

# **Board Meeting**

Minutes April 23, 2018

Present: Greg Clarke, Wendy Tyman, Jodi Parker, Brenda Neumann, Helen Crawford, Craig Shouldice

**Guests**: Arlene Cameron, Terry Martin

**Regrets:** Steve Brush, Karen Russell

# 1. Approval of the Agenda

a. Motion to approve the agenda by Helen Crawford and seconded by Jodi Parker.

Carried.

#### 2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

- a. Arlene Cameron noted an error in the March minutes regarding the available position for election. The wording will be revised to: Section 5.04 (f) of the Bylaw states that the President, Vice-President (Competitive Programs), the Treasurer, and one Director At-Large shall be elected in even numbered years. The Vice President (Operations), the Vice President (House Programs) and one Director At-Large shall be elected in odd numbered years.
- b. Motion to accept the minutes of March 21 by Jodi Parker, seconded by Brenda Neumann.

Carried.

# 3. Business Arising

#### a. AGM Preparations

The AGM will be held Monday, May 7 in the Walter Baker Cafeteria beginning at 7:00 p.m. Greg will check on preparations with Gail.

Nominations have been received for the following available positions:

President – Brenda Neumann Vice President (Competitive) – Arlene Cameron Vice President (Finance) – Wendy Tyman Member-at-Large – Patricia Steele b. The Board received an unsolicited proposal for a sports/fitness training centre. After some discussion, the Board decided to refuse the offer.

This resulted in a broader discussion regarding how we should handle vendors and sponsorships. Jodi Porker has received significant feedback from teams indicated that they are of the view that are current sponsorships are of little value to the teams and there should be a better mechanism of funnelling more sponsorship funds directly to the teams. Jodi will survey other Associations and report back to the Board.

c. Hockey Canada is mandating that the Novice program be converted to half ice by 2019-2020. With a view to this deadline, a proposal was tabled to implement the program, as it is now defined, into the Novice C program for 2018-2019 to allow the NMHA to better implement the program across Novice in 2019-2020. It was agreed to proceed with the pilot should the other issues of scheduling and equipment need to be resolved.

#### 4. Motions

None.

# 5. Reports

a. President/District Chair

HEO Minor asked Greg to attend the Bantam AAA Championships in Orillia from April 1 through8 2018 as the HEO representative. It was excellent hockey and our team, the Bantam AAA Ottawa Valley Titans won silver.

Helen Crawford attended Minor Council April 11.

There were several interesting developments announced.

- i) HEO had obtained a grant and were using the funds to begin a program to introduce floor hockey to several schools followed by some of on-ice sessions. They hope to expand the program to 15-20 schools and hopefully Districts will see some increased registrations from youth that have been exposed to the program.
- ii) Risk and safety is drafting a policy on ejecting spectators from the stands.
- iii) There was some concern raised about being in line with the Gender Identity initiative, particularly that registration forms only contain the identification of male or female.
- iv) The HEO RIC ran a program for first and second year officials in the branch that was well attended and well received. They are looking to expand it next year to do

individual sessions at each District. Nepean had the second highest number of supervisions in the Branch at 14% of the overall supervisions.

#### b. Vice-President Competitive Report (Arlene Cameron)

Arlene reported that it was a very successful year in the Competitive program. We had two championships at Minor Peewee AA and Major Peewee AA and a finalist at Major Midget AA and Minor Peewee A. In the B League there was a consolation champion and Major Atom and a playoff champion at Major Bantam.

Major PeeWee B White (Paul Campbell) and Major Bantam B (Art Marcotte) participated in the Branch Championship over the Easter Weekend.

# The competitive coach selections are:

Novice A David Coady
Novice B Tony Ricciuti
Minor Atom A Steven Bennett

Minor Atom B Black Pat Lam

Minor Atom B White Mark Kingsbury Major Atom AA **Harry Mews** Major Atom A **Ertug Gurhan** Major Atom B Black Jarrett Thompson Major Atom B White Frank Trudel Minor Peewee AA **Chad Hartnell** Minor Peewee A Craig Boville Minor Peewee B Black Keith MacEwen Minor Peewee B White Darren McMann Tom Zouzoulas Major Peewee AA Major Peewee B Black Rob Raistrick Major Peewee B White Chris Diedrich Minor Bantam AA Mark Gallant Minor Bantam B Black Nicola Gargaro

Minor Bantam B White TBD

Major Bantam AA Kyle Platt

Major Bantam B Chris Armstrong
Minor Midget AA Matt Shahen
Minor Midget B Geoff Simpson
Major Midget AA Steve Brush

Major Midget B TBD

Arlene will be meeting with Chris Randall to discuss the possibilities of using our website to post continuations for tryouts, instead of using the I Play service for tryout announcements.

#### c. Vice President House

Helen was approached by a local school who is hosting a health and wellness day and they are requesting several local sports associations to be available to promote their organizations. There was agreement that this could be a good recruiting activity.

The Midget Bursary applications were reviewed, and selections made by an independent committee assembled by Helen. The winners will be announced at the AGM.

Midget A will be changed from a 10 team A division to an 8 team A division in 2018-2019

Helen will solicit bids for a photographer for the Association.

#### d. Vice President Finance

Wendy reported that they are in the middle of wrapping up the year end processing, but her estimate is that we will be projecting a \$40k operating deficit which should bring our strategic reserve to be more in line with the Auditor's recommendations.

There were several operational issues raised regarding the tracking of team expenses and ensuring that things like ice payments etc. are kept up to date. Wendy and Helen will be organizing a meeting with the respective players to establish better procedures and responsibilities to improve reporting.

#### e. Vice President Operations

There is one team remaining to return their jerseys.

Greg raised the issue of our Microsoft products and questioned when we'll have the exchange server established and the desktop software deployed on our office computers. Helen will organize a meeting with Chris Randall.

# f. Member at Large (Jodi Parker)

Jodi followed up a donation request from CrossFit YOW Barrhaven who had collected funds for the Humboldt Broncos go fund me but did not get the opportunity to donate before it shut down. They requested that the funds be directed to support a NMHA player who might not otherwise get the opportunity to play. Wendy will ensure that these funds are directed to one of our applicants for financial assistance.

g. Member at Large – (Craig Shouldice)

Craig and Terry will be presenting a mock up of the Raiders logo. A note will be prepared and distributed to the membership on the status of this project.

# 6. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Craig Shouldice and seconded by Brenda Neumann.

Carried.

Next meeting – Annual General Meeting.