



KELOWNA MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES – MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023 – 6:00 pm.

- 1.0 CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: 6:18 pm (86 members in attendance).
- 2.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Shaun, Andrea (all in favour).
- 3.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 2, 2022: Dylan, Lisa (all in favour).
- 4.0 PRESIDENTS REPORT: Board appreciation to volunteers & coaching staff for a successful season. Thank you to employees for their commitment to KMHA. Continued to work alongside with OMAHA with issues specific to our members. Addition of Female regional program. Make even better next year. Female program continues to grow over the years. Have been limited in what we offer, but next season excited to have an all-female U11 team. OMAHA AGM this past weekend – Hockey Canada affiliation with BC Hockey. Future challenges – as a District we need to be proactive in provide an equivalent product with a competitive price. BCHL presents a challenge (taking refs, coaches, players to join their unsanctioned leagues). Lower enrolment & rising costs – need to come up with creative ways to keep costs down.
- 5.0 REVIEW ENGAGEMENT – BDO (Britt Vig): Independent review – no changes (confirms clean report). Balance Sheet: healthy. Cash is up (due to changes in AP) - operating income was up overall. Restrictive cash (gaming revenue left over). AR is down a bit – consistent over five year history. Liabilities: AP is up (more normal) - in line with where there were before. Last year ice schedule was known in advance (deferred revenue – this year). Long term debt – December 31, 2023, has to be paid back. Net Assets (good) - a bit of a safety net. Statement of Operations: revenue is up (2% in total) - good offset of slightly less teams than prior year (6% increase in fees). Expenses: organization was able to do a lot of tournaments this year. Sponsorships: increase entirely due to tournaments. Great year (business as usual). Hockey programs increased (can provide more) - spend revenue on programs for members. Referees/ice rentals went up (members benefitted from more ice time). Small deficiency (awesome news).

MOTION: Retain BDO: Keith Harris, Michelle (all in favour).

MOTION: Approve BDO's report: Brent, Lisa (all in favour).

Late invoice for the Rockets 50/50 - we pay their expenses to retain that revenue (invoice came late - \$16k). Lack of goalies – purchased new goalie gear to help with recruiting/incentivizing (\$45k). Skills Instruction was increased to put back into the program. New website. Wrote off some long-term bad debt (housekeeping) - \$1600 deficit.

6.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT: Thanks to our staff – Sheena, Kendra, Quintin, Larry. Thanks to the Board (Dan in his ten years of service). Nice to hold AGM in person, no road closures affecting our tournaments – no massive road bumps this year. Tournaments are so important to this Association & financial picture. Looking ahead to next season (U13 T1 league) - has been Kelowna, Kamloops, PG. Next year, five Okanagan teams and PG & Spokane (should reduce costs). Larger picture (Pen, Vernon, SA) - play at a higher level and no need to leave for non-sanctioned leagues. Been working on this for five years – four year pilot program. Planning a U9 Dev league for next season – support with almost every Association in OMAHA. No details yet (have to follow HC rules – full ice in second-half of season). KMHA has been a leader within BC Hockey & female programming. Push for cooperation with other Associations. Not able to get U13 FA regionals in this year, but pushing for 2024-25. Trail is joining the league (four teams). Support from North & South that they will have regional teams for U15 & U18. Rec girls still need leagues/teams to play in. Winfield girls went North (last minute) - not acceptable to us as we have been fighting for a league for these girls and we were left without a team. U15 Female – we had a team but it was very low numbers and thus had to pull out of playoffs. Register early. There will be an increase in registration. Officials have had rates frozen for five years, and they will be getting a raise. We need to increase & improve our Skills Instructors.

7.0 DIRECTOR OF HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT REPORT: Welcome & shout out to Wendy Trenn. First in-person AGM since 2019 – nice to see lots of volunteers in audience. Coaches, managers, Assistant Coaches, Safety people. Thanks to Board for time & effort (Dan – 10 years – female program would not be where it is today without Dan’s efforts). Division directors – thank you for filling those roles. Larry (RIC) - thank you for recruiting & retaining our officials. Steve, Sheena, Kendra – thank you. Summer camps coming up – hosting 21 camps (possibility of adding more – focusing on U7 & U9). Majority will be run by Next Level. High performance camp (Glen Carnegie) in July. Register online at website. U7/U9 programming – improving next season (grassroots) - progression & repetition. Have all the necessary skills coming out of each division. Practice plans will have more emphasis on the fundamental skills. Provincials – outstanding results this past season. Congratulations to Showcase of Champions. Goalie Coaches & Skills Instructors – will continue next season (Nick & Dima, Cal B, Jared Aulin – Cody Murray & Travis Hoy). Selection of rep Coaches is underway – would like to announce soon. Look forward to growing our game in the area. Encourage all feedback – good & bad. Want to make sure that every player is excited to start up again next season.

AWARDS:

Rep Coach of the Year: U18 T2 Tim Nikolai.

Rec Coach of the Year: Mike Johnston.

Marilyn Hedman Award: Sarah Bendall.

8.0 REFEREE IN CHIEF REPORT: Thanks to office staff for behind the scenes. Works for BC Hockey as well – had a call last week. Membership is up now (prior to Covid). We had 164 officials this past season (most across BC Associations). Also mentor/Coach. Stress to our group to give back. Provincials was entirely Kelowna officials. Already preparing for next season with BC Hockey.

9.0 ELECTIONS

9.1. PRESIDENT: Dylan Michie. **MOTION:** Aiden, Jesse – all in favour.

9.2. TREASURER: Chris Kerr. **MOTION:** Randy, Frank – all in favour.

9.3. 1st VICE PRESIDENT:

Vern Williams
Derek Lang
Steve Jackson
Scott Locke

1st VICE PRESIDENT: Steve Jackson.

9.4. 3rd VICE PRESIDENT:

Andrew LoCurto
Aiden Nix
Lorne Rhodenhizer

3rd VICE PRESIDENT: Aiden Nix

9.5. FEMALE DIRECTOR:

Andrea Harris
Sara Cubberly
Bob Petty

FEMALE DIRECTOR: Sara Cubberly

10.0 Q & A

Q: Is there a Male U18 summer camp being offered?

A: There is a 2008 High Performance. Have only offered camps for U15 & lower as the interest has not been enough to make U18 level work. If they want to come out to HP camp, please reach out to Quintin.

Q: Can we view the Financials?

A: We will add the full set of Financials to the website.

Q: Due to the HC challenges the past few years and BC Hockey independent of such, how does that affect the way KMHA does things (who do we answer to)?

A: No different for us. BC Hockey AGM is on June 9 – a lot of uncertainty but should be able to get more clarity.

Q: Communication: concerns – who do we contact when we have questions/issues?

A: 1st VP responsible for U15 & U18. 2nd VP responsible for U13 & U11. 3rd VP responsible for U7 & U9). Steve & Quintin to be contacted for Coaching & other issues. Website will be updated with new Board Members tomorrow.

Q: Website: a bit more difficult registering online for camps/registration.

A: Registration should be completed the same way as previous years (Team Snap).

Q: U15 Female issues (ice time concerns). Reached out to S, Q, Female Director. Was told that the concerns should go through the Coach. Is this how the process should go? Never offered extra ice time.

A: Each parent meeting, parent handbooks are provided and processes are defined. Extra ice is sent to every Coach (some Coaches take it, others don't).

Q: Do we know when the Winfield/Kelowna female decision will be made?

AL Registration opens up next week. Should get an idea.

Q: Are we going to be registering girls through KMHA?

A: Yes. OMAHA looks after Coach Selection/evaluations.

Q: Camps – plans to have Goalie camps?

A: Hardest part is that there are other goalie camps going on in the summer put on by the goalie instructors. Goalie shortage has to be addressed at the younger ages. Unsanctioned programs take two goalies. Registration relief (\$100 off).

11.0 NEXT MEETING: May 27, 2024, at Okanagan Mission Hall.

12.0 MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:12 pm.