

**KAMLOOPS MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Draft Minutes**

Monday, May 9th, 2005
Sports Action Lounge – SportMart Place

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

Minutes from May 10th, 2004 AGM – Tammy Morphy expressed her feelings on a discussion that was held at last years AGM and read out a portion of Hockey Canada's Speak Out guidelines.

Motion: *To accept minutes from the May 10th, 2004 Annual General Meeting by LeeGaye Hickets, seconded by Sandra Ramunno.*

Motion Adopted

President's Report:

- Stan gave a summary of the 2004/05 season and reported that there were minimal issues to deal with considering we are an 1100 player association.
- Our association is valued by BCAHA and one of the reasons is for being host to various rep level tournaments on short notice.
- We started the season as usual with our annual Think Tank sessions and as a result have adopted a progressive discipline policy and also updated our affiliate player rules.
- Offering incentives to first time registrants and advertising our programs doubled registration numbers at the Initiation A/B levels.
- We were the host association for the Major Midget Regional team, which had a good season, even though it was a new program and BCAHA were not very well organized in running it. Thanks to Sandy Bullock for helping with the team and also to Garry Bergquist for all his hard work in bringing it to Kamloops.
- Our website has been very successful thanks to Judy Van Horlick and Logo Graphics; we may look into offering advertising on the website as an additional source of revenue.
- We are looking forward to being able to use the new dual ice surface at McArthur Island, which is going to be a beautiful facility when completed.
- Three of our directors had to resign during the season for various reasons – Shari Featherstone/Female, Tom Adkin/IP and Charell Ludvig/Initiation C. We also have some directors not returning to their positions for next season and will have to find replacements – Dennis Johnson/1st Vice President, Dorothy Woodward/Treasurer and Gerry Borden/Head Coach.
- The number of players in the Midget age group will probably increase next season and may mean a 4th rep team in that division.
- Midget House was very successful compared to the previous season.

- There were some major issues with the dates of KIBIHT and the BCAHA under 16's being held at the same time, BCAHA would not change the dates.
- Pee wee AAA team traveled to a tournament in Quebec and was the first Kamloops team to do so.
- Pee wee AA hosted the B Provincials and did very well.
- Bantam, Pee wee and Atom House were all very well run divisions with little or no issues other than trying to make the teams balanced, which will always be an issue in the house divisions.
- Atom Development had 3 teams due to the number of players in that age group and had a good year developing the kids.
- There was a lot of community involvement at the Initiation levels, with the Santa Clause Parade, etc.
- Clinics were held for goalies and power skating lessons were given.
- Thank you to all of the directors for their hard work and involvement in our association.
- The City is looking to contract out all of the arena concessions, which will have a negative impact for us.

Financial Report:

- The news financially for the last fiscal year is good with an increase in revenue from gaming and registration fee's.
- Expenses were more for equipment, referees and clinics.
- The ice rental costs are still the biggest expenditure.
- At the end of the season there was an increase in equity of approximately \$64,000.

***Motion:** To accept the Financial Statements as presented ending March 31st, 2005 by Greg Hermistion, seconded by Garry Bergquist.*

Motion Adopted

Awards for 2004/05:

- Don Hay Rep Coach of the Year – Wayne Kirbyson (Atom Development)
- 3M House Coach of the Year – Bill O'Donovan (Midget House)
- 3M House Coach of the Year – Steve Horsman (Atom House)
- Jim Roode Volunteer of the Year – John Hamilton, Hannah and Jason Perris, Kathie Fidanza
- Bob Hanes Assistant Coach of the Year – Aaron Gulka

Registrar's Report:

- Our association had 1083 registered players last season.
- There will be some changes on the registration mail out for next season.
- Please send in your registrations by June 15th so we can start planning for the number of players in each division.
- Check the website for any additional registration information.

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

Election of Officers (chaired by Kelly Hall):

President:	Stan Burton
1st Vice President:	Adrian Wall
2nd Vice President:	Caroline Bissat
3rd Vice President:	Barb Jamieson
Registrar:	Marilee Hermiston
Secretary:	Charmaine Walden
Treasurer:	VACANT

Directors: John Hamilton, Colin Rasmussen, Jack Gervais, Leslie Fidanza and Christine Sorenson, Ian Shaw-McLaren, Rob Fryer, Marla MacGregor, Karen Repka, Kathy Martyn, Kathie Fidanza, Holly Emsland, Paul Fulljamaes, Kelly Brandt, Tina Bruyere, Todd Hoffbeck, Jason and Hannah Perris, Dorothy Woodward, Sandy Bullock, Dennis Johnson.

New President's Report:

- My commitment was for 3 years to see the association become financially stable; this will be my third term.
- Financially we are in a position where we will have to start paying taxes on our profits and will have to work on putting our funds to good use.
- We will continue to work on increasing registration numbers at the younger age levels.
- Our biggest goal for next season is to get new people involved at the board level. We need parents with children at the younger age levels to step up and be recruited.
- There are no New Business items to discuss at this years AGM.
- BCAHA and OMAHA AGM's are coming up and will be attended by our association.
- Think Tank will be held over 3 evenings in June this year. The issues to be discussed will include recommendations from the end of season coaches meeting that was held recently.
- The Kamloops Blazers new board of directors would like to be more involved with KMHA and this is something we will be working on.

Questions/Comments/Concerns from Members:

- *New players in the Initiation A/B program only had to pay half price for last season, will they now have to pay full price and will this cause the association to lose players due to the costs?*
 - The reduced rate was for first time players only and will be kept that way; our rate still works out lower compared to others.

- *What is the criteria used for coach selections and is it in writing or on website somewhere?*
 - We do have a process, but are pretty weak in the way of written criteria. Dennis Johnson is going to work on written procedures and follow-up of those procedures. We do need to set better guidelines for rep coaches/teams to follow. Coach Evaluations need to be taken more seriously and filled out by all parents.

- *Are coaches given feedback from evaluation forms?*
 - The forms are filed and used in the selection process. The coaches have not been given any feedback from them in the past, but that could be something to look at in the future.

- *Has anyone ever asked why we are short on coaches, what are the reasons (vulnerability, criticism, etc.)?*
 - We do have some ideas. There are guidelines and expectations that are set by Hockey Canada for coaches to follow. There are also guidelines set out for parents to follow.

- *How many coach evaluation forms came back for last season?*
 - Approximately 100 were received out of 1083 players.

- *Could a coach sit down and read his evaluations?*
 - There should be no problem with that, for a coach to received feedback.

Motion: *To adjourn meeting my Tammy Morphy, seconded by Lori Defrias.*

Motion Adopted

Meeting Adjourned at 9:25 p.m.