

INTERLAKE MINOR HOCKEY COUNCIL AGM, April 23, 2014

1. Call to Order – Kris Roll. Thanks Peter for coming.
2. Minutes of last AGM meeting adopted.
3. Financial Report adopted.
4. Presidents Report – Kris
 - Suggest new position for a Director of Development
 - Pretty good season until at the end. Too bad it had to be publicised.
5. Vice President South – Dave: This is my last year. Thanks to previous boards and all the people here and involved.
 - New positions needed – need two reps., Director of development, and Female Director of Development. Have to develop our players to keep up with other regions. Lots of skills but we have to develop it. If we want kids to compete at a higher level we need 3 or 4 camps per year. H.M. will send mentors out. If your coaches get better the kids get better.
 - Over last 5 years we've cleaned up the leagues. It is a very tough job.In closing I'd like to say Thank-you. I really enjoyed it.
6. Vice President South – Dean: As previously said "It's about the kids" We need to help Doug. We have to pick up skills. Our parents have to stick together and work together. We have to educate both sides. Educate everyone. Hard decisions have to be made if you don't want to clean-up. The governing body has to step up to the plate. If we don't made a stand someone is going to get hurt. Doesn't matter where they come from, if they are going to act up lets' address it properly.
 - Peter: There are 14 incident of abuse to referees in MB. 6 or 7 incidents in the Interlake. Kris: Why is there no consistency? Peter: The process is to lobby H.M. and address it at the H.M. meeting.
7. Directors Cup – Dave: There were 22 players, no cuts. It's an evolving program – integrating players. Format the same as last year.
8. Pee Wee Development - Barry: Financial Report circulated. We had 52 kids and went down to 50 players. Thanks to all the coaches. Suggest we start earlier (end of Jan.)
9. P.O.E. is run by H.M.
10. Triple A – Bantam did very well, won Provincials. Always has issues, same as other teams. Learning process. City Team has improved tremendously. Prov. Team is in the middle of the pack. Good players coming up. The proposed Prov. Bantam Leagues, there are too many questions, too much travel. Question of Burn out. Our position is we wouldn't participate in the Proc. Team unless we were mandated to do so.

11. Female Hockey – Keith: Report circulated.

12. Referee-In-Chief Report – Doug: Biggest thing I can stress is we need Referees. Don't know what the answer is. We had to cancel games in every league due to shortage of referees. Interlake Officials are not happy with suspensions handed down from H.M. Tired of racial comments as excuses, if you want to keep referees support them.

13. New Business:

A. Stony Mountain gave 4 recommendations - tabled for the fall meeting.

1. Novice hockey playoffs to be fashioned the same as the rest of the league. Instead of having 2 tournament style weekends that are played in a one day format.
2. A set standard on how associations split teams. Allowing same calibre players to compete against one another. Benefiting development at all levels. Having A and B teams as the option if # s are sufficient.
3. Having all associations follow an IP program with the emphasis on development vs games.
4. Discuss a possible North/South split for Pee Wee.

B. Lakeside: To have female players notified early in the year of their options of where they are able to play. Last year only 1 Bantam Team.

Only one that made application to W.M.H. was Stonewall. There are leagues to play in at late stages. The girls that would want to play female hockey contact Keith.

C. Riverton: I would like to change IMHA's way we do business by not allowing kids with suspensions during league play, to burn these off in sanctioned tournaments. The player should have to serve some, if not all of the IMHA suspension within league play. So many times we hear kids with suspensions, leaving to play in tournaments, then coming back to league play, and starting fresh, as their games were served during these tournaments.

Leave it in Doug's hands to monitor the IMH additional suspensions. They must be served in IMH league games.

D. St. Laurent: we should lift the 5 goal max for novice players because I think it puts unnecessary pressure on our most novice level of refs to make sure that they give the goal to the right player. I've seen on some occasions that refs have given the goals to the wrong players allowing some players to get 6 or even 7 goals.

Unanimously decided that we would leave the 5 goal rule for the Novice

14. Meeting Adjourned

ELECTIONS: Elections: President: Jay Charison

Vice-President South: Mike Palmer

Vice-President North: Dean Cochrane

South Directors: Barry Blue, Mark Sewell, Darren Bond

North Directors: Warren Toderan, Stewart Floyd, Alvin Amos

Female Director: Keith Johnson

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