

**KAMLOOPS MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Draft Minutes

Monday, May 10th, 2004

Sports Action Lounge – SportMart Place

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Stan Burton

Motion: *To accept minutes from the May 12th, 2003 Annual General Meeting by Caroline Bissat, seconded by Marla MacGregor*

Motion Passed

Special Presentation: Trudy Hicks on behalf of the Kamloops Blazers Booster Club has donated \$10,000 to Kamloops Minor Hockey Association, but was unable to attend the meeting.

President's Report:

- Thank you to everyone for attending our AGM.
- Thank you to all of the directors, coaches, parents and players for making this a satisfying experience.
- I personally believe that the kids playing house hockey have way more fun than the players in the rep programs. In today's environment there just seems to be way too much pressure put on our rep players.
- This is my busiest time of the season with the OMAHA AGM coming up in 2 weeks and the BCAHA AGM in June this year instead of September, we also have the KMHA Think Tank and various committee work to be done.
- KMHA at the suggestion of the past elected officials, implemented a program where the selection committee would include the addition of two members from the local hockey community to assist in the selection of rep coaches; many thanks to Stu MacGregor and Mark Ferner for their assistance.
- My priorities for the past season were:
 - to reduce the prior years deficit of +/- \$28,000
 - provide information to the membership via web site and hard copy
 - increase the registration in the IP divisions

I feel we have made great progress in all those priorities. We have a very professional web site that includes current ice times, a question and answer component, director and coach contacts and other informative components. We have had a major turn in our financials as outlined in the upcoming Financial Report. The increase in the IP registration is not as high as we would like it to be with many private programs being offered. The board will be discussing the merits of reducing the registration fee for first time players in that division and may even

provide the basic equipment to start with. The regulated ice times have been very successful with positive feedback from the IP division.

- Division highlights were reported from each division including both rep and house.
- Thank you to the Directors and Executive Committee Members for all of their time and effort this past season as they are the ones who put in endless hours in the concessions, on committees, at tournaments and whatever issues and events that took place. They certainly made my position a lot easier.
- My personal highlight of the season was the Night of Champions. With all of the negativity that surrounds Minor Hockey these days, to see the sparkle in all of the kids eyes made all of the other issues go away.
- Thank you to all of the volunteers who manned the phone lines to get a Yes vote in the Facilities Upgrade Referendum.
- Kamloops has been selected as a Host Center for a Regional Midget Team.
- The items that I would like to see completed for next season are:
 - Amending of the Affiliate Player Rules to fall in line with most MHA's in B.C. and Western Canada.
 - Have set discipline policies that have structured and progressive forms of discipline and the consequences attached to events.
 - Provide power skating instruction to every house team at least twice each season.
 - Increase the IP registration with incentives like reduced fee's and supply of basic equipment for the 5 & 6 year olds.
 - Renew our relationship with the Kamloops Blazers. In the past few years there has not been much of a connection with the club and we are looking to turn that around.

Financial Report:

- Thanks to Dorothy Woodward for doing a great job as treasurer and keeping things accurate.
- It was a good year as far as finances go.
- Revenue was up do in part to the raising of registration, carding and tournament fees.
- Last season's raffle also helped increase revenue.
- The amount donated by the Blazers was down (the prior years donation was for the purchase of rep jerseys), the Vancouver Canucks did not make a donation and the ice rebate from the City (for loss of revenue from the Sport Mart Place concession) was down.
- Some expenses were reduced with less being spent on equipment, ice rentals and referee fees.

- The concession still operated at a loss with sales down, although it was less of a loss than the prior year. The 15% rent paid to the City contributed to the loss.
- Equity was up over the prior year.

Motion: *To accept the Financial Statements as presented ending March 31st, 2004 by Dorothy Woodward, seconded by Caroline Bissat.*

Motion Passed

Awards:

- Don Hay Rep Coach of the Year – Brent Ashby
- Bob Hanes Memorial Assistant Coach of the Year – Colin Rasmussen
- 3M House Coach of the Year – Randy Lambright
- Jim Roode Volunteer of the Year – Sandy Bullock, Barb Jamieson, Caroline Bissat, Hillary Schultz – for all of the struggles they have endured in trying to make our concessions profitable.

Registrar’s Report:

- There were 1073 players registered with KMHA last season (down from 1142 the prior year).
- Registration numbers have been declining in each of the last 4 years.
- We need to increase registration in the Initiation A to Atom age groups.

Retirement of Existing Board and Election of New Officers and Directors:

Nominations:

<i>President</i>	Stan Burton
<i>1st Vice President</i>	Dennis Johnson
<i>2nd Vice President</i>	Caroline Bissat
<i>3rd Vice President</i>	Barb Jamieson
<i>Secretary</i>	Charmaine Walden
<i>Treasurer</i>	Dorothy Woodward
<i>Registrar</i>	Marilee Hermiston
<i>Past President</i>	Rob Adkin
<i>Referee-In-Chief</i>	Rob Fryer

Directors

Marla MacGregor, Karen Repka, Todd Hoffbeck, Sandy Bullock, Shari Featherstone, Adrian Wall, Jack Gervais, Tom Adkin, Pat Leonard, Kathy Wojak, Deb Mayer, Kathy Fidanza, Hannah & Jason Perris, Kelly Brandt, John Hamilton, Brad & Ann Hogg, Charelle Ludvig, Jamie Cudmore, Glenda Holling

New Business:

- Make amendments to the constitution and bylaws 800 – 820 (as attached) re: director's duties.

Motion: *To amend bylaws 800 to 820 and replace with new wording re: director's duties by Dennis Johnson, seconded by Caroline Bissat.*

Motion Passed**Questions/Comments/Concerns from Members:**

- Jan Ludvig re: Selection Process; too political; kids are not being picked fair and good players are getting confused and disheartened; problems with selection of the 15 year old team; selection process should include outside evaluators; feels a boy selected to the BC Best Ever under 17 team (Morphy) should not be there; wanted to see Mr. Priestley, Mr. Bergquist and Mr. Morphy at the meeting to explain their picks.

Stan Burton – kids being invited to the under 17's has nothing to do with KMHA; there will always be politics in minor hockey; we select the coaches and they select the players; each coach sees kids differently; the last 5 kids on a rep team are the hardest to pick; the Regional Midget team will evaluate differently without any input from KMHA; we would never turn away any outside help with evaluating and it would be appreciated, but the coaches still need to pick the teams.

- Margaret Cameron re: Midget House; the cost has gone up but they are getting less ice time; 1 ¼ hours for games is not enough time for kids coming from Bantam House.

Stan Burton – the Midget House program always has problems; kids don't show up due to jobs, etc.

Caroline Bissat – prior to last season we had complaints about no practice times and tried to schedule practices for last season, but it didn't work out as they're were not enough kids showing up; will go back to no practices for next season.

- Greg Fishlock re: Midget Rep Program – how many teams for next season?

Stan Burton – there will be 4 teams (AAA, B1, B2, B3) plus the Regional Midget Team.

- Jan Ludvig re: Midget Regional Team – what will it cost to be on this team?

Stan Burton – nothing is confirmed yet, but it has been suggested they will have a budget similar to the Midget AAA team - \$2,500/year.

- Lorne Cumming re: Budgets for Bantam Rep Program – how much trouble does it cause for parents; it is becoming too costly for most families?

Stan Burton – ownership of the budgets belongs to the parent groups and should be approved by the parents at the beginning of the season; no budget concerns have been voiced.

Walt Singer (Bantam AAA team manager last season) – the budget for last season was the same as 7 years ago - \$50,000 – this includes all hotels, buses and meals for the kids.

Marilee Hermiston – only 50% of a budget can be fundraised and the rest has to come from parents; a secret ballot should be held for approval of all out of province tournaments.

Jan Ludvig – the kids would benefit from more practice ice than so many tournaments.

- Gerry Borden re: follow-up to Jan Ludvig's comments; the KMHA executive are elected by the membership to better the association and should monitor right and wrong; some very harmful things have happened this year and the executive

should investigate any concerns regarding the selection process; someone should be aware of the players stats and who gets rewarded and picked for the Best Ever program; the budgets are way out of whack and the executive seems to be standing back; the proper process is not being followed – who monitors the coaches? \$50,000 to \$70,000 is over the top for a team of 14 year olds; for the past 10 years no-one has questioned my budgets.

Stan Burton – it should be the rep director’s job to monitor the budgets; we haven’t had any complaints brought forward; parent groups need to take control of their team’s budget.

Shari Featherstone – BCAHA would be the first place to take any concerns regarding the Best Ever program team selections.

Greg Hermiston – there is an appeal process in place with BCAHA regarding the Best Ever program.

Stan Burton – we need to be made aware of these concerns before we can monitor the issues; combining the head coach/rep director position last season didn’t work.

Adrian Wall – the position of head coach was one area that we fell down badly on, luckily we had enough experienced coaches and managers to carry the rep teams through the season; the process for budgets doesn’t work – budgets are often presented at rep tryouts and so parents can walk away at that time.

Motion: *To adjourn meeting by Caroline Bissat, seconded by Adrian Wall.*

Motion Passed

Meeting Adjourned at 10:10 p.m.