

2023 AGM MINUTES Ridge Meadows Minor Hockey Association

Date: Tuesday, March 28th 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Location: Remote Zoom Registered Call In by Membership

Board Members Present:

Nick Davis

Jodi Barrass

Dale Lupul

Sarah Bettesworth

Nick Della Peruta

Peter Mandoli

Derek Dudulec

Brad Scott

Sarah Bunten

Devon Sivecki

Amelia Norrie

Tonya Lynch

Jeff White

Staff Members Present:

Jordan Emmerson (General Manager), Eryn Tite (Registrar/Admin Coordinator)

Agenda:

- *Call to order*
- *Introduction of Scrutineers*
- *Roll Call & Captain's Report*
- *Motion to approve 2022 AGM minutes*
- *Introductions of BoD, staff, key volunteers*
- *Director Reports*
- *Naming of Auditor*
- *Q & A*
- *Elections*
- *VIA Rail Jasper Adventure Draw*
- *Adjournment*

Land Statement – Nick Davis

AGM called to order at 7:05pm by Nick Davis seconded by Amelia **carried**

Scrutineers / Check-in Volunteers - Eryn Tite (Scrutineer), Sarah Bunten (Scrutineer/Check-in Volunteer), Trevor Martins (Check-in Volunteer)

Poll Captain's Report – Number of Members in attendance 89 voting members

Introduction of the Board Members, Staff and Key Volunteers - By Nick Davis

Roll call of Directors/Officers

The following people are LifeTime Members (defined in the Bylaws) to have the right to vote.

Leslie Lilley	Terry Martens	Evelyn Pederson
Diane Anderson	Jake Rudolph	Scott Falconer
Peter Crowther	Chris Sirovyak	Derek Gullmes
Jerry Ramak	Spencer Levan	Blaine Hallman
Dave Knight	Debbie Vey-Lourens	Carolyn Gosling
Tim Knight	Joan Gibson	Derek Bedard
Brian Crawford	Gladys Hewson	Laura Shelton
		Ryan Douglas

The following people have applied as Contributing Members (defined in the Bylaws) to have the right to vote.

Dave Liversidge
Eric Arksey
Jake Ebner
Marcin Hak
Jim Strang
Brad Leroux

Season Review - By the Board

President's Report – Nick Davis

Season's Goals

- Focus On Athlete Experience
- Instill Good Character Traits
- Celebrate Athletes and Teams

Season Challenges:

- Our Culture / Hockey Culture

Appreciation

We would like to welcome back for 2023-2024

- Bookkeeping: Stradey Financial Services
- General Manager: Jordan Emmerson
- Admin & Registrar: Eryn Tite
- **NEW** - Ice Coordinator: Brad Scott

'H' Program – Devon Sivecki

Devon reviewed the H program -

Overview:

- Continued to focus on skill based development model, volunteer development and making social connections
- All divisions reported a strong group of team managers who took on additional responsibilities
- Increased numbers of athletes this season, and likelihood the trend will continue next season. We are close to maximum athlete capacity
- U7-U9 Completed full season of skill based development model, with each athlete receiving approximately 1 development ice per week at their skill level
- All divisions reported excellent teamwork amongst coaching groups
- Overall successful season with mostly positive feedback received. The success is the direct result of work from all our volunteers - especially our Division Managers

Season Highlights

- U6 Management group planned and executed 2 jamborees for their division, including a Christmas Jamboree attended by Santa
- U7 Division organized a cross-over practice with the Ridge Meadows Racers Speed Skating Club
- The leading nomination in Kraft Hockeyville contest was submitted by a U7 parent
- U9 teams participated in a exhibition series with Burnaby Winter Club and transitioned to full ice game play in January
- U7C1 and U13A3 formed a bond that lasted the entire season after meeting at a tournament

Looking Ahead

- Re-evaluated season start for u6-U9 divisions to ensure adequate volunteers are available and to be considerate to U6 start dates
- Determine feasibility of purchasing our own jerseys and opting out of Timbits program
- Improving communication on importance of association and tournament level volunteerism to increase participation amongst U6-U9 families
- Improving communication to U9 families about U11 Training Camp process to reduce stress and frustration
- Continuing to find ways to support our coaches in order to enhance athlete experience and development

'C' Program – Amelia Norrie

Amelia reviewed the C program -

Season Start:

- A huge thank you to the 'C' Division Managers - Sarah Little, Terry Leeman, Carrie McKitrick and Georgia Hutchison for their continued hard work this season, as well as Team Managers
- Evaluated over 350 athletes starting September 8th
- Athletes were placed onto teams before Thanksgiving
- Thank you to 'C' coaches who stepped up to help with evaluations this fall
- There was minimal player movement for balancing purposes, however due to unforeseen circumstances, we did move athletes up to Christmas - thank you to the families involved for their understanding

Season Challenges:

- Evaluations - all 'C' athletes need to be evaluated to assist with balancing
 - In-season evaluations have been submitted by all coaches for this current season to assist with balancing in September
- Team formations
 - Process will be changing for the 2023/24 Season
- GOALIES
 - Shortages in U11C and U15C, but 21 goalies in U13 (A/C)
 - Goalies in U13C and U18C doubled up
 - Moved 2 goalies up from U13C to U15C
 - 1 U11C team had no goalie

'C' Program - League Success & Rustler Cup

- PCAHA League accomplishments
 - League Banners in U11, U13, U15 and U18
 - Playoff Banners for U11C6, U11C7, U11C8, U13C1, U13C2 and U13C4
- Rustler Cup Champs U11C8, U13C2, U15C3 and U18C6
- And the many successes we had in tournaments across the province this season (including U11C8 at our own Winter Round Up)

'C' Program - Celebrations

- PCAHA Scholarship Games
 - U18C - FVN Canucks
 - Brandon Bothelho, Andrew Gwizd, Graysen Balatti, Ronan Balatti, Carter MacEwan, Trevor Belson, Paul Taylor, Tristan Lindsay and Jake Yaworski

- U21C Scholarship Tournament
 - Canucks - Dustin Chute, Austin Lochhead, Dale Pratt
 - Senators - Evan Bawa, Braiden van Bemmelin, Will Thomas (U21A), Trent Bright (U21A)
- Congratulations to all of our 2005 born athletes on their High School Graduation
- Best wishes to our 9 athletes aging out of U21C

'C' Program - Comments

- RMMHA board members and volunteers are not only responsible for making hockey possible for our athletes, but they are also your and your children's peers
- Please understand that whether you agree or not, board members have your athletes best interests at heart
- Be part of the solution, not the problem
- **Think twice, exercise the 24 hour rule, or run for a Board position**

'A' Program- Peter Mandoli

Peter reviewed the A Program

Recruited a great group of coaches for all divisions

Made some tweaks to our evaluations that helped with this process

U11A Successes

- Tournaments
 - U11A1 -Silver (Richmond)
 - U11A1 - Bronze (RM)
 - U11A1 - Silver (Coquitlam)
 - U11A2 - Gold (RM)
 - U11A2 - Silver (Kelowna)
 - U11A4 - Silver (RM)
 - U11A4 - Bronze (Sunshine Coast)
- League / Playoffs
 - U11A2 - Finished 2nd in League play (after tiebreaker calc)
 - U11A2 - Won FF Banner (undefeated)
 - U11A3 - FF Qualifier
- Special Moments
 - U11A1 - Orange Jersey Project & Ex game vs Barracudas U13A1
 - U11A2 - Raised \$5K for BCCHF at Apex Outdoor Tournament
 - U11A3/A4 - SA Toy Mountain & Christmas Kettles, Orange Jersey Project
 - U11A4 - Sponsored a family via Surrey Christmas Bureau

U13A Successes

- Tournaments
 - U13A1 -Gold (Kelowna)
 - U13A1 - Bronze (RM)
 - U13A2 - Gold (Coquitlam)
 - U13A2 - Silver (Nanaimo)
 - U13A2 - Bronze (RM)
 - U13A4W - Silver (Port Moody)
- League / Playoffs
 - U13A1 - FF Qualifier T1
 - U13A4W - Flight 7 League Banner winners
 - U13A4W - President's Series Champs
 - U13A4R - President's Series Champs
- Special Moments
 - U13A2 - Orange Jersey Project
 - U13A4W - Sun Peaks Ex. game vs 100 Mile House

U15A/U18A Successes

- U15 Tournaments / Playoffs
 - U15A1 - Gold (RM)
 - U15A1 - Gold (Cloverdale)
 - U15A1 - FF Qualifier
 - U15A2 - Gold (Richmond)
 - U15A3 - Silver (Coquitam)
 - U15A3 - Bronze (Kamloops)
- U18 Tournaments / Playoffs
 - U18A1 - FF Qualifier
 - U18A1 - Bronze (RM)
 - U18A1 - Tier 1 / Flight 1 League winners
 - U18A1 - Helped with SA Christmas Dinner
 - U18A2n- Silver (RM)

PCAHA Scholarship / Tournaments

- Aiden Cabot, Ben Leslie, Connor Turnbull, Dawson Hemminger (MVP final game, Curtis Cunningham, Tyson Segarty, Shayne Newburg, Ian MacPhail and Landon Smith

Administration – Brad Scott

Brad spoke about

Administration

- Finally nice to have a year with no major Covid restrictions or concerns. Families did a great job keeping their athletes away if they were ill which is appreciated
- Great to be able to have a full slate of tournaments, golf tournament grad games, scholarship games and award ceremonies
- Increased amount of time spend this year collecting registration and 'A' player fees that were outstanding and putting measures in place to lessen that time commitment
- Policy Committee continues to work on updating our Policy Manual to ensure current terminology is in place an we have clear and accessible policies in place
- Huge thank you to all of our team officials and Division Managers

Ice

- Evaluations - \$13,599
- Regular Season - \$527,246
- In Season Development - \$41,162
- Summer Development - \$38, 297
- Tournaments - \$75,308
- TOTAL ICE COSTS - \$696,011 (42% of total expenses)

Registration

- Good solid numbers in all of our divisions
- Hope for some continued growth

Communication

- Engage, Maintain and Grow the culture of our association though easy and prompt access to information
- Maintain a positive, upbeat communication across all platforms - social media, email and website. Grow social media presence on all platforms
- Support and mentorship for our team managers - making sure they have all the information and resources they need in order to be successful
- Increased responsibilities for Division Managers
- We would like to arrange some town hall type meetings and some days during the year where Board members are present at the rink to meet our members and engage in conversation and answer any questions they may have
- Teamsnap continues to be our lead allowing simple, secure communication to our members
- Follow us on social media
 - Facebook - @rustlershockey

- Instagram - @rustlernation
- Twitter - @rustlershockey

Sponsorship / Engagement - Tonya Lynch

- Sold out golf tournament sponsorship
- Emphasis next season should be on creating attractive opportunities for in season sponsorship
- Association Nights - Abbotsford Canucks / Vancouver Giants
- Spotlights program
- Kraft Hockeyville - top 4 - use QR code to register to vote
 - Facebook page - Maple Ridge, BC for Kraft Hockeyville 2023

Golf Tournament Sponsors

- Citadel Roofing and Maintenance
- AW Fire Guard
- Pitt Meadows Firefighters Local 4810
- Kinectiv
- Nustadia Recreation
- RM Flames
- Nest Real Estate Grp
- LMS Reinforcing Steel Group
- The Intention Project
- The Advantage One Group
- Poco Building Supplies
- BC Industrial Piping Services
- It's Your Time Hole In One
- MC Freight
- Galinski Law
- Team Vadim
- Macnab Realtors
- Rustic Meadows
- WestCoastFord
- Lordco
- Whonnock Roofing & Gutters Ltd
- Evolution Plumbing
- Planet Ice MR
- Boyd Vision
- Fiddle & Wild

Sponsors throughout the year

- Sandman Hotel (Official Tournament Accommodation)
- Lordco (U18 Jackets & Tournament Sponsor)
- Subway - Harj Sekhon (year-end Subway G/C sponsor)
- Ridge Meadows Flames Jr. B Hockey Club
- VIA Rail - Travel Voucher
- Vancouver Giants
- Bill's Skate Shop

Hockey Operations - Jordan Emmerson

General Operations

- Continued to evaluate and improve the evaluation process used for both 'A' and 'C' (Team Genius). Still evolving over year
- Revamped Phase 1 of the tryout process to create a training camp atmosphere while allowing players ample ice to get ready for scrimmages
- Rustler Golf Classic was successful!
- Was on numerous PCAHA and BC Hockey working groups to help improve the game we love
- Worked with VP Admin and Treasurer to manage the change in operating budget due to changes from BC Hockey and PCAHA
- Advocate to Maple Ridge City Councillors regarding facilities and the need for new facilities
- Worked with Nick Davin to create the candidate questionnaire for municipal election to educate potential candidates of RMMHA's needs
- Worked with the GM of Parks and Recreation on RMMHA's needs for the PRC Master Plan, which was approved by city council in February
- City council also approved a new sheet at Planet Ice - one last step is ALR approval
- Kraft Hockeyville nomination

Development Program

- Collaborated with VP-A to improve the goalie development program - very successful - high demand and always full. Working towards other scheduling options
- Collaborated with VP-H and Coach Director to enhance and refine the H Development Program through increased hands-on involvement in service provider scheduling and a consistent application of the model

- Working to enhance coach development and mentorship for next season (on-ice, classroom and virtual workshops)
- Plan to build on the model for 2023-24

Officiating Program

- Tasks achieved
 - Coordinated seven 1.5 hr training sessions
 - Mentoring/supervising 50+ hrs on-ice, 60 hrs off-ice
- Goal accomplished: Each official took part in a 3-person officiated game. Still to do: better development for 3-4th year officials
- Overall officiating group did well, need to continue to develop at the U13 and above officiating levels to assist with referee retention
- REF ABUSE MEANS LESS REFS. Please be RESPECTFUL at all times!
- New officials Clinic will be held in late Sept/early Oct

Risk Management - Nick Della Peruta

- Partnership with Kinectiv Sport and Health
- First Aid Kits - New Process - Returning the kits
- Parent & Athlete contracts
- The Cumulative Disciplinary Process and member behavioral files
- The Discipline Committee handled considerably less incidents this season - Keep it up! Enjoy your minor hockey experience!

Tournaments - Jordan Emmerson

- Tournament Stats:
 - Hosted 4 tournaments: RDC, WRU, HTH and JLM
 - RDC - 40 teams
 - WRU - 28 teams
 - HTH - 20 teams
 - JLM - 25 teams
 - Income generated
 - RDC: made over \$12K
 - WRU/HTH: made over \$1800
 - JLM: made almost \$10k
 - Overall proceeds: just over \$24K
- Tournament Take-aways
 - Tournaments were overall a great success

- Determine new dates for tournaments to attract more teams and generate more revenue
- RMMHA Teams had a great showing in all of our tournaments
- Need more volunteers to make tournaments run smoothly and not scramble minutes before the games to find timekeepers, scorekeepers, etc

Volunteering - Jodi Barrass

- Volunteering Recruitment
 - Improvements this season:
 - All association/tournament needs posted on our website
 - Upgraded SignUp Genius for easier access for members and improved tools for managing volunteer needs
 - Volunteer tracking done exclusively through TS by the team managers and SignUp Genius by account
- Volunteer stats
 - Over 2500 volunteer shifts needed in addition to team needs
 - Represents almost 4000 hours of need for things like: scorekeeping, timekeeping, sign-in/admin help, swag bags/game kits, logistics, dressing room coverage, health & safety, jersey/equipment sorting, fundraising, organizing & planning
 - Challenges this season
 - Slow start for volunteer activity
 - Overall only 49% of volunteer needs were filled
 - Volunteer Engagement - Ongoing/Looking ahead
 - Volunteer needs from Aug-April
 - Streamlining volunteers needs to team and association
 - Clarify number of hours/roles required to meet requirements

Financial Report - Jordan Emmerson talked about

2022-23 YTD Expenses - \$1,632,351

2022-23 YTD Income - \$1,696,322

Proposed Budget for 2023-24

- Draft Expenses \$1,774,000
- Draft Income \$1,776,200

Proposed 2023-2024 Rates

Motion to approve of Auditor Evancic Perrault Robertson (EPR) for 2023-24 - Nick Davis
- second - Amelia Norrie - passed

Motion to approve the minutes from the 2022 AGM - Nick Davis - second - Amelia Norrie
- passed

Graduating athletes

- Played a fun game on March 9th
- Wish the best of luck to all of
- our 2005's on their future endeavors

Open Chat Q & A - Questions for 2022-23 Board

Q - Terry Leeman: What sort of power does the association hold when negotiating ice costs from the arenas. It seems like RMMHA should hold the negotiating powers as if it's not for the association, the arenas would go out of business.

A - Nick Davis: we are the largest association in RM, the ice needs are so short across the lower mainland that if we didn't purchase the ice someone else would. Not enough ice to go around. Brad Scott: The city purchases ice time from the arena and they provide a subsidized rate to our association, so a lot of that is already subsidized through the city.

Election of Board of Director - Rules were explained to the members

POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION FOR 2023/24 SEASON:

VP of 'A' Program (2-year term)

VP of 'H' Program (2-year term)

4 Directors at Large (2-year terms)

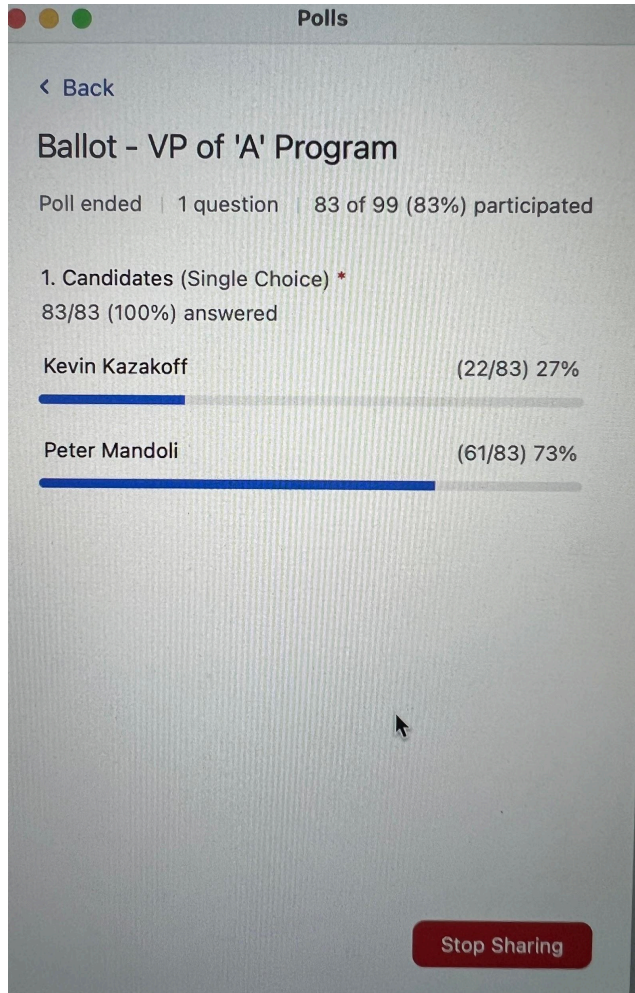
1 Directors at Large (1-year term)

VP of A Hockey (2-year term)

Peter Mandoli nominated for VP of A by Dale Lupul

Kevin Kazakoff nominated for VP of A by Jodi Barrass

Peter won the vote (73%)



Director at Large (2-year term)

Angela Finch nominated by Dale Lupul
Tom Willard nominated by Dale Lupul
Derek Dudulec nominated by Dale Lupul
Sabriena Eyford nominated by Tonya Lynch
All 4 accepted the nomination win by acclamation

VP of H Hockey (2-year term)

Devon Sivecki nominated by Dale Lupul
Devon accepted and won by acclamation

Director at Large (1-year term)

Jodi Barrass nomination by Dale Lupul
Jodi accepted and won by acclamation

RMMHA BOARD AS ELECTED for the 2023/24 SEASON

VP of A - Peter Mandoli

VP of H - Devon Sivecki

Directors (2 yr Term)

Angela Finch

Tom Willard

Derek Dudulec

Sabriena Eyford

Directors (1 yr Term)

Jodi Barrass

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56pm - Nick Davis - second - Amelia - passed