

**6:00 - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2024 – MINUTES**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Steve Smith, Quintin Laing, Dylan Michie, Derek Lang, Sara Cubberly, Taryn Kuiack, Chris Kerr, Rob Starke, Aiden Nix, Rob Mutch

**1.0 CALL MEETING TO ORDER: 6:08 pm.**

**2.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 15, 2024: Approved (SC, DL).**

**3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.**

**4.0 ROLLING ACTION ITEMS (SEE NEXT PAGE).**

**5.0 PRESIDENT’S REPORT: AGM, OMAHA AGM, BC Hockey Congress all complete. Player development: a lot of growth, success. Tournaments growing. Changing U18 tournament name in honour of Owen. Financials look good and ahead of the curve already before upcoming season. Pure status of our Association – many compliments from others. Other Associations looking to us for player development ideas. Would like to have a season goal for this year (Association of the Year award) - strive for this recognition (would have to get nominated). Board commitment for this season – Rockets games (even distribution among members & need to stay at the game until the cheque is written to the winner). Committee commitment needs to be improved (Governance, Conduct). Board meetings commitment (miss two in a row, Board can remove you). Give more community support for our teams (build a brand for KMHA). Getting a store running for KMHA apparel (BC Sportswear) - will be on the website. The ‘Sinbin’ Communication newsletter to broadcast teams successes, what’s going on in KMHA, information/updates on policies/infractions & fines, Officials, events, etc. HC Pathways – sanctioned vs non-sanctioned (they are putting a policy together but limited information/discussion was had on this). Non-sanctioned teams have been given ice over our upcoming season (exemptions: officials who play in non-sanctioned can // can’t ref U18/CSSHL // Coaches**

**6.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Attended BC Congress. HC presenter on rebuilding the trust within Hockey Canada and the obstacles they are facing. Non-sanctioned stuff was about three minutes long – problems within BCHL, island, and all the effects its having on minor hockey. Individual presenting reiterated that they are working on something. Policy made before was weakened by the exemptions (he did not disagree). Larry L received an award. Overall, congress did have value. Registration update: we are ahead of where we were at this point last year (U7/U9). Reviewing our Constitution as discussed over the last year (spoke with Jeremy at BC Hockey) - can do certain things, or a full review. BC Hockey will come in and assist with this. OMAHA regional meeting last night (Steve & Quintin). Female will now be called ‘Central’ (not Kelowna). AA Program – lower mainland is looking at a regional program to mirror what we are doing here. Policy review (abandoned until we hear from BC Hockey) - only one we need to get done and communicate as soon as possible is goalies (if there are too many, what is our policy). Manuals – rep Coach/Manager manual has been updated and will do one for every level (will also be on the website). U7 – Mandi is back (they are not moving) - 10 teams instead of 8 – decrease roster size – will stay with their team. Couple director roles to fill at U9. Have asked Sarah if she wants to do U15/U18 again. Ice changes (lack of Prospera ice) - have mornings figured out.**

Kendra met with the Warrior distributors at the Congress – looks like they are interested in being the title sponsor for U15AAA. Do we want to bid on U13T2 provincials? BC Hockey has now doubled the amount that they contribute. Still a lot of work. U18T1 could potentially be here (OMAHA team). Great for Officiating program as well.

**7.0 DIRECTOR OF HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT'S REPORT.** BC Hockey meetings were good – reinforced that kids are to be having fun and kept safe. Pathway (U13) - a lot of Associations were upset as they follow the pathway but a lot of it is unrealistic. Ice is the biggest hurdle. Between 4-6 non-evaluated skates (not possible). No one is to be on the ice the first week of school. Rec (one practice, one game per week), rep (two practices, 1-2 games per week). They are guidelines, but it's not noted that they are just 'guidelines'. Non-sanctioned being able to ref sanctioned (do both). Langley won the Association of the Year.

OMAHA meetings – U9F is pretty strong throughout the region. A lot of interest in female hockey.

Dressing room – U18 Female A.

U11 player that wanted to try out for U13T1 (allowed this request). Dropped out last minute. Now wants to try out for U13T2. If a player is not exceptional to play the top team, then they are not exceptional to play T2. If this player cannot make the Zone team, then they will play U11 (not U13T2).

Coaching applications/interviews (conducting with Derek). Once they have all been met with, will provide a list to BODs for recommendations/feedback.

**8.0 FORM 2024-25 COMMITTEES.** Conduct Committee: Rob M, Quintin, Rob S, Derek L, Steve J.

Governance Committee: Sara, Aiden, Steve J, Steve Smith, Dylan. Financial Committee: Chris, Dylan, Steve S. D

**9.0 NEW BUSINESS.**

**9.1 BRINGING A STREAMING SERVICE THAT WILL ALLOW US TO IMPROVE PLAYER SAFETY,**

**OFFICIALS/PLAYERS AND COACHING DEVELOPMENT. THIS CAN ALSO BRING REVENUE**

**TO THE ASSOCIATION WITH THE GOAL IN MIND TO BRING DOWN REGISTRATION FEES.** *Provincials in Revelstoke – conduct towards a young official (video). Best overall solution (Langley bought portable units to sign out to teams for games) to pilot this here in Kelowna. Derek has done a lot of research and would like to do a pilot project with KMHA (has support from BC Hockey). AI Based cameras (no need for operators). Has a presentation to share with further information. Hard mounted in. Would need approval. BC Hockey is implementing these cameras in their arenas (among other leagues). In addition to Live Barn (until that contract is up) - as long as there is no charge to view (eventually be a subscription option to members). Believes cameras will pay for themselves within three months of set up. Software is an annual cost. Camera cost has to be a discussion prior to registration/finances (huge investment). There are grants that can be applied for to help set up costs.*

**9.2 DISCUSS AND SET KMHA OBJECTIVES FOR THIS YEAR. “Banner or bust!”**

**9.3 SET UP OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND TASK WITH JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR STAFF. *Will cover with BC Hockey.***

**9.4 DISCUSS THE DESIRE TO PARTNER WITH WESTSIDE FIRST NATIONS FOR A NEW RINK /**

**LONG TERM ICE RENTAL AGREEMENT. *Private hockey would end up securing the ice? 10 year agreement? Commitment to KMHA? On-going discussion to explore if there is enough interest in pursuing this. No harm in exploring.***

**9.5 DISCUSS HAVING A PERIOD AT THE END OF EACH BOD MEETING WITH JUST THE BOARD**

**MEMBERS PRESENT. *We have our in-camera session on every agenda.***

**9.6 DISCUSS INCREASING OUR COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPARENCY OF KMHA,**

**INCLUDING MAKING VOTING PUBLIC WHENEVER POSSIBLE, POSTING BOD MEETING**

**VIDEOS, SURVEYING MEMBERS MORE FREQUENTLY, ETC. *Communication needs to be improved (approaching sponsors, feedback from members) - need to increase our transparency. Poor job of highlighting all of the great things that the Association does. \*BODs sign an Oath of Confidentiality. In-camera is in-camera for a reason. Being pro-active with communication to membership so they can see the effort that went into decisions for the Association.***

***\*Start a 'Player of the Week', 'Coach/Manager of the Month'?? Great idea.***

***Could we add another Board Member? Yes, in our Constitution it states that we can have 11. Perhaps a Communications/Social Media role? Volunteer role? Every team could have a social media designate. Committee member?***

**10.0 IN-CAMERA SESSION.**

**11.0 SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING – August 13, 2024 – 6:00 pm.**

**12.0 MEETING ADJOURNED – 9:41 pm.**