

DHMA Annual General Meeting

Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2017

Present: Dan Steen (President), Chad Stolte (Vice President), Joelynn Doell (Treasurer), Tania Cooper (Secretary), Gaetan Blouin (Member at Large), Lea Craig-Moore (Member at Large)

19 Community Members

Meeting called to order at 1900

I. Additions to the Agenda/ Adoption of the Agenda

- No additions were cited.

II. Approval of minutes from 2016 Annual General Meeting

- **Gaetan Blouin motioned to accept meeting minutes, as read, from April 13, 2016 Annual General Meeting, seconded by Louis Garant. Motion passed.**

III. Introduction of the current DMHA Executive and Members at Large

- Dan Steen - President, Chad Stolte - Vice President, Joelynn Doell - Treasurer, Tania Cooper – Secretary, Gaetan Blouin - Member at Large, Lea Craig-Moore - Member at Large, Garth Lardner – Member at Large (not in attendance)

IV. President's Message

- Dan Steen reported that the DMHA had 1 Initiation, 1 Novice, and 2 Atom Teams with 58 registered players in the 2016/2017 season, highlighting the successful Atom tiering. He thanked everyone for their support throughout the year, including the tremendous community support for the steak night fundraiser. Dan reported that this fundraiser helped the DMHA purchase new equipment, including goalie and cross ice equipment.

V. DMHA 2016/2017 Financial Report

- Joelynn Doell distributed a copy of the financial report to all attendees and reviewed the report.
- **Tom Boehm motioned to accept the financial report, as reviewed, seconded by Bryan Briggs. Motion passed.**

VI. Team Reports

- Initiation – Bryan Briggs reported that there were 21 players in initiation. This included 10 first year players and 3 over-age players and 7 coaches. The team had 33 practices, 17 regular games, 5 tournaments, and in one tournament they split the team and entered 2 teams, for a total of 65-70 ice times. There will be 8 players remaining in initiation and 13 moving up to Novice. Bryan also thanked the coaches for their support and assistance.
- Novice – Chad Stolte reported that there were 14 players in Novice. This included 3 first year players and 11 second year players. The team was entered in the Fertile Valley Hockey League (FVHL) and they played 26 League games, 5 exhibition for a total of 46

- games (including tournaments) and they had 34 practices. Chad reported that they had a strong Novice team and that they won the FVHL championship.
- Atom Tundra – Louis Garant reported that there were 12 players on the Atom Tundra team however one moved leaving only 11 players for the majority of the season. The team had 5 tournaments and approximately 35 practices and 35 games. Louis reported that the tiering was positive and that the Atom Tundra had a good season.
 - Atom Artic – Gaetan Blouin reported that there were 11 players and 4 affiliated players (AP's) in the Atom Artic, with 2 AP's playing frequently. The team had 46 practices, 52 games, 2 fun skates, and 10 tournaments – both Tier 1 and Tier 2 tournaments. Gaetan reported the tiering was positive and that the players improved tremendously.

VII. Dundurn Recreation/Rink Board Report

- Louis Garant reported that Terry Beauchamp (ice maintenance) returned for the 2016/2017 and Lori Washington was responsible for the kitchen/booth. He reported that the rink had a successful year and developed a good reputation for ice rentals. Louis also thanked Leah Weisbrod for her role as the ice scheduler.
- The board was also able to complete repairs/maintenance this past year, including Kitchen floor repair, new flooring and a window in the play area, and new lights above the ice surface.
- Louis reported that next year will be on a tight budget as they did not generate a profit due to all of the repairs/maintenance and the early season start in October. Also a \$2000 grant that they had previously received was no longer available.
- Plan to have rink ice available October 1, 2017.

VIII. DMHA Policy and Procedures Manual

- Tom Boehm reported on the changes to the manual, including the amendment of the mandatory Respect in Sport for parents to encouraging parents to complete this and that DMHA will not release players.
- Updated manual to available on DMHA Website

IX. DMHA Parents Handbook

- Tom Boehm reported on the changes, including the Late registration fee. It is now \$100 for all registrations received after June 30th.
- Updated manual to available on DMHA Website

X. DMHA Constitution

- Tom Boehm reported on the amendments to the Constitution, including formatting and that the DMHA will follow the guidelines as per SHA for over/underage players and for player releases.
- **Chad Stolte motioned to adopt the constitution, as read, seconded by Gaetan Blouin. Unanimous vote for this motion by the members. Motion passed.**

XI. Coach Mentorship Program

- Gaetan Blouin reported on the Coach Mentorship program. It was reported that Gaetan Blouin and Steve Chestolowski attended a coach mentorship program in 2014 that involved discussions and information regarding tool kits, Long-term player development, budgets, mentorships, and SHA involvement.

- He discussed the difficulty in meeting on a regular basis and also recommended that a non-coach head this program.
- Gaetan reported that they would like to introduce player evaluations/report cards that are completed by the coaches and that there would be increased focus on goalie development in the 2017/2018 season.

XII. DMHA Website Review

- Joelynn Doell reported that the website was used for registration for the 2016/2017 season. She also reported that tax receipts were available online.
- Bryan Briggs, the website administrator, reported that the site could be expanded, as needed, to include games, coach/manager contacts, and external links.

XIII. DMHA Player Evaluation/Team Structuring 2017/2018

- Dan Steen discussed the projected numbers for the 2017/2018 season
- Initiation – 14 to 16 players
- Novice – 15 players
- Atom – 19 to 23 players (possibly 2 teams)
- Peewee – 12 to 19 players
- Dan Steen discussed options for a Peewee team, including the East Central Hockey League and Exhibition/tournament play. The DMHA is projecting enough players for 1 Peewee team (including at least one goalie).
- Advised the members that the DMHA did try to form a collaborative team between the DMHA and Clavet Minor Hockey Association (CMHA) for the Peewee and Atom players however it was rejected by CMHA.
- Tania Cooper discussed the survey results that were based on 3 surveys sent to the members at the end of the season. These surveys were included Hockey Experience, Coach Evaluations, and a Peewee Team Survey. She reported that there were some limitations to the survey that would be addressed in the 2017/2018 year end surveys and that the DMHA did not receive enough responses to evaluate them.

XIV. Election of Board Members

- Dan Steen reported that the Vice President and Treasurer positions were up for election. Opened for nominations.
- **Joelynn Doell nominated Tom Boehm for the Vice President position, seconded by Louis Garant. Tracy Willms motioned that nominations for the Vice President cease. Nomination passed.**
- **Steve Power nominated Breanna MacEwan for the Treasurer position, seconded by Louis Garant. Tom Boehm motioned that nominations for the Treasurer cease. Nomination passed.**
- All 4 Member at Large positions were open
- **Gaetan Blouin let his name stand and was nominated for another term**
- **Chad Stolte, Bryan Briggs, and Dave Doell were nominated for the remaining positions.**
- **Bryan Briggs will remain the Website Administrator**
- **Dan Steen discussed the possible introduction of a new non-voting position, A Referee Coordinator. He asked the members to consider this position.**

XV. Open Discussion

- Dan Steen discussed a new DMHA Referee Recognition program that will be implemented in the 2017-2018 season.
- Parents of the Pee wee players requested a meeting with the Board to discuss the options. The Board agreed to this meeting and a meeting date will be sent out in the following week.

Meeting adjourned at 2034