

IMHA AGM Minutes - April 18, 2016 - 7pm - Teulon

1. Call to Order - Role Call

- a. Call to order at 7:13pm

2. Minutes of the last AGM

- a. Minutes from last AGM meeting read and adopted

3. Financial Report

- a. Financial report was read and adopted

4. Presidents Report

- a. Good season this year - developed in a few areas - Female midget team - started double roster AA bantam team, skill practices and tournament in Morris, unfortunately could not continue after Christmas due to business of schedules
- b. Not as many issues this year in first half likely due to RIS parent, unfortunately second half made up for first half.
- c. Thank Darren for development plan
- d. Thank Exec for hard work this season
- e. Thank to all volunteers and associations
- f. Congrats to St. Laurent for Hockeyville
- g. Acknowledge teams in provincials and thanks to assoc that hosted. Had at least one team win a medal in each age group.

5. Vice-President North Division

- a. This year tried to get people involved. When AAA hockey was introduced there was a decrease in quality in hockey. Would like to get that up.
- b. Would like to get more involved with refs
- c. Attended FR provincials and represented hockey MB

6. Vice-President South Division

- a. Jay and Dean covered everything

7. Directors Cup Report

- a. Barry - 33 kids at tryout. About a month left. Dwayne Swanson Al chop and Cory Woods are coaches. Dwayne has brought out some AAA midget players come out to help with drills. Successful pretournament weekend. DC is May 6-8 at Iceplex. A little different cause players are mixed with other regions.

8. Rising Stars Report

- a. Barry - 45 players - 3 teams. Maybe down cause we started program a little early. Started early to give teams more time. All 3 teams did fairly well. Thanked Brad Emberly, Lloyd Barylski, Ed deLaroque for helping.

9. Development Report

- a. Regional Development Plan
 - i. Darren went through development plan - noted that this is work in progress, this will change as we move forward. Also we will need leads for these programs.

10. AAA Report

- a. Calvin
 - i. First year as AAA rep
 - ii. Went to AAA parent meetings to make himself know and available if any issues should come up.
 - iii. No calls so season went well.

11. Female Hockey Report

- a. Keith went through report as circulated
- b. Female DC - 21 girls tryout - 16 made team they play in a week in portage. Structure is similar to male program except a shorter program.

12. Referee-in-Chief Report

- a. Season went fairly smooth
- b. Suspensions in bantam and midget were down.
- c. One thing that was concerning was that we suspended 3 coaches and 2 were novice. Both were for verbally abusing officials. This is very serious. We cannot have novice coaches swearing at refs in front of kids
- d. Similar to previous years where we had to get more referees as schedule is constantly changing.

13. New Business:

- a. **Lakeside Minor Hockey**
 - i. It should be enforced that league games take precedence over tournaments, especially non sanctioned tournaments
 - **This will roll into Dave's motion of creating an exemption**
 - ii. If needs to be enforced that ice times and contacts are brought to the fall meeting, as a convenor it is difficult to build a schedule if game times are not provided in a timely manner and if we are not given an organization or team contact it makes it even more difficult

iii. Please provide info on all of the female programs in the Interlake in case other towns are willing to join them

- **Sheet was circulated to get female numbers. We will try communicate on the web who has teams.**
- **Note that female players cannot double roster to male if they play Winnipeg Minor**

b. League Convener – Atom & Novice South – Dave Underwood

- i. Create a non-voting, paid position (suggested \$5/game), Scheduler/Statistician on IMHC. The IMH Scheduler/Statistician shall be responsible for developing league schedules for all Interlake minor hockey, Novice thru Midget. All minor hockey games will be filtered through the Scheduler/Statistician who will enter all games into website. The Scheduler/Statistician will be required to gather all game reports, maintain statistics for each league and record states on website. Shall also perform other duties as may be required by the Director. Remuneration will be calculated on a per game basis.
 1. Eastman charges \$6.50
- ii. The IMH shall follow the Hockey Manitoba guidelines with reference to filling out game sheets. The **home team** is responsible for sending game sheets and all supporting documents to the league statistician as outlined at one of the league organizational meetings or face fines set at same meeting.
- iii. No cancelling of league games unless approved by Scheduler/Statistician. Cancelling due to lack of players or going into a tournament will not be approved. Exemptions from league schedule must be submitted with ice allocations. Exemptions received after league schedule completed will not be granted. Only 2 exemptions in first half and 1 in second half will be approved.
- iv. IMH to set league divisions 'A' and 'B' at beginning of season (fall meeting). C will be determined at Christmas break. Towns to place teams in appropriate categories. Realignment will be at Christmas break.
- v. Put in a league limit for Penalty Minutes for players/teams for a season.

- **Broken into 3 motions. Questions to clarify motions.**

1. **Create Scheduler paid position, send in game sheets and penalty minute limit - CARRIED**
2. **Schedule exemption rule (each team will receive exemption wknds before and after Christmas) - DEFEATED**
3. **A/B split (Division will be split A/B at beginning of season and teams will self declare division) - CARRIED**

c. Director South – Darren Bond

- i. Motion: "That Interlake Minor Hockey Association create a Tier 2 Bantam Male AAA regional team made of players from the Interlake Region that are not rostered on the existing B1 Bantam Male AAA team, and that team play in the Eastman AA Bantam League."
*note – This regional AAA team would need Hockey MB and Eastman AA League approval as there is a 5 association limit for AA.

- **Concern that removing players will cause some assoc to not have teams at that age. Some players live far from second association and could be costly for parents to travel 45 minutes for practices to next nearest town**
- **Could help development by allowing more like players to play together. Easier to coach players that are similar in skill level.**
- **Will act as a feeder for higher level AAA teams.**
- **CARRIED**

ii. Motion: "That Interlake Minor Hockey Association replace the Coaching Coordinator position with a Development Coordinator position. This position will be appointed by IMHA's Board of Directors and will be responsible for the coordination of hockey development in the Interlake Region."

- **CARRIED**

iii. Agenda item: IMHA is creating an Interlake email subscription newsletter in an attempt to improve communication on programming and news in the Interlake.

- **CARRIED**

d. Stonewall Minor Hockey Association

Stonewall Minor Hockey and Ringette Association would like to submit the following motions to Interlake Minor Hockey For consideration:

i. **Part A of Motion** - Interlake Minor Hockey to establish a AA program for the following levels of male hockey:

Pee Wee – 11 and 12 year olds;

Bantam – 13 and 14 year olds or as minor bantam

Team Location: Team to be hosted at location of Interlake Minor's choosing

ii. **Part B of Motion**

Pee Wee program.

For 2017-18 season

It is proposed to formally submit a request to establish and register an official Interlake Minor AA Pee Wee team in the City of Winnipeg League for the 2017-2018 season.

- **Part A and B CARRIED**

iii. **Part C of Motion**

Bantam Program

It is proposed that the Bantam program can be a 13 and 14 year old program, or a minor Bantam.

It is proposed that Interlake Minor establish a AA Bantam team for the 2016-17 season to be entered into the Eastman League.

- **Same as a previous motion**

e. Riverton Minor Hockey

- i. Riverton is asking for IMH to establish a referee mentorship program. Riverton had two young 13 year old referees in an Atom game, where their inexperience showed. A few kids got hurt, not seriously, but may have been prevented, if penalties were called on both teams during the game. The ref's chose not to call penalties in this game, that could easily been controlled with a few more calls. IMH could use this program to assign senior refs to watch and/or skate with newly trained refs for a minimum 3 games. The new refs can be coached and mentored by the senior ref and graded on their performance. Tips on what was done right and what was done wrong will help develop the new refs. Mentorship Program costs, mileage, etc. must be covered by IMH and not responsibility of host association.

- **Development plan is addressing this. Riverton has also talk to Doug to discuss.**

- ii. Riverton is asking for IMH to develop or adopt minimum guidelines for warnings/suspensions with parents involving referee abuse, fan abuse, player abuse, etc. If a minimum is established, then these parameters can be used by associations as a starting base when dealing with problems. Boards cannot be then accused of being biased and or seen as being too harsh when dealing with problems mentioned above. Develop a standard form letter, which can used by an association or IMH as a standard issuance when incidents arise. Here is Winnipeg's policy which we can adopt into our constitution and change names to fit our association. [Respectful Hockey Policy](#); [Respectful Hockey Policy - Formal](#); [Respectful Hockey Procedures](#)

- **New constitution item states up to one year suspension. Associations can use that as a guide. Association can also review and or adopt hockey Winnipeg's guideline on the process for handling and issue.**

f. Teulon Minor Hockey

- i. We would like to see a consensus on the last day of registration for all organizations within the Interlake. Having a deadline earlier before the season would enable organizations that have low numbers on a team to issue releases, find towns for these players to play in or maybe find other players to join.

- **Teulon will set their registration earlier - no vote here as there is not a date**

- ii. We are also looking to see if there would be enough interest in having a novice girls league in the Interlake. There seems to be enough interest from parents of girls to commit to this program. It would likely take multiple towns to form some of the teams. I would help in any way needed to help organize this.

- **Discussion - no further action. Will review when numbers come out. Brad will circulate female numbers.**

g. Warren Minor Hockey

- i. A discussion point from WMH involves the number of league games we are playing in all age groups of IMH. I touched on this topic at the December meeting but I believe it needs to be addressed further. I think it would alleviate some of Lakeside's/Stonewall's (scheduling issues from Dec meeting) concerns if team league schedules allowed them to enter tournaments without having to jockey league games around.

I think most parents and players would agree, that going to tournaments are what you enjoy and remember years later thinking about the sport rather than how many IMH teams you played throughout the year. Not to mention that tournament play is also a far better revenue stream for our facilities and has economic spin offs for the towns that are hosting.

- **Tabled for fall meeting**

- ii. Age group splits (for teams large enough) should be standardized throughout the IMH, or at least every association should advise at the spring AGM so that other associations can make changes accordingly to their own constitutions before the season starts in fall.

- **Associations know their players best and what will work best for them. This may change from year to year and easier for association to decide a split that will work for them than IMH decide a split that may or may not work.**

- **DEFEATED - each association will decide**

- iii. WMH would also like to discuss movement of refs for regional play. It seems like a very large cost for associations to incur. If refs are to be completely unbiased in their decision making, do we really need to be asking teams to supply their own, especially at the young age groups. If it is a situation where associations are having trouble finding refs, then we completely understand, but if you have good local refs why not give them an opportunity to display their skills in these games?

- **This options exist now. It has to be decided at beginning of series and both teams must stick to it. Possibly have novice host provide all refs instead of option to bring own ref. This can be discussed at playoff meeting.**

- h. **Director South – Darren Bond and Secretary/Treasurer – Brad Emberly**

- i. Constitution Updates as outline in attached document

- **Changes are CARRIED**

- i. **Director South – Darren Bond**

- i. Motion: "That Interlake Minor Hockey Association adopt the AA/AAA Regional Teams' Constitutions."

*note – this change would also be reflected in a proposed change to the respective portion of the Constitution as submitted earlier.

- **Concern AAA team was not consulted on constitution, specifically, disagree with line in new constitution with reference to parent coaches. Feel that parent coaches should not be used at all.**
- **IMH ideally does not want to use parent coaches, however there needs to be a control in place if they have no other qualified options. 5 of 6 rural AAA bantam teams have parent coaches.**
- **CARRIED**

14. Elections:

- a. President - Jay Charison
- b. Vice-President North - Dean Cochrane
- c. Vice-President South - Mike Palmer
- d. North Directors - Alvin Amos, Warren Toderan, Clint Webb
- e. South Directors - Calvin Friessen, Darren Bond, Bryce Baldwin
- f. Secretary/Treasurer - Brad Emberly

15. Date for Re-Organizational Meeting - September 18, 2016 - Lundar - 10am

16. Meeting Adjourned

- a. Meeting adjourned at 10:04pm