

RAIDERS

Minutes of the Board Meeting March 23, 2020 (via videoconference)

Present: Jodi Parker, Helen Crawford, Patricia Steele, Wendy Tyman, Brenda Neumann, Terry Martin, Arlene Cameron, Greg Clarke

Regrets: None

Guests: Craig Shouldice

1. Approval of the Agenda

- a. Motion to approve the agenda by Patricia Steele seconded by Helen Crawford

Carried.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

- a. Motion to approve the minutes of the February 20 meeting by Jodi Parker seconded by Helen Crawford.

Carried.

3. Business Arising

- a. There was significant discussion regarding the setting of the 2020-2021 rates. Craig Shouldice presented a spreadsheet that described the costs of operating each program from U7 until U18. Terry Martin also presented his plan for ice allocation and the proposal that will be submitted to the City.

There was consensus on the rate increase although there was some discussion on divisions and associated rates if we are, for example, to offer a reduced fee to attract participants. Wendy Tyman will review the rates and ice and recommend rates for the upcoming season.

Online and regular registration will be deferred to June 1 given proposed updates to the HCR on division names and ongoing uncertainty of the Covid-19 pandemic.

4. Motions

None.

5. Area Reports

a. District Chair -Greg Clarke –

Much of the proceedings from Minor Council have been superseded by recent events.

- i. HEO Minor President Gary Hopkins provided us with a summary of the ongoing discussions with Hockey Canada regarding the operation of the Branch. Gary could not provide much in the way of details as the negotiations are still underway but will be able to provide a more complete briefing in April.
- ii. HEO Coronavirus Update
 - There was a bulletin issued by HEO on this issue that must be delivered to all teams; and
 - Effective immediately, the post-game handshake between players will be a gloves-on “fist bump”. When the players go to the other team’s bench to address the coaches, the coaches are instructed NOT to shake hands with the players but simply acknowledge the players with “good game” type comments.
- iii. There was a discussion and update regarding the City of Ottawa’s project examining the closure of some downtown arenas. The report prepared by City staff will be submitted to Council for review and public consultation.
- iv. I raised the issue with Bauer First Shift and the affordability of running the program under its current structure. There are two other Districts planning to run the program next year – Gloucester and Cumberland. I noted that it is a great recruitment tool but given our use of paid instructors, we simply cannot afford to run this program at a loss. However, the Branch has received some grant money that must be directed to programs. Much of the grant will be going to the Gold Cup program for the top-end players coming out of the Branch. However, there is an opportunity that we can obtain some money to subsidize our First Shift program. I will coordinate the response back to Minor Council.

b. Referee in Chief (RIC) – Nico Bidin –

- i. No report

- c. **President – Brenda Neumann –**
 - i. No report.
- d. **VP Competitive – Arlene Cameron –**
 - i. Arlene noted that we had 10 teams in the final series of their respective divisions. Of the 10, 2 completed their series with victories before the season shut down. Of the remainder, Major Peewee AA was declared the playoff champion by the AA League and the remaining B teams were declared as co-champions by the B league.
 - ii. Applications for coaching in 2020-2021 are being accepted.
- e. **VP House – Helen Crawford –**
 - i. Ice bills for March will be going out.
 - ii. Coach evaluations will be distributed to teams
 - iii. Conditioning camps will not be offered in 2020-2021.
 - iv. A decision on the summer camps will have to be made before June 25.
 - v. Midget bursary will be cancelled for 2019-2020.
- f. **VP Operations – Terry Martin –**
 - i. Sweater drop off will proceed unless we received direction from Hockey Canada or local Health authorities.
 - ii. We are negotiating with the City to obtain a refund/credit for March and April ice due to the shutdown of all city facilities.
- g. **VP Finance – Wendy Tyman –**
 - i. No report
- h. **Director At Large – Patricia Steele –**
 - i. All PRCs are up to date.
 - ii. Attended a hearing with the KMHA as a panel member.
- i. **Director At Large – Jodi Parker –**
 - i. Arrangements for the return of IP goalie gear are underway.

ii. Final IP payroll needs to be verified.

iii. Financial reconciliation for Bauer First Shift to be submitted.

6. Next Meeting Date: April 21, 2020 (tentative)

7. Motion to adjourn by Jodi Parker seconded by Wendy Tyman.

Carried.