

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

Monday May 4, 2009
Grand Hall – Thompson Rivers University

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm by Jason Perris
54 voting members present

Motion: *To accept the minutes from the May 5, 2008 Annual General Meeting by Karen Repka, seconded by Sandy Bullock.*

Motion Adopted

Registrar's Report:

- 1326 players registered for the 2008 / 2009 season (up from 1311 last year).
- 416 officials for 2008 / 2009 (coaches, managers, trainers)
- Registration for 2009 / 2010 on the website with new requirements (fair play form and volunteer form must accompany registration to be accepted)
- Once again, returning players who register before June 15 will save \$100 on registration fees
- Rep Try Out fees must be paid by July 15, no late fees accepted.

Financial Report:

- Financial statements were available at the meeting, Mario Piva (Tenisci Piva) discussed these statements to the members present
- KMHA revenue for 2008 / 2009 was \$980,765 and expenses were \$1,031,189. This leaves a deficit of \$50,424. The starting equity for KMHA was \$346,196 and with the current deficit the ending equity balance is \$295,772.
- One reason for the financial loss was the increased ice costs.

Questions from members:

- *Where is the money from the skate-a-thon noted?* Revenue from the skate-a-thon amounted to approximately \$2000 and was noted in the other receipts category
- *What are Capital Expenditures?* \$17,000 of this amount was for the trophy cases installed at MacArthur Island. Noted that this money was donated in previous year from a patron and funds were carried over.

Head Coach Report:

- Coach selection took place in June, met with these coaches in the summer to prepare for the season and continued to meet with coaches throughout the year.
- Held on-ice coaches sessions for rep coaches (new this year)
- Ended season with final meeting to review how things went.
- Started new program with Initiation coaches. Season went well, emphasis on individual skill development.
- Spent time with Atom and Pee Wee teams, emphasis with Pee Wee on body checking.
- Held a Bantam checking clinic in January.
- Held regular meetings with recreation coaches during the year.

- We hosted three Hockey Canada coach certification clinics (two Hybrid and one Developmental 1). Also hosted two Speciality Clinics (Developing Defensemen and Small Area Games).
- Continued with Blazer clinics
- Hosted 2nd Annual Summer Coaches Conference which had an increase in attendance over last year.
- Held Skills Developments on Pro-D days, included several goalie sessions with Justin Foote. Held a Christmas 3 on 3 camp and have expanded our summer camps.
- Overall felt it was another good year for KMHA with developing coaches and players.

Questions from members:

- *With Justin now gone, will there continue to be goalie camps in year? Yes, we are looking at a different way to provide them for next year.*

President's Report:

- Thank you to all of the volunteers this year.
- Some highlights were the Female AAA finishing 3rd in the Provincial Playoffs and the Pee Wee Tier 1 winning the Provincial Championship as well as finishing the B Pool champions at Crowchild.
- KIBIHT remained in Kamloops thanks to the City and the referee group. We expect it to be even bigger and better next year.
- Held some discussions with OMAHA regarding the Academies and being forced to play exhibition games. An arrangement has been made for next year where we can decide if we wish to play them. The issue has been that these Academies take players from our associations, they are not minor hockey associations and they are not part of OMAHA.
- We had two Bantam drafts and one Major Midget drafted this year.
- Some thank yous to:
 - Troy and Ian for the cabinets
 - Judy, Karen and Charmaine for organizing the tournaments
 - Shawn for reducing our referee costs this year
 - Lesley, Hannah, Antonio, George for organizing the volunteer night
 - Judy for taking care of our ice needs
 - Sandy for taking care of our concessions
- Thank you to the Board for all of your efforts this year, and thank you to Sandra and Steve who are stepping down this year.
- Volunteer of the Year winners were announced (these were awarded at the volunteer appreciation night)

Election of Officers and Directors:

Election of Officers:

President:	Jason Perris
1st Vice President:	Jon Pankuch
2nd Vice President:	Lee-Gaye Hicketts
3rd Vice President:	Troy Clifford
Treasurer:	Ian Shaw-MacLaren
Registrar:	Kathie Fidanza
Secretary:	Dean Clark

Directors: Antonio Fidanza, Kirt Harrison, Shawn McCaskill, Kris Webb, Sandy Bullock, Leah Erichuk, Jamie Humphrey, Rick Charvet, Mark Price, Lesley Moser-Fidanza, Spencer Moskwa, Ranja Toor, Scott Larson, Hannah Perris, Kathleen Prior, Gina Griffiths, Jeff Putnam, Nicole Rugolo

Questions / Comments / Concerns from Members:

- *We've lost money in the concessions, is there any plan of attack?* We suspect there was theft this past year, not sure of the amount as it's volunteers and hard to track. The grill should increase our revenue and we will implement more structure to try and prevent theft.
- *Will volunteers handling food be required to have Food Safe?* Yes, but parent volunteers will not be expected to work the grill. Sandy has a list of volunteers for this, and they have Food Safe.
- *Regarding the theft, can you tell from the till what time and team?* No, the issue is it's volunteer based and some can't operate the till properly – they just hit buttons. We anticipate people will be honest but it's difficult to track. This should maybe be discussed at think tank to come up with some ideas.
- *What about going to automated machines?* That is a City option
- *If we are going to lose money, there is no use continuing with the amount of work that is put in.* Remember we will have the grill this year, if we are able to keep a tighter control, we should see some profit.
- *Is there any way around the rent of \$17,000?* We meet with the City each year and that is the line they maintain (for all concessions)
- *What about putting in a video camera?* It's an option, other associations have done that.
- *What about making it a job so they are responsible?* Sandy has a good network of volunteers in place.
- *How much revenue is made in practices vs games?* Tournaments and special events make the most money
- *Is there a fine if concession is not open?* We don't really want to penalize volunteers.
- *What value does it add?* 1300 registered at \$5 a head, but remember that to some small kids, it is their highlight. We need to find a way to generate revenue, if ice costs are going up that means registration fees will have to go up (by \$100) – we need to find a way to keep costs down.
- *What about fundraisers such as raffling cars?*
- *Are you planning a deficit for next year?* One capital expense is to build the office at Sports Centre (we have the permits). Possibility of a deficit unless the City pays.
- *Have you applied for any grants?* We get \$100,000 a year from gaming.
- *Did other associations play POE?* Kelowna and Vernon also disagreed with OMAHA, but were forced to play as we were. The intent is to put POE and OHA into our division and each minor hockey association can decide if they want to play
- *How will building the office work – capital expenditure? Tenant improvement?* No, we will build and use it
- *Any money from the Blazer Foundation?* We received \$15,000 for KIBIHT and there are some plans for a training facility. Nothing for the coaches conference yet.
- *Do you need to apply to the Society?* We have to have a plan for an event.
- *What about for the office?* Possibly. (was noted the next application period is in the fall)

Jeff Putnam stated that the City supports the concessions and is committed to work with KMHA to find ways that will allow us to make money (vending, contractors, etc.). Was asked if they could freeze ice costs.

- *Are Criminal Checks and Speak Out mandatory?* Yes, definitely mandatory. They are tracked.
- *How are directors assigned?* Usually by the President at Think Tank. Think Tank takes place in June, new and returning directors get together to review thoughts and ideas for the season. Usually 3 days long.
- *Where are the extra registration numbers from?* The female program has grown quite a bit, no drop in Initiation and there were lots of transfers from out of town players. Hockey is strong in Kamloops.
- *Please clarify the office expense? 2 years ago the Major Midgets requested \$10,000 and were told no because it was for the office.* That was dealt with last year, the \$10,000 was from the Blazer Foundation and we did not get the money to flow through.
- *Would KMHA support the Major Midget request?* It is not our program, it is a provincial program. They need to approach the Society.
- *They did approach the Society and were told they had to have a Board.* That was why the flow through.
- *Would KMHA act as a Board on their behalf?* It is a BC Amateur thing, perhaps we can work together.
- *What about the uniforms and logo?* The intent is for us to sell our own apparel and sell our own line on the website, then we can go to any vendor we choose. We have formed a committee for this year, there will be an RFP.
- *Is it a potential revenue source?* Absolutely
- *Would this cover the Initiation hoodies?* No, track suits and jackets.
- *Can we get the hoodies on the website as there is a big demand for them and it's hard to meet with the parents?* Please forward your name to the committee.

New Business:

None, just noted that the adjusted registration fees are due to rising costs. We need to get creative with our money.

Motion: *To adjourn meeting by Karen Repka, seconded by Kris Webb.*

Motion Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm