthy so could use some help picking up pieces in the next few weeks as not much will be getting done on my end.

H3 have an incoming transfer and Greg Sweeney is determining where to place.

Hockey Pool needs to finalize budget and prizes to teams and individuals but I have no capacity right now so hoping Derek can work with Dawn to finalize all that.

Tournament is done and budget is awaiting some final inputs but we are showing approx \$11 k profit right now. I need help getting raffle prizes out as only a couple of people picked them up and so far only 3

have responded otherwise. I'm going to ask the raffle committee if any of them can step up to take this on as I still have barely any voice to phone those who haven't responded.

Planning at this point to attend tomorrow's meeting but that could change depending on health of me or Liam and will keep everyone posted. Would like to be able to leave by 9 at the latest if I do attend.

Roxanne

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Derek Bedard – Referee-in-Chief:

Not too much to report.

I want to thank and congratulate all the volunteers who pulled off a great Christmas tournament!

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Scott Falconer – President:

massive 'thank you' from me goes out to Roxanne especially, but also Derek and their team of volunteers for their commendable efforts with the holiday tournament. I have heard numerous positive comments related to the efforts of the association and most importantly, the volunteers. If I am erroneously missing identifying anyone that made a strong contribution to the success of the tournament, please accept my apologies. Please also pass along to everyone involved, my personal appreciation for their time and efforts.

On December 23, 2014, the difficult decision was made to relieve the Peewee A1 coach of his duties. This decision was made in the best interests of the athletes on the team and the head coach himself. At the moment the assistant coach and James Eccles will manage the coaching responsibilities of the team until further notice. We are currently attempting to identify potential candidates to possibly assume the head coaching role for the balance of this season. Having James continue in this capacity may be a consideration provided that certain criteria can be committed to. Blaine, James and I will continue to discuss the requirements and update everyone as needed. Blaine may wish to discuss this further at the next Board meeting.

At the time of this writing, RMMHA had our Atom A3 team moved down a flight; there was no movement in the other divisions. Blaine can elaborate on this topic further should he feel it necessary.

As an update from the recent Hockey Canada Winter Congress, please note that the following items with respect to decisions that resulted from discussions at the Board:

- An amendment to Regulation B1, submitted by Hockey Newfoundland and Labrador, regarding age eligibility and divisions was tabled to allow for further study on the topic
- An amendment to Regulation K6a, submitted by the Hockey Canada Officers, regarding 17 year old Midget eligibility was withdrawn by the Hockey Canada Officers
- An amendment to Regulation K26a, submitted by Hockey Canada Directors, regarding Female Above Minor Imports was approved
- An amendment to Regulation A21 was also approved, this was submitted as required housekeeping when changes to regulation K26a were passed

Should you require any further clarification on these topics, please feel free to ask me.

Scott Falconer

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Blaine Hallman – VP of A Hockey:

Hope the holidays were great for all.

Carolyn and myself along with Evelyn have been working on the Spring tournament. The Spring tournament should round out at approximately 40 teams. Formatting the divisions to secure an accurate allotment of ice and volunteers is what we are fine tuning for the next week. Some where between 92/96 ice times.

James, Scott and myself are working through a few teams coaching challenges. Growing coaches along with the associations values is on going.

On the agenda will be a discussion with the board with regards to the PW A1 teams A players fee and the remainder of the 2000 that was left on Chane Thomas's coaches agreement.

There are two 'A' goalie development sessions left for the session. It has been very successful.

Starting in Feb James and myself will be meeting with coaches regarding next season.