

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

Monday, May 14, 2007  
Sports Action Lounge – Interior Savings Center

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Stan Burton.  
52 voting members present.

**Motion:**        *To accept the minutes from the May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Annual General Meeting by Robin Hans, seconded by Kris Webb.*

***Motion Adopted***

**Financial Report:**

- The association had a very successful year financially with an excess of \$113,659 of revenue over expenses at the year-end on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007.
- Revenue increases were seen in many areas, the gaming grant helped tremendously.
- There was a significant increase in ice costs this year.
- Concessions did much better showing a profit of \$7261.

**Presidents Report:**

- KMHA has had a very successful season.
- Membership continued to rise this year with over 50 new players joining our association from other associations.
- KMHA has been very strong financially.
- There have been very few minor issues, no disciplinary issues or appeals.
- Players and coaches have done quite well in adopting the new rules this year. Great work by all.
- Our KMHA website was utilized very well. Directors used this site to post schedules and information as well as individual teams were able to post their results and general information. At this time we are still only using 25% of the website capability.
- We were able to make up some of the lost ice time from last year. KMHA spent more than \$50,000 over last year in ice costs.
- Sports Center proved to be an excellent source for tournaments.
- At present KMHA is in discussions with the city to move our office to Sports Center. There are issues which still need to be worked out.
- KMHA is building new trophy cases and a case to show the history of KMHA. These cases will be placed at Sports Center.
- Last year KMHA put out a RFP for a head coach. There were 5 applicants and the committee agreed to higher George Cochrane. George has been able to find ways to increase revenue to offset his salary.

- Membership will see a concentrated effort this coming year in regards to the Initiation Program.
- We were successful in keeping Memorial open. KMHA proved that through our tournaments and membership this is a valuable building.
- KMHA saw success in many of our teams this year. PW Boys, Bantam Girls and Midget Girls all made it to provincials. Midget girls hosted the provincials.
- KMHA female program continues to be one of the strongest in the province. Many players were chosen to play on provincial and Canadian teams.
- Night of Champions was quite successful. There were a few surprises leading up to the event and teams that participated did well.
- KMHA has been awarded the hosting of the major midget team again this year.
- Kamloops Storm was based out of Sports Center and this helped create a fantastic atmosphere.
- KMHA is known as having one of the best officiating programs in BC. This is one reason we are able to host successful provincials. We also have a great mentoring program.
- This coming year Judy Van Horlick will have an assistant in the office, Linda Stephanishin. Judy will continue to be around this year but phasing out eventually. She will continue to do scheduling.
- The city continues to increase ice costs. From 2006 to 2011 ice costs will rise 42%. Ice rental is 90% of registration costs.
- The city has increased the cost of rent for the concessions. At this time they take 20% of the net profit. They will also be charging a fixed rate of \$1000 for office rent.
- Over the past couple of weeks there have been intense meetings with the city. This was in regards to cutting back our ice times. At this time we are confident that things are on the right track. We now realize that we have to deal with the city in a different manner.
- Registration fees will be increased by 5%. KMHA still has one of the lowest fees compared to other associations.
- Thank you to the executive and directors for their work this year and as well keeping our board meetings fun. We are all here for the kids.

#### **Registrars Report:**

- This year we had 1240 registered players; this is an increase from last year.
- On the Website registration forms can be printed out and submitted. At this time it is for returning players. New player registration will be later on in the summer.

#### **Head Coach Report:**

- This was a learning year with lots of positives.
- Selection of the Rep coaches was done a little late due to when George was hired for the position. Meeting took place at the beginning, middle and end of the season with the Rep coaches. George also took time to be at practices and even spent time on the bench.

- Met with Initiation and House coaches and as well spent time at practices with them.
- Next season George would like to spend more time with the coaches especially the younger and beginning.
- A Coach Development Initiative with the Blazers was started this year. Rep coaches were able to attend Blazer games and prior to the games meet with coaching staff from home and visiting teams. After the game they were able to debrief. For next year talks are under way as to how to continue this.
- Hosted a number of skill development clinics. At Christmas held a 3 on 3 for Initiation, Atom and PW. Bantam 3 on 3 took place during the high school semester break.
- Last fall held an Initiation Coach Stream Hybrid clinic and a Development 1. In August 2007 there will be another Development 1 clinic.
- Summer Hockey School will take place this year the last 2 weeks in August. AAA Prep Camps will also happen.
- There will be a summer coaching conference. This will be held in July on a Friday evening and all day Saturday.
- George has been encouraged by this past year and looks forward to a bright future. There are limitless opportunities here. Thank you to Stan and the Board for all of their support.

**Awards for 2006/2007:**

- Don Hay Rep Coach of the Year – Gord Hardman
- Bob Hanes Assistant Coach of the Year – Ryan Holowaychuk
- 3M House Coach of the Year – Brady Conroy
- 3M House Coach of the Year – Wayne Kirbyson
- Jim Roode Volunteer of the Year – John Hamilton, Kris Webb, Marilee Hermiston
- Hockey Canada/BC Hockey Awards: In Recognition and Appreciation of outstanding contributions to the administration of Minor Hockey and the development of young players skills and sportsmanship - Troy Clifford and Lori Devries
- Hockey Canada/BC Hockey Awards: In Recognition and Appreciation of outstanding contributions of Coaching Minor Hockey and the development of young players skills and sportsmanship -Wayne Kirbyson and Dan DePalma

**Motion:** *To retire the existing Board by Robin Hans, seconded by Sandy Bullock.*

**Motion adopted**

**Election of Officers and Directors:**

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**President:** Stan Burton

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Jason Perris

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Kelly Brandt

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President:** Troy Clifford

**Secretary:** Jeanine Wourms

**Treasurer:** Ian Shaw-MacLaren

**Registrar:** Marilee Hermiston

**Directors:** Kris Webb, Heather Haberstock, Dorothy Woodward, Chris Emsland, Kathie Fidanza, Steve Horsman, Rick Charvet, Ron Pauwels, Dwain Davis, Leslie Moser-Fidanza, Sandy Bullock, Robin Hans, Sandra Ramunno, Hannah Perris

**Motion:** To destroy the ballots by Hannah Perris, seconded by John Hamilton.

**Motion Adopted**

**New Business:**

- KMHA would like to grant a lifetime membership to Caroline Bissat and Sandy Bullock.

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

*Has BC Amateur considered opening up the catchment areas for the Major Midget Team?*

BC Amateur is looking to give Williams Lake and 100 Mile to Kamloops.

*Is there a possibility of creating a Female Rep Director?*

This is a Think Tank issue and it could be a possibility.

*How do we go about changing the policy about rep coaches wearing a certain attire on the bench?*

This should be brought forward at Think Tank.

*What is the status on the Midget B Team?*

At this time there is no change. This should be brought forward at a Directors meeting.

*Atom Development tiering, is this going to happen? Was it not supposed to happen last year?*

This was brought forth at OMAHA but when scheduling came out there was a different schedule not supporting this.

*Draft Night, is this going to continue in the same manner or will there be something different?*

This should be able to continue this year. Possibly teams could be made up and then coaches select out of a hat their team.

*Girls Hockey, with an association our size is it possible not to have girls on boys teams as we struggle to find enough girls to fill the girls team?*

This is not a possibility. At Thank Tank we will discuss the issue of not having enough girls to fill a team, especially PW AAA.

*There are resolutions coming out through OMAHA regarding putting body contact back into the house league. This would affect PW and up.*

**Motion:** *To adjourn meeting by Steve Horsman, seconded by Hannah Perris.*

***Motion Adopted***

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.