**Annual General Meeting**

**Banff Minor Hockey Association Minutes**

**Wednesday May 9th, 2018**

Present: Board Members - Travis Jacobson, Ray Horyn, Mike Berthelot, Tracy Wagner, Fabio Wagner, Michelle Macullo, Kelly Turpin, Holly Wilkinson, Rob Osiowy

Rick Williams, Mike Grande, Fred Lambert, Chris Hughes, Daryn McCutcheon, Bryan Howie, Jodi McKenna, Jimi McKenna, Colin DeBaie, Sam Frey, Domenic Giannandrea, Chris Donnelly, Chris Lamothe.

1. **Call to Order**
   1. Call to order at 7:03pm by Ray Horyn
   2. Call for Additions to and Approval of the Agenda

5.E) Ice Coordinator

Motion to approve agenda by Tracey Wagner, seconded by Michelle Macullo, all in favour.

1. **Approval of Minutes.**
   1. Approval of minutes from AGM Meeting held May 2nd, 2017

MM advised the following changes are to be made:

* Pages 1,6 add ‘Jackson’ to Marie-Eve’s name
* Page 4 4.2) 3rd bullet ‘will’ change to ‘may’
* Page 6 section 5, 1st bullet add ‘DeBaie’ to Colin’s name

Motion to approve minutes, pending the changes by Tracey Wagner, seconded by Travis Jacobson, all in favour.

1. **Reports**
2. President – Travis Jacobson

* TJ last report as President, Ray Horyn will move up from Vice-President to President.
* Thank you to the BMH Board for all that has been accomplished. Higher numbers in hockey registrations is great to see! We can now support a Peewee team, players want to stay local and continue with hockey for longer. Our numbers have been increasing as we move forward.
* We have hired Holly Wilkinson as our financial Bookkeeper. The BMHA is in a much better position financially. The board has decided to keep this position as a paid position.
* Opportunities are arising with BMHA, more time and effort will be spent on Coaches and their training. Using BHA (Banff Hockey Academy) & Mike Milne (Canmore Eagles) as resources for our coaches, working on creating easier access to coaching resources. This allows us to be able to offer more specialised training, for example power skating. TJ asked those present if they felt this was beneficial to continue another year using BHA?
* Jimi McKenna expressed that he felt it was beneficial to players to continue.
* The format of power skating has changed to make it more hockey specific.
* Chris Hughes commented on the success of this change and that it enabled coaches to break down the skills, Mike Grande also concurred that it was much more ‘hockey’ themed.
* TJ handed over the meeting to Ray Horyn, taking over as President.

1. Treasurer – Holly Wilkinson

* Copy of BMHA financials for the past year were provided to all present
* Revenue is slightly down from 2016/17. Advertising revenue (puck boards) are down by $4,400.00
* Costs are up for the end of year team party, costs have been broken down by team.
* Money in the account is available for future purchases; board dividers, jerseys and to replace equipment as needed
* TJ advised that we don’t have ice rates yet so we are unaware if there will be an increase this year

Motion to approve financials for 2017 by Tracey Wagner, seconded by Michelle Maccullo, all in favour.

1. Registrar – Tracey wagner

* Registration forecast is as follows:
* Initiation – 27
* Novice – 19
* Atom A – 12, Atom B – 13
* Recreation – 19
* Pond – 18 (up from previous years)
* Numbers are holding strong for upcoming teams

1. **New Business**
2. 2018/19 Hockey Alberta Novice Update

* RH & MB went to the meeting in Okotoks for Hockey Alberta update.
* ½ Ice is not mandatory at this stage. Lots of organisations are using ½ ice this year. Depending on the league we join, will dictate this decision. Format for ½ ice can be split down centre ice with foam dividers or hard boards.
* Roster is 13 or less, minimum 7 players. 4 on 4 play. 2 x 24 minute periods. Dot in the middle is puck drop zone. Goal nets are smaller 4x6, smaller pucks and no scoring.
* Coaches are to match levels as much as possible. No off-sides, icing. Goalie stops puck, passes to team. No referee needed but must have an adult in charge during play.
* 3 minute buzzer shifts for Initiation, 1.5 minute shifts for Novice.
* Initiation goalie uses regular hockey stick, no goalie stick required.
* Penalty occurring in Novice, puck must be given to opposing team at the end of the shift.
* There is a resource guide on Hockey Alberta’s website for more information.
* Fred Lambert asked why this change in format is happening? TJ advised that it is skill based, using ½ ice system in other areas they saw direct benefits for players, more puck touches, more play time, tighter areas of play, skills/puck handling increased. The example they used was in the USA. They sized up the arena, nets etc on adults as a comparison to how it would feel to a Initiation/Novice aged player (can find this example online).
* RH other benefits, shorter games, lower cost, less commitment which may help get more children into hockey earlier.
* Mike Grande mentioned that the ice size is bigger in Europe than in USA. RH advised that there have been studies taken to come to the decision of ½ ice.
* TJ said that there are obviously pro’s and cons, hard skills stick, shooting, skating and soft skills – icing, offside, hockey sense/rules positioning. These are easier to learn but hard skills take longer.
* Chris Lamothe – how do we deal with negativity from second year kids going from full to ½ ice? RH confirmed that there will be a transition period for all. Personal experience with his son and he enjoyed it and was able to adapt easily.
* TJ advised that his son and team went to a tournament and played on ½ ice, the team enjoyed themselves and was able to adapt easily.
* RH - It would be beneficial to group kids together by age to match ability as much as possible.
* Colin DeBaie spoke about resetting the puck, some did, some didn’t but it was felt that this was a good skill to learn positioning. RH advised that these decisions have been set by Hockey AB guidelines.
* TJ advised that it takes time to set up and reset, whereas kids should be skating and due to less time it really eats into the time. As coaches they can continue to teach this skill and should be. RH encouraged all to look up Hockey AB guidelines. TW also mentioned that they have contacts to assist with any enquiries you may have about these changes.
* Chris Hughes asked about Novice with potentially 2 practices and 1 game per week, who would they play? RH said that this will be discussed with the teams and have a major and minor within the team.

1. 2018/19 Teams

* TW surveyed kids playing last year (informal).
* Initiation x 1 team
* Novice x 2 – 1st year & 2nd year (maybe 3?) cant confirm yet.
* Atom x 1
* Peewee x 1 (new team!)

1. 2018/19 Fees

* Previously we had earlybird, regular and late fees.
* Now we will have 1 – 30th June regular fee (previously earlybird), after this date a $50 late fee will be added and places on teams are subject to availability.
* Initiation is flexible and we can keep it open for longer, as hockey is not always on the agenda for parents that early on. This will help us get as many registrations as possible.
* Fees for the 2018/19 season are as follows:
* Initiation $400
* Novice $650 (lowered with the ice changes)
* Atom & Peewee $775
* Recreation $525
* Pond $300

1. 2018/19 Registration Dates

* Registration will run from 1 – 30th June.
* The Town of Banff needs our ice time requests ASAP.
* Jodi McKenna advised that last year parents had time to register in Canmore if the numbers don’t work due to earlier registration dates.
* TW will contact Peewee players encouraging them to register quickly. We don’t have a gap in registration date, we have the same dates as Canmore, we are a bit behind this year.
* TJ advised that due to the numbers we have, if you don’t register early you are more likely to miss out.
* TW explained that whatever ice times we don’t use by September, Canmore will take it on due to their rink renovations. TJ – we do get preference for ice requests.

1. Respect In Sport Update

* TJ advised that there has been a change in regulation, previously you only had to complete the Respect In Sport one time and now it must be renewed every 4 years. So if you completed it prior to 2015 you will need to renew and pay the fee again.
* Jodi McKenna said that she had received an email from Canmore Minor Hockey that it had to be completed June 1st?
* TW advised that if it is not up to date then it must be completed prior to registration and there are no guarantees on a place. Prior to changes you could build your teams with Hockey AB and then you could update it but not anymore. It must be done prior to registration. Email will go out as a reminder to members.

1. Coach Training Opportunities

* Rob Osiowy - Coach training meeting was in Red Deer. There was a request for a clinic for coaching level 2 and checking course. 12-14 participants out here. In Spring there is nothing available so it would be good to run a course after May long weekend before the season starts.
* It would be great to have more coaches qualified to pool from if needed. There is a Canmore clinic in October. There will be smaller 2 hour clinics in Canmore and so we can join those.
* There is a clinic specific to ½ ice. Good to get them out here and potentially do part of the class on ½ ice. Clinics are free for 1-2 hours, so the time commitment is not big.
* Mike Grande – Could we give modules/handouts to coaches to read up on and learn from for a later date, or if they are unable to make the training? RO believes there are some materials online and handouts are given during training.
* TJ asked for any coaches present to think of anything that they may need/want to use during coaching, send an email to Rob with ideas/requests.
* RO advised that he is building our electronic library as a guide for coaches. TJ suggested that a list of online resources get sent to new coaches.

1. **Election of New Board Members**
2. Vice-President

* This position automatically moves on to become President.
* The position was opened up to the floor but no takers at this time.

1. Registrar

* Tracey Wagner nominated Samantha Frey for the Registrar position.

Motion to elect Samantha Frey as Registrar by Tracey Wagner, seconded by Travis Jacobson, all in favour.

C) Communications Manager

* Thank you to Chris Lamothe for assisting with the technical side of things, website, I.T. etc.
* The position involves all communications from BMHA to members and public, notices/advertising in paper, emails, registration on the website, notifications etc.
* Chris Lamothe volunteered himself for the position.

Motion to elect Chris Lamothe as Communications Manager by Michelle Maccullo, seconded by Fabio Wagner, all in favour.

D) Equipment Manager

* Not much equipment to organise, jerseys at the beginning and end of season, pucks, equipment inventory and items needing to be replaced etc.
* The position was opened up to the floor but no takers at this time.
* Fabio Wagner advised that he is happy to continue for another year if needed.

E) Ice Coordinator

* Chris Hughes volunteered for the position.

Motion to elect Chris Hughes as Ice Coordinator by Ray Horyn, seconded by Kelly Turpin, all in favour.

Motion by Kelly Turpin to forgo voting for existing board positions, seconded by Tracey Wagner, all in favour.

- 5 present coaches want to continue coaching.

1. **Thank Outgoing Board Members**

* Thank you to Travis Jacobson, Tracey Wagner, Mike Berthelot & Michelle Maccullo for their time on the board. Their efforts and time is all volunteered and is greatly appreciated, BMHA cant function without board members.

1. **Question & Answer Period**

* Mike Grande – Power skating program length of time? Needs to be communicated. Usually 8 week program.
* Novice/Initiation Schedule, any ideas yet? TW this should be set up within a month. TW advised she will look at families with players in two teams to see what schedule can work for all. Will try to keep the schedule similar to last year. Will be ½ ice practices for Initiation/Novice.
* TJ advised that it may be better to mix 1st and 2nd year players rather than separating them, will encourage players to play up and even the teams out.
* Chris Hughes asked if we will be getting foam or hard boards? RH advised that we have foam but we are looking into hard boards. TJ explained that the TOB has an opinion on what they want so it is TBD at this moment. Have spoken to other arenas and hard boards were not recommended due to staffing, time and effort it takes to put up and down. Could have assigned volunteers but other rinks have found that this did not happen so foam is easier. Plus the issue of storage.
* It seems that the majority of costs for the boards/nets are falling on the associations, approximately:
* 3x4 nets $600 each
* Hard divider $6600 + GST
* Trolley to transport the boards to be added

1. **Door Prize**

$200 registration discount was awarded to Chris Hughes – congratulations!

1. **Meeting Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting by Fabio Wagner, seconded by Tracey Wagner, all in favour.

8:17pm meeting adjourned.