

WMHA Board Meeting MINUTES January 19, 2011

- Location: Wabamun Union Hall
- Meeting called to order by Vice President Ken Davie at: 7:08 pm
- In attendance: Colette Velichko, Dee Dietrich, Steve Cote, Norm Desnoyers, Jackie Pearson, Barb Borynec
- Guests: Bonny Fedina, WMHA member, Carl Bird, Kathy Bird, WMHA members
- Regrets: Darrell Velichko
- Absent: Wade Borynec

1. Review of Minutes

- Approval of minutes of November 22, 2010 Moved by Colette. Seconded by Dee...carried.

2. Agenda

- Move the 5.7 VP Report to next item after (3): Approval of Agenda: Moved by Dee. Seconded by Colette...carried.

3. Business arising from the minutes

- Oilers 50/50 Event February 13 volunteer update, Barb reported that she has been working with Kim Sanderson and have approximately 62 people, the final numbers are still coming in, Initiation two still to provide list. Open discussion took place about incentives.
- Moved by Dee Seconded by Steve to place a \$50 per person incentive towards Wabamun Minor Hockey player fees to a maximum of \$200 (4 workers)...carried.
- Barb reported that Lonie Bartel (novice) has arranged for one 55-passenger bus to be donated to transport the volunteers to Rexall.
- Moved by Jackie Seconded by Norm to rent another 55 passenger bus for the Oilers Event from Golden Arrow Bus lines at a rate of \$110 per hour for additional volunteers if required...carried.
- Bus pick up times will be at Wabamun, Jubilee Hall (Barb to check permission to park with Village) at 2:15 pm and Beach Corner at 2:30 pm. Scheduled arrival at Rexall is 3:30 pm; all persons driving with their own vehicle are to be instructed to arrive at that time to East Security Ramp 2.

5.7 Vice President Reported By Ken Davie

- Provincial Play downs – Ken stated they have started early this year, more teams to play down. Managers are aware of their protocol. He was involved in a Hockey Alberta conference call and the recommendations are to play down the games in a timely/early fashion.
- Hockey Alberta update – Former Onoway president Tony Williams is now the Committee Head and contact for Change in Player Movement. A Bylaw Regulations review is being facilitated by Hockey Alberta in setting up a committee to address loop holes in conditional releases; there will be more information to come at the Hockey Alberta AGM.
- Respect In Sport – Ken stated that Darrell should be receiving an association survey that is to be completed.
- Hockey Alberta is forming an Aboriginal Committee, Ken read thru the list of the committee composition. Carl Bird said last year Willis Rain (Paul First Nation member) sat on the Alberta Treaty Hockey Association and would be a good candidate for this committee.
- Carl stated that a meeting is still requested with Darrell with Chief and Council. Carl will contact Barb with a meeting date.
- Bantam Player update, Lynden Bird suspension – Ken outlined the incident and the so stated timeline that January 9, 2011 incident occurred, January 10, 2011 incident report was received from Coach Dave Currie, following request for release from Lynden's mother Kathy Bird the board members agreed by email to the release as January 10th was the deadline

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date with Hockey Alberta and it was completed. The suspension letter was sent out to Kathy Bird on January 13th with a meeting date set up to discuss with Willis Rain (liaison) for January 31. Ken stated he was not aware that Kathy & Carl would be in attendance to this evening's meeting.

- Carl requested a copy of the Disciplinary Meeting Minutes from Ken, which Ken stated he did not have on hand. Kathy stated that the Wabamun Minor Hockey Bylaw Section 8.1 f) was violated. Jackie read aloud the quoted bylaw and there was open discussion.
- Carl stated they want what is in the best interest of Lynden and he just wants to play hockey, carry on and re-instate Lynden to the Wabamun Bantam team as water under the bridge. He stated that protocol was not followed; Willis was not involved when the disciplinary committee met.
- Kathy stated that on the evening of the incident, Sunday, January 9th she phoned Wade and explained what had happened and with the request to move Lynden to another team at Hobemma. Head Coach Jason Swales phoned Kathy to discuss what occurred and that she wanted to move Lynden to another team.
- Ken feels that he spoke to everyone, he did not receive written statements from everyone, but thinking quick action was required. Dee pointed out that the decision that he could no longer play as a member of Wabamun Minor Hockey was made first by the disciplinary, then the release was done.
- Bonny spoke about a gang and a team, and the differences, stating we all need to grow in unity and compassion especially the core people, the coaching staff.
- Kathy stated she is not appealing the decision as she does not acknowledge this verdict as she feels we breached the protocol. She will phone Hockey Alberta for further information. Carl stated that Ken should have contacted Willis.
- Ken clarified the executive was not at the disciplinary meeting as they are not required.
- Norm expressed that he understands the frustration, does not want it to keep going that it needs to be addressed, understanding that Carl wants Lynden to play and be happy, but what are Carl's recommendations in order for this to happen?
- Carl stated he wants the two coaches gone and Lynden reinstated, he pointed out that since Jason Swales (Bantam head coach) was not there at the time of the incident that it is not fair to have him gone. Kathy will accept the release but not on the suspension.
- Jackie stated that she felt that since the decision was made on broken bylaws it is not legal and the suspension is not legal and it should be null and void. Carl felt it was a misunderstanding.
- Kathy stated she wants a meeting without Ken, to meet with the three coaches, herself, Lynden, Carl and Willis and a neutral party.
- Carl and Kathy left the meeting at 8:55 pm
- Bonny spoke about her concern with the team and how to move forward in a positive way and questioned if one more person could be involved, does it have to be a coach? It was agreed that that a Parent/Coach liaison is required on the Bantam team and Ken will do a letter to the coaches instructing them of this recommendation.
- Colette left the meeting at 9 pm.

OTHER:

- Dee stated that two auditors are required for the society papers due by February 15th, Steve volunteered. One more person is required. STEVE
- Moved by Barb Seconded by Dee to table the remaining items on the agenda...carried.

TABLED ITEMS:

4. Correspondence

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- Email from Bonny Fedina, WMHA member concerns with Bantam team – all members received and read.
- Request in writing from Lynne Scheideman regarding year end financials & minutes posted

5.1 Registration Reported by: Colette Velichko

- Paul Band Receivables

5.2 Coaches Wade Borynec

- Power skating & goalie sessions completion

5.3 Equipment Steve Cote

- Missing pucks
- Pylon & board use from lockup - **WADE**

5.4 Concession, Dee Dietrich unable to attend

- November Concession Revenue Report –
- December Concession Revenue Report -
- Vending machine Report

5.5 President, Darrell Velichko unable to attend

5.6 Tournaments/Promotion Reported by Norm Desnoyers

- Pee Wee A Tournament hosted December
- Novice Tournament hosted in January

5.8 Ice/Referees Reported by acting Ken Davie

- Ice Scheduling
- Referees

5.9 Bingo Reported by Jackie Pearson

- Update on the volunteer status for bingo workers during trial period of increased volunteer rate

5.10 Treasurer's Report, Dee Dietrich unable to attend

- Bank Balance
- Profit Report for Pee Wee A Tournament
- Profit Report for Novice Tournament
- Auditors required (2) for Bank Statement review & signing society papers

5.11 Secretary Reported by Barb Borynec

- December Christmas Camp Team Alberta spaghetti supper Event
- 50/50s sold at Team Alberta Game
- Next meeting date & location –

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6. Old Business

Moved to Adjourn by Dee at 9:26 pm.

Next Board Meeting – not determined.

Note: Mondays do not work for Colette/Jackie.