

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

Monday, May 8th, 2006
Sports Action Lounge – Interior Savings Center

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Stan Burton.
48 voting members present.

Motion: *To accept minutes from the May 9th, 2005 Annual General Meeting by Caroline Bissat, seconded by Karen Repka.*

Motion Adopted

President's Report:

- KMHA has had another successful season with almost no difficulties.
- Thank you to everyone for their patience due to lack of ice with the opening of the MacIsland Sports Center being later than anticipated.
- We received the award for Association of the Year by BCAHA last season, thanks to all parents, coaches and volunteers.
- The Initiation Program had a good year with growth in all divisions again.
- We were the host association for the Major Midget team again, who had a successful season.
- Our new website has been very popular and will be used more for marketing in the future.
- The KMHA office was moved to Memorial Arena when the Sports Center closed for renovations and due to the small size of the offices at the new facility we are hoping to remain at the Memorial, which is a more central location.
- When the City announced the closure of Memorial Arena we decided to put together a Business Plan to fight for keeping it open. The Committee in charge of this plan has met with the City 4 times and has been guaranteed that the issue will be on the Agenda at the next council meeting for a decision on an arena closure.
- KMHA was involved in hosting the World Juniors through the selling of ticket packages.
- We partnered in a few ventures with the Blazers this past season.
- Our association hosted the Pee wee AAA Provincials last season, which was very well run.
- The Night of Champions was successful, but will be held before Spring Break next season.
- The Osoyoos Storm will be relocating to Kamloops for next season. The only concern for our association was ice time and we have been assured by the team and the City that we will not lose any ice.
- Registration forms are not being mailed out for next season and will be available instead on our website and in the office.

- We have put out an RFP for a paid Head Coach for next season. We are the only AAA association in OMAHA without a Head Coach.
- Lots of Elected Officials and Directors are not returning next season and so we need new people to step up.
- Stan gave a brief summary of each division including highlights and challenges.
- Stan thanked each board member for their dedication and hard work.

1st Vice-President's Report:

- Has been here for 3 years and would like to thank Stan for all his time.

Registrar's Report:

- Our association had 1174 registered players last season, an increase of 91 over the previous season. We had lots of new females registered. The Atom, Peewee, Bantam and Midget groups were huge. Please send in registrations ASAP.

Financial Report:

- The association had a very successful year financially with an excess of \$97,882 of revenue over expenses at the year-end on March 31st, 2006.
- Revenue increases were seen in many areas, but most notably from tournaments and the gaming grant.
- Some expense increases were for insurance and referee costs.

Awards for 2005/06:

- Don Hay Rep Coach of the Year – Shane Mott
- 3M House Coach of the Year – Doug Button
- Jim Roode Volunteer of the Year – Caroline Bissat, Holly Emsland and Colin Rasmussen
- Bob Hanes Assistant Coach of the Year – Colin Fraser

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

Election of Officers:

President:	Stan Burton
1st Vice President:	Jason Perris
2nd Vice President:	Kelly Brandt
3rd Vice President:	Troy Clifford
Registrar:	Marilee Hermiston
Secretary:	Jeanine Wourms
Treasurer:	Ian Shaw-MacLaren

Directors: Robin Hans, Kathie Fidanza, Kris Webb, Heather Haberstock, Danielle Sabiston, Sandra Ramunno, Holly Emsland, Sandy Bullock, Hannah Perris, Susan Charvet, John Hamilton, Chris Emsland, Leslie Fidanza, Dorothy Woodward, Colin Rasmussen.

Motion: *To destroy the ballots by Greg Hermiston, seconded by Barb Jamieson.*

Motion Adopted

Questions/Comments/Concerns from Members:

- *“Team First” program needs to be implemented.*
 - This will be a part of the duties of the new Head Coach.
- *Is the Head Coach position full or part time?*
 - The RFP outlines the expectations and the position is expected to be approximately 30 hours per week during the season.
- *Will the Head Coach be a paid position and if so, has the association checked what other Head Coaches are paid?*
 - Yes, the salary expectations are also part of the RFP and we have researched other sports and hockey associations.
- *Would like to see more scheduled ice times for divisions, house leagues should get more full-ice practices as too many kids on the ice at one time with 2 times practicing together.*
 - We could try to start scheduling the new bigger ice surface at MacIsland for 2 teams to practice together.

- *Will Midget House be following the same format as last year with weekday games as this worked really well for that age group?*
 - Yes, absolutely and we would like to add more practices also.

- *Could the Midget rep practices be moved to a larger ice surface than Brock?*
 - Midget rep historically have practiced on certain nights so it depends which arena's we get, also, most ice surfaces in the City are the same size, with the exception of the new ice surface at MacIsland and Interior Savings Center. We do not like to schedule practices at ISC, as there could be weeks that the ice is taken away for other events, which means those teams would not have a practice.

- *When will we know if there will be a Peewee AAA female team and will a coach be sought out along with the other rep coaches?*
 - We will have to wait for the registrations to come in before a decision will be made so encourage all those wanting to play to register early as if they wait until August or September to register the ice availability will not be there for another rep team and league scheduling will be done.

- *The Atom Development selection process was hard and needs to be changed and improved.*
 - We will look at changing the evaluation process for this division.

- *Are we hosting a Major Midget team again this year?*
 - We haven't officially heard yet but have been asked to schedule ice for the training camp, so probably.

Motion: *To adjourn meeting by Ed Repka, seconded by Barb Jamieson.*

Motion Adopted

Meeting Adjourned at 8:54 p.m.