

## DMHA AGM Minutes     April 13 @ 7:00pm

In Attendance: Board Members – Aaron Bohrsen(President), Chad Stolte(Vice President), Joelynn Doell(Treasurer), Leah Weisbrod(Secretary), Gaetan Blouin(Member at Large), Leon Boehm(Member at Large), Tom Boehm(Member at Large), Steve Chestolowski(Member at Large)  
Community members – 22

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm

Agenda was read – no additions/omissions were cited. Trevor Quinlan motioned to adopt the agenda, Dean Anderson seconded, motion passed.

Leah Weisbrod read the minutes from 2015 AGM. Louis Garant made motion to accept minutes as read. Sheri Bohrsen seconded. Motion passed.

Introduction of the current DMHA Board – Aaron Bohrsen – President, Chad Stolte – Vice President, Joelynn Doell – Treasurer, and Leah Weisbrod – Secretary. Members at Large include Tome Boehm, Leon Boehm, Steve Chestolowki and Gaetan Blouin.

President's Message: Aaron's message began with a review of the season. He expressed gratitude to all the volunteers from coaches, managers, and any other parents who got involved with their child's team. He also thanked the current Board members for their dedication and hard work over the past year. Aaron highlighted the involvement of some DMHA teams in the Fertile Valley Hockey League and how he felt it had been a positive experience for most teams. He also highlighted the work that has been done by the Board in the development of a New Policy and Procedures Manual as well as a Parents' Handbook to be implemented by DMHA.

Financial Report: A copy of the Financial Report was distributed to everyone in attendance. Joelynn Doell reviewed the report as written. No discussion occurred. Dan Steen motioned to accept the financial report as stated. Bryan Briggs seconded. Motion passed.

### COACHES REPORTS:

Initiation – Wolfpack Pups: Steve Chestolowski reported that they had 18 players this season. All players progressed and did well for their age level. They were able to find lots of games and tournaments and had good competition. Their team fundraising went very well with so many families contributing. Next season, 6 players move up to Novice while the rest will be second year Initiation.

Novice – Wolfpack Timber: Dan Steen reported a successful season for the Wolfpack Timber team. They had 14 players and had a total of 88 ice times – 55 games and 33 practices. The team did very well in the league, reaching the league final in playoffs. They played many tournaments

with their most successful one in Prince Albert where they won the tournament. Next season, 5 players will move up to Atom while 9 will be second year Novice, pending the enrollment of Allan and/or Hanley players again.

Novice – Wolfpack Grey: Gaetan Blouin reported they had a good season with 14 players and the team was considered a non-travel team. They had 34 practices, 43 games and 8 tournaments, with one being an overnight tournament to Melfort where they won the C event. This team did not have a designated goalie this season so 9 different players tried to play goal, some having more success than others. In total, the players had 79 ice times. Gaetan expressed his gratitude to the parents who volunteered as coaches, manager and ref co-ordinator this season. Next season, 5 players will move up to Atom while 9 players will be second year Novice, again pending the enrolment of players from Allan and/or Hanley.

Atom – Wolfpack Tundra: Leah Weisbrod reported that they had 13 players this season who played 23 games(league and exhibition), had 28 practices and attended 7 tournaments. The team hosted 2 home tournaments – a 3-on-3 in October and a 2-day tournament in February. They attended one overnight tournament in Moose Jaw in which the team played their best hockey of the season. The team did not fair well in the FVHL this season, but still played some good hockey throughout the year. From the 14 players from this year, 7 players will move up to PeeWee while there will be 6 potential second year Atom players.

Atom – Wolfpack Arctic: Joelynn Doell reported that they had 14 players this season and had 83 ice times overall, with 51 games and 32 practices with league play and 7 tournaments. They had one overnight tournament to Melfort where the team won the B side event. They also had 7 dryland training sessions and some powerskating sessions with Dean Seymour. In league play, they finished fourth overall. Next season, potential 9 players will be second year Atom and 5 players will move up to PeeWee.

Fertile Valley Hockey League AGM – Aaron Bohrsen and Tom Boehm attended the Fertile Valley Hockey League AGM in Outlook on April 4th . Tom highlighted some items discussed at the meeting including a change to league fees – all teams will pay a minimum amount of \$25/team as a website maintenance fee for the league. The season year results for the league were:

Novice A Side – Kenaston/Loreburn

B Side - Outlook

C Side – Dinsmore

Atom A Side – Davidson

B Side – Delisle Black

C Side – Dinsmore

FVHL is looking to change the playoff structure for next season – the playoff schedule will be made in advance and the dates will be locked in regardless of team status(i.e. sickness, player

availability, etc.). Eight teams will play in the playoffs, four will be on Side A and four on Side B with the first round of playoffs structured as 2-game total point while the second round will be best of three series.

The possibility of adding a PeeWee division was discussed at the AGM as there had been some interest expressed by two towns. There would need to be commitment from a minimum of six teams and only 5 showed some minor interest at the AGM. Many towns are already in a different league at the PeeWee level and are not very interested in leaving their current league. As a result, there will be no PeeWee division offered next season in the FVHL. Tom and Aaron expressed an interest in possibly tiering the teams in Dundurn this season and how the FVHL would feel about this – FVHL still stated that each team entered into the league must be divided as equally as possible.

For next season, there will be a potential 9-11 Novice teams and 9-12 Atom teams. Central Butte has expressed the intention of joining with the town of Herbert to form an Atom team for next season. This team realizes the distance to travel to Herbert is far and will be sensitive to this fact during the scheduling meeting next year. FVHL felt that the Home/Away series with each team worked well this season and would like the same structure to be used next season. The scheduling meeting next season will be structured in a round table format within each division to eliminate some of the chaos that happened this past season. The scheduling meeting has been set for October 3, 2016 at which head coaches and managers must attend.

Old Business – Rink Committee Report: Louis Garant highlighted some of the maintenance issues that have been dealt with at the Rink this season – replacement of the Zamboni doors, improvement to the player's bench and penalty box doors with the replacement of some hardware, installation of a new stainless steel kitchen hood in concession and some repairs to the Zamboni tractor. New staff was hired – Terry, ice maintenance and Jarod & Krista, kitchen staff. Louis highlighted some of the good and bad points associated with this new staff. Terry did a great good and is interested in the position again next season. They will be looking for new kitchen staff next season. All positions have to go to tender next season and we hope to see Terry and our ice schedulers back.

The Rink did very well financially – started off the year with \$9800 in the bank which covered the start-up operations costs and some of the maintenance repairs at the beginning of the season. Ice schedulers, Robynn and Leah, made a solid contribution to the revenue of the Rink, generating money to cover the month-to-month operation costs and finish off the season with a positive cash flow of \$17,800. This excess cash is already earmarked to be used to improve the lighting over the rink, create a small girls locker room downstairs and move the coaches lockers upstairs. Two grants have been applied for – one from Community Interactive Fund(CIF) and from Farm Credit Canada(FCC) – to help raise funds for these improvements. If more money can be achieved through Grant applications, more improvements can be made to the rink such as removal of carpet in kids' play area and replace flooring, installation of window in south wall of lobby and

improvement of air exchange in the lobby/kitchen area. A member asked if any of the excess money could be used to purchase a new Zamboni/tractor. After a brief discussion, it was determined that the general maintenance done on the current tractor would continue until the other improvements are completed.

All fees will be frozen for next season with the exception of the fee to local teams for tournament days. At the current rate of \$150 for a 9-hour day, the Rink loses money as this is not enough to cover operating costs for the day. The Rink Committee plans to discuss this issue with DMHA and propose a new rate for next season.

#### New Business:

Policy and Procedures Manual & Parent Handbook: Aaron introduced both manuals and the work that was completed to create each document. One point in the manuals that was highlighted was the mandatory requirement that at least one parent complete the Respect in Sport certificate offered online by Hockey Canada. DMHA recognizes that, as an introductory year for the manuals, they will not make this mandatory but strongly encouraged for DMHA parents next season. After next season, the manual may be altered to make this requirement mandatory for at least one parent, or your child will not be allowed to play.

DMHA has also changed the registration date for the upcoming season to June 30, 2016 to be more in-line with other leagues in the area. There has also been some changes to the refund policy and are outlined in the Policy and Procedures manual.

DMHA WEBSITE: Joelynn outlined the development of a new DMHA website designed with the help of GoalLine Inc. The website will include all team information, the Policy & Procedure manual, the Parent Handbook, the Ice schedule and online registration. This website is designed to take the place of TeamSnap for each team and can be used as much or as little as each team manager/coach decides. It will be the manager's responsibility to maintain their team's page on the website. It is designed to be a central place for all members involved with DMHA to go and retrieve needed information about the Association, their team and the Rink itself.

DMHA Constitution: The Board has spent some time revising the Constitution over the last few weeks as some of the information it contained is now listed in the Policy and Procedures Manual and has been omitted from the Constitution. Some of the changes include: the addition of reference to SHA and Hockey Canada as guidelines for policy, the membership fee information has been omitted, there will only be one AGM meeting per year, clarification of the Board members' duties was made and finally a suggestion to eliminate the mandatory progressive 50/50 fundraiser from the Constitution. After some discussion, it was decided that the mandatory 50/50 be eliminated from the Constitution, but could still be used by DMHA at a later date if some money was needed within the Association. The motion to eliminate the 50/50 was made by Dan Steen, seconded by Barbara Farnsworth, passed. A motion was made to accept the

Amendment of allowing Fundraising when necessary – Bryan Briggs motioned to accept amendment, Bryab Willms seconded, passed.

Coach Mentorship Program: SHA has cancelled their annual Coach Mentorship program that has been held in previous years. However, DMHA would like to continue to find ways to help coaches succeed. The suggestion was made that Steve Chestolowski and Gaetan Blouin act as in-house mentors for next season as they had attended the SHA Mentorship program two years ago. In addition, the suggestion was made that DMHA would try to find a third party mentor to bring into the Rink early in the season to help the coaches start the season with some fresh ideas.

DMHA Player Evaluation: DMHA has made the decision that all players will be evaluated early in the fall by a third party evaluator so that the teams can be created according to skill set rather than by the alphabet as has been the practice in previous years. DMHA will then use this information to perform one of two tasks at the Novice and Atom level – either split the teams equally or tier the teams according to skill level. This will depend upon number of registrations and whether a split of teams is required.

Much discussion then occurred with regards to tiering the teams and how this would affect DMHA in league play. DMHA had approached the Saskatoon Minor Hockey Association to allow all DMHA teams back into the tiered league in the city at all age divisions – SMHA has returned with a negative response as they already have too many teams at the Novice and Atom levels for the amount of ice time available in the city and they are experiencing internal difficulties maintaining refs for the PeeWee and older age divisions. As a result, there would be no league for the DMHA teams to play in if the players are split by tiering because FVHL will not accept the teams then. DMHA will make a final decision whether to use the evaluation information to tier the players or split the teams equally at a later date after registration is complete.

Election of Board Members: Both the President and Secretary positions are up for election this year. Aaron reviewed the duties of each position, which each are a 2-year commitment, prior to nominations.

Chad Stolte nominated Dan Steen for the President position, Steve Chestolowski seconded. Aaron will move to the Past President position and stay on the Board in an advisory role. Aaron motioned that nominations for President cease – nomination passed.

Dan Steen nominated Tanya Cooper for the Secretary position, Steve Chestolowski seconded. Tom Boehm motioned that nominations cease – nomination passed.

All Member-At-Large positions were open as they are only a 1-year term – Tom Boehm and Gaetan Blouin let their names stand and were nominated for another term. Lea Moore and Garth Lardner were nominated and have accepted the 1-year term. Aaron motioned that nominations for Member-At-Large cease, passed.

A new position of Website Administrator was created by DMHA to help maintain the new website and assist managers if needed to become familiar with the site. This would be a 1-year term position and Bryan Briggs offered to take on this role for next season.

In addition, DMHA has named Steve Chestolowski and Gaetan Blouin to serve in the Coach Mentorship roles for the upcoming season. Bryan Briggs also offered to provide assistance and mentorship for goalie development within DMHA.

50/50 Draw: Tim Failer was this year's winner of the progressive 50/50 prize of \$2080.00

Tom Boehm motioned to adjourn the meeting adjourned at 9:16pm, Gaetan Blouin seconded, passed and meeting adjourned.

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Leah Weisbrod, DMHA Secretary