

Stonewall Minor Hockey Association Annual General Meeting -MINUTES

April 20, 2023

7:00 PM – Stonewall Curling Club

- 1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order @ 7:01pm**
- 2. Geoff Corbett (SMHA - President)**
- 3. Review of Minutes from 2022 AGM**

MOTION:THAT the Minutes from 2022 AGM be approved as presented.

D. Peters/B. Scrivens

- 4. Business Arising From 2022 Minutes – none**
- 5. Reports**
 - a. Treasurer – Krista Kuzyk (SMHA - Treasurer)presented financial information**
 - b. Booth Convenor – Krista Kuzyk (SMHA - Treasurer)presented booth information**
 - c. Ice Convenor – Dave Underwood (SMHA - Ice Convenor)- presented report**
 - d. Tournament Director- Dana Scrivens - (SMHA Tournament Director)**
 - e. Director of Male Hockey- Kyle Breen (SMHA - Director - Male Hockey)**
 - f. Director of Female Hockey- Geoff Reimer (SMHA - Interlake / WMHA Rep.)**
 - g. Director Report - Jeff McCallum (SMHA - Director)**
 - H. RIC - Jeff Morden (SMHA - Ref Scheduler)**
- 6. Item for Discussion – Submitted by Scott Yurick**

I would like to put forward a motion to SMHA that SMHA create and publish a fair play

policy document as part of the constitution that clearly lays out the responsibilities and expectations for players, parents, coaches and SMHA in regards to the definition of fair play, the dispute resolution process, allowable exceptions to fair play (if any), and the consequences of not adhering to the policy. I suggest using the Cochrane, AB hockey association fair play policy found at the link:

<https://cloud.rampinteractive.com/cochranemha/files/fair%20play%20policy%20FINAL.docx.pdf>

- 7. Motion 1** – Motion from Jeff McCallum re: Ratification of SMHA Constitution & By-Laws otherwise known as the SMHA Regulations be approved as presented.

Carried

- 8. Motion 2:** Submitted by Bonnie Fortin

I Bonnie Fortin put in this motion:

TO ADD TO BY-LAW 5

Software purchases for individual executive members are prohibited, members are expected to use their own device(s) as required.

Not Carried

- 9. Motion 3:** Submitted by Bonnie Fortin

Add to disciplinary committee:

SMHA may at any time establish a disciplinary committee, composed of at least three of the executive officers given the specific circumstances. In the case of a conflict with any of the executive officers, others shall be appointed as necessary.

The Committee's function will be to collect all facts of complaints, hear and determine all matters requiring discipline because of violations by individuals of the regulations set by SMHA and meet as required to resolve all such matters.

The disciplinary committee may discipline a team, player, team official, spectator, game official or other member of SMHA, for inappropriate conduct on or off the ice or violations of the SMHA Constitution, Bylaws or Code of Conduct. Complainee will be suspended from all SMHA activities until investigation is complete.

The disciplinary committee shall meet as necessary. They will provide reasonable notice for all hearings to persons affected or involved by the disciplinary action. They will ensure privacy by selecting a neutral location and spacing out meetings accordingly. Review the completed report with the complaine, or others involved to allow response then to present and the findings and recommendations to the Board at that time. Outcome of the investigation will then be provided to all complainants in a timely manner.

Carried

10. Motion 4: Submitted by Ian Billingham

I would like to put forward a motion to the SMHA to remove the 2 consecutive year head coaching tenure maximum with proposal to move to an annual Coaching Survey providing feedback to SMHA from parents of the given team regarding aspects including, but not limited to preparedness, professionalism, culture, fair play, quality of instruction, desire to play for said coach in the future, etc.

Carried

11. Motion 5: Submitted by Ian Billingham

I would like to put forward a motion to the SMHA to remove the "Bubble" from evaluation results. The "Bubble" is defined in the Constitution as a "Line" falling after the last player a respective team will roster and the total of 4 players who fall above and below that line. Given the cost of hiring Athletes Academy as an independent evaluator, there is no need to involve small town politics into roster decisions.

Not Carried

12. Motion 6: Submitted by Byron Scrivens

I would like to put forward a motion to increase the size of the "bubble" (under bylaw 8 of the constitution) from 4 players (2 on either side of the line) to 6 players (3 on either side of the line).

Not Carried

13. Motion 7: Submitted by Bonnie Fortin

I would like to put forward the following motion for By Law 11:

Practices will be set at the beginning of the season for each team allowing them their provided/promised hours (i.e. 1.5 practices per week) prior to ice being booked by other teams. Teams are not expected to find their own ice for allotted practices.

Carried

15. Motion 8: Submitted by Bonnie Fortin

I would like to put forward the motion to amend by law #9 Coaching Registration and Certification.

Head Coach

All individuals applying for a coaching in SMHA must submit an application by the indicated deadline each year.

All individuals applying for head coach must have all the necessary certifications for said positions OR must be registered to complete the certification prior to deadline and send proof to the Registrar upon completion prior to Deadline of December 1st.

The Board, at his sole discretion, will appoint a coach selection committee of at least 3 people whose mandate will be to recommend a slate of coaches for ratification by the entire Board. The coach selection committee will be composed of the Director of Male of Female hockey and other individuals from the Board.

Where there is only a single application for a coaching position, the applicant is not necessarily selected by virtue of being the sole applicant.

For multiple candidates, the coach selection committee will be responsible for exercising due diligence in the investigation of the candidates which will include a personal interview and reference check and will have the right to reject the applicant and reopen the competition for the position. Past performance and history with SMHA or other associations will be considered for coaching selection.

Executive members who are applying to coach a team, or have a spouse, relative or child applying to coach may not be on the coach selection committee for said team, nor can they be involved in the discussions or votes for the selection for that respective position.

Recommendations will be brought forth to the Board prior to selections being final.

The appointment of head coach may be revoked at any time during the season, but only for disciplinary reasons or to aid in an investigation in accordance with bylaw 18. Team performance will not be considered suitable grounds for revocation.

Each head coach will be responsible for fulfilling the aims of this Constitution on his/her team and within the organization.

Carried

16. Motion 9: Submitted by Stonewall Minor Hockey Board of Directors

Stonewall Minor Hockey (SMHA) is the Host Association for a U13AA hockey program within IMH. The U13AA team would operate under the Stonewall Blues banner for the U13AA season and will be bound by the SMHRA constitution and bylaws. The team will play as a "guest" association in Hockey Winnipeg.

Players who are selected for the team will be expected to register with Stonewall Minor Hockey and pay the associations fees. If a player is selected from another association within IMH, it is expected that association will release the player, provided the player in question is agreeable to playing U13AA in Stonewall.

Stonewall Minor Hockey will accept as many as 4 players from outside associations.

The team will seek out non parent coaches and will pay the coaches an honorarium.

Players wishing to try out will be expected to pay a fee for tryouts. Coaches will be used to select the team. The team roster will consist of a maximum of 15 skaters and 2 goalies.

Rationale: SMHRA is currently accepted by Hockey Winnipeg in the U13AA category and is in good standing as a "guest." The expansion of the U13AA team beyond the borders of SMHRA will provide much needed support for the U15AAA and U15AA Interlake Lightning Programs. By only accepting 4 players from outside, we still provide an opportunity for our own players to develop at the AA level.

Carried

17. Elections

Registrar -Scott McFadden
Director of Communications-Nicole Smallwood
Director of Food Services
Director- Equipment-Kyle Scrivens
Director of Fundraising and Grants-Dallas Krahn
Ref and Chief
Ice Convenor

18. Adjournment – B. Scrivens/D. Peters 9:24pm