

WMHA Board Meeting MINUTES July 18, 2011

- Location: Wabamun Union Hall
- Meeting called to order by Vice-President John Kennedy at: 7 pm
- In attendance: Ken Davie, Jared & Aleigha Kravontka, Steve Cote, Norm Desnoyers, Heather Doerr, Barb Borynec, Dee Dietrich, John Kennedy
- Guests: Wade Borynec
- Regrets: Colette & Darrel Velichko, Jackie Pearson

1. Review of Minutes

-Approval of minutes of April 5th, 2011 Moved by Ken, Seconded by Dee...carried.

2. Agenda

-Approval of agenda Moved by Barb, Seconded by Dee...carried.

3. Business arising from the minutes

- Relationship agreement between Stony Plain/Spruce Grove Minor Hockey for Bantam & Midget players – John addressed the emails that have been going and questions that were brought up and explained that there is a proposal to form a Parkland Hockey Association for elite players. He spoke to Hockey Alberta and it is up to the local associations if they are willing to join; it will probably take another year to establish and there is good and bad points to it. John felt it is a way of getting players into a certain level of hockey with one another. It was agreed more information was required. Dee brought up that Stony Plain has no more ice.

- John has been in contact with Darrel Velichko and regarding the relationship agreement with Stony Plain and Darrel advised that he is waiting on the SPMHA President Will Nault, but does not have enough information at this time to know if there is an established relationship agreement at this time. John will find out from Darrel and be in contact with Will to see if it will be realistic within the next two weeks prior to our next board meeting. **JOHN**

- Wade questioned the point of the agreement discussion including the pee wee level, and put to the board that if it is opened up to the pee wees then will WMHA allow Atom and Novice as well? Where does it end when opening that door? Norm stated he does not think we should allow the agreement to include pee wee. Wade advised that he has spoken to Will and he verbally agreed that SPMHA would be willing to accept all the pee wees, if it is 17 on the list, to take them into SPMHA, that it was not his intent to only accept 3 or 4 elite players. He was clear that he does not want his intent to be misconstrued.

- Open discussion for Parkland Hockey Association took place and more information is needed, as well as meetings, a committee and parent involvement and maybe even at the AGM.

- Barb explained about speaking with Hockey Alberta and how Wabamun is within Leduc's draw zone for the elite stream. There was open discussion about the travel distance and the logistics of having players required to go to Leduc. Brad Robbins of Hockey Alberta told Barb that WMHA as an association can apply to be re-assigned to another draw zone.

-Moved by Steve Cote, Seconded by Ken Davie to have WMHA make a formal application to Hockey Alberta to request that WMHA be reassigned from the Leduc draw zone to Parkland Athletic Club SGMHA draw zone...carried.

- Dee suggested we require a draft letter and input of reasons from everyone on the board, Lee volunteered to draft the letter and John will get the required application information from Hockey Alberta. Lee will email the board requesting everyone's input. **LEE**

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4. Player Registration – Colette unable to attend, no report available

- As no registration information was available Barb provided a listing she gathered from last year's rosters going by player's date of birth. Just from working off that information and reviewing, it is estimated players as follows:

- Initiation 15
- Novice 20
- Atom 17
- Pee Wee 19
- Bantam 21
- Midget 6 (but unsure of returning Onoway players)

- Wade brought up that there was a player he knew of that moved back to Stony Plain and has already registered there – and questioned if an approved transfer was already provided, and if the board was aware or notified of any player transfers? Open discussion took place, but it was agreed that no player transfers or requests for releases had been submitted to the board to date for the upcoming season. It was agreed that any such requests must be reviewed by the board prior to any such movement.

- Dee suggested that we have a back up person trained for registration. She expressed frustration in not knowing who is currently registered, whether the bands have been contacted and provided a listing of returning players. It was agreed that this information must be made available to the board. **COLETTE**

- Advertising in the paper, signage at Wabamun and Kim's for registration dates and phoning last year's members is required, it was agreed that we need to formulate a plan.

- John will contact Colette to confirm the date, time, location for next registration dates; determine the amount of current contact with the bands, advertising, signs, the paper, checking to find out what steps have been taken. **JOHN**

- John will ask Karen Hoflin, Zone 3 director what the date is as a deadline for registration that we have agreed to and also check about the midget players that went to Onoway last year, about them returning to Wabamun. **JOHN**

- In reviewing the list it was questioned if Devon Alexis is indeed moving to Bantam, wrong inputted birth year? **COLETTE**

5. Ice Times/Start up – Aleigha Kravontka

- Lee got in contact with Loreen of the Village of Wabamun and the ice will be available for October 1st, no earlier. They are presently looking for an arena contractor and the job is closing this week. Loreen told Lee she has schedules for Stony Plain and Spruce Grove MH's and has kept the slots for what WMHA had last year, but stressed wanting the dates ASAP. She also requested the tournament dates as well. Lee will work this out in a meeting this week with Ken, Norm, John, Jared and Wade offered his assistance. It was agreed that WMHA does not require more ice, will not release any weekend dates.

- Because of the late start Lee will try to get ice out at the TLC and Evansburg as suggested by Ken. Ken stated it would be nice to see another conditioning camp in September like Wade held last year. Wade offered to run ice sessions again, but will not organize or do the registering. He said he would require volunteers, Jared and Lee will coordinate the registration and volunteers. Norm, Ken, Jared and John volunteered to help. Wade said to make it an open conditioning camp where you can invite other associations and collect the registration fee. He pointed out it was a great fundraiser last year. The enrolment will be \$60. Lee will create a waiver for parents to sign.

- Website: Lee got the \$500 start up fee waived, so it only costs \$500 for one year with RAMP. It takes 10-15 days turn around and they will get it up and running and provide training, so could be middle of August.

- Moved by Ken Seconded by John to switch our website provider to RAMP...carried.

- Barb will email to cancel the website of Recreation Sports Management. **BARB**

- Lee will continue to manage the website. There was a suggestion from Dee to have the managers update their own team info and to have that process in the manager's binders. **LEE**

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6. Coaches/Player Development by Jared Kravontka

- Player development (power skating, goalie sessions): Jared has been in contact with Richard Jones for the goalie/shooting sessions and will commence October 18th every other Tuesday at 5pm and will run the shooting clinic also; tentatively booked for 8 sessions.
- Power skating: Jared has emailed Quantum and the contact will be getting back to him with dates and times, Jared has requested 5 sessions. He will get the quoted pricing and have it available for the next meeting. **JARED**
- It is proposed \$25 sign up fee for the power skating sessions to have commitment. Jared will have coach volunteers signed up for both sessions for dressing room / on ice supervision. **JARED**
- Norm suggested to bring up the signup at the Coaches/Managers meeting in the fall.
- Coach recruitment: Jared has sent out an email with the application and the deadline is August 20th. There was open discussion on coaches/assistants and suggestions were made for Jared to approach. Ken knows of a couple young guys that wanted to help out last year, and will approach. **KEN**

7. Equipment Steve Cote

- New jerseys Initiation came in – Steve went through them and will be putting into lockup. All the jerseys have been washed. The shooter tooter has been repaired and returned, for free, thanks to Dale at Steve's work who got it done.
- Steve has provided a list of socks to Colette, so she is aware of the inventory.
- The door lock combination was changed. He will complete a new inventory prior to season commencement.

8. Concession by Heather Doerr

- Krista's contract – Everyone agreed to extend the offer to Krista again, she did a great job last year. Barb will send a copy of the contract from last year to Heather for formalization. **BARB**
- Dee said she will meet with Krista and Heather to go through plans for the upcoming season. **DEE/HEATHER**
- Concession improvements & permission from Village –Ken said that Darrel was approved for the improvements from the Village and Norm would like a copy in writing prior to going ahead with the work, John will confirm and cc it to Norm. **JOHN**

9. Tournaments/Promotion Reported by Norm Desnoyers

- Hockey Canada Hockey Helmet give-away: Norm said that Chevrolet is having a contest where they are giving away 15000 helmets to 5 year old kids – '06 born. They have to go on-line and fill out a form that is starting at the end of this month the link will be on Hockey Alberta website that is linked to Hockey Canada. Norm suggested that if we could get ahold of our native liaisons to let them know of this contest. Dee said she will facebook contacts at Alexis and Paul Band, and perhaps Jackie can as well. **DEE/JACKIE**
- Norm suggested Colette let new registrants know. **COLETTE**
- **Advertising signage: Moved by Norm Seconded by John to run a one month reasonable size advertisement in The Reporter to promote our advertising opportunity at the arena...carried.**
- Norm has been in contact already for renewal monies, they are starting to come in.
- Norm to check permission with Hockey Alberta if the Wildcats logo can go in on the ice, and check with the new arena contractor to do it. **NORM**

10. Bingo Report, Jackie Pearson unable to attend, no report provided.

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- Dee said the Wabamun Lions donation for December 31st has not yet been received and the last request for donation for bingos worked ending June 30th is going out July 31st and no funds have been received. It was agreed that it is necessary to have Jackie contact the Lions and provide an update for the next board meeting. **JACKIE**
- Dee talked about the ATB account for bingos, and only a minimum amount of funds kept in the account, will remain open as required if we get a St. Albert or Spruce Grove bingo.

11. Treasurer's Report, Dee Dietrich

- Bantam Team fundraising account – Dee asked Ken if he ever got the Visa card from the bantams and he has not, it was agreed that Dee will split the \$557 and refund the entitled members. Dee needs the list of bantams; Barb will email it to her. **DEE/BARB**
- AGLC reports completed: Dee said there was just a form to sign for the Oilers 50/50 and Barb and John will sign as it is executive. Dee suggested Norm do the last two licenses on line for the Wabamun Beer gardens, as it will give him experience as he will be able to take over this task for licenses in his position. Dee will provide Norm with the information and codes. **DEE/NORM**
- Replacement for position: Dee stated she will be moving in about 3 weeks and reminded the board that a replacement is needed. Heather will consider it, Barb will check with Arlene Fieldhouse. The accounting is MYOB and a lap top computer comes with the position for use.
- Bank balance as of June 30 is \$69,934.33, bingo account \$0.81 and ATB account \$58.50. Dee also stated with the receivables and credits for Oilers 50/50 there is receivables for \$5242.50. Wade pointed out that it is amazing to have made money and have receivables when in the past the association has lost thousands of dollars. Barb thanked Dee for doing a great job.

12. Past-President, by Ken Davie

- 16/60 AGM recap; Ken stated there is a new Vice president, there are a few bylaw changes which every manager and coach should read and should be updated in the binders. There is a border for teams made, and two new teams entering to the south is Winnfield and Grande Prairie who will play out of RQB. Also Barrhead is coming into and there will be a big meeting in September. Ken pointed out there is still no governor, and it was suggested to post the need for someone to volunteer in this position, and perhaps put it on the website. **LEE**

13. Vice President, by John Kennedy

- Hockey Alberta AGM & meetings: John brought up the Respect in Sport Parent Program, one parent for every player on the team must have it for 2012.
- There is a new rule for contact to the head, if a player falls down and you hit his head there will be a penalty called. In Midget AA there is a pilot project where they will have 2 refs and 1 linesmen so that they can try to avoid missing the stuff that is going on behind the play, to avoid injuries.
- 2012 Western Canadian Bantam AAA has been awarded to Spruce Grove for April 5-8 and they are currently looking for volunteers.
- John attended a cyber-bullying clinic and Hockey Alberta suggests keeping an eye on this and there was cases in Ontario where there has been suicides due to it. Pay attention to your children, if they are pulling away and change in behaviour, open dialogue and listen to your children.
- Hockey Canada is down 1000 male participants last year in hockey, so they are trying to promote it. Wade said it is due to the hits to the head that players quit because of it—maybe the new ruling will help out. John believes having two refs will also help.
- When Ken is unable, John will attend the 1660 league meetings, and Wade suggested that at the next meeting it is brought up about flagrant penalty minutes, excessive, if the league were to take a look and start clamping down on it. Ken said there has been lots of talking, it is another to get things done.
- Ken brought up there is now a ref complaint open with the league on the website, for all to utilize and the league will also now reward the Most Sportsman like teams with banners.

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14. President, Darrell Velichko unable to attend, no report provided.

15. Secretary Reported by Barb Borynec

- Society Papers filed and accepted.
- Next meeting date to set August long weekend when Darrel and Colette are available; John to confirm a date with them. There was a suggestion if Darrel is working out of town to have SKYPE. A suggested date was August 2nd.
- Bylaw Meeting date reminder: September 6, 2011, location & time to set; it was suggested that this is a Policies and Procedures meeting and an ad is required in the paper 30 days prior. Set at Wabamun Union Hall at 7 pm; the polices & procedures must be done and on internet for review. Ken to check availability on hall. **KEN**

16. Old Business

- Follow up disciplinary with Potts family – Ken said this was not done.
- Early ice request with Village of Wabamun- denied by the Village, Oct 1st to start
- Onoway MHA notified for returning Midget players – John will check with Karen Hoflin
- Policies & Procedures update, committee required? - **DARREL**

Moved to Adjourn by Dee at 10:03 pm

Next Board Meeting August 2nd.