



Didsbury Ramblers
Minor Hockey Association
Regular Board Meeting

March 13th, 2013
AGM 7:00p.m.
Didsbury Curling Rink

Attendees: Stacey Lodermeier, Tina Hoosegood, Barry Candline, Andrea Satwatzky, Tammy Bedard, Simone Reese, Cory Fifield, Clint Aarsby, Doug Bedard, Doug Vass, Tricia Kruger, Kim Russell, Ryan Sloan, Rod Bischke, Susan Read, Dan Felker, Jeff Miller, Deana Campbell, James Campbell, Jason Sawatzky, Tara Fifield, Sharon Wadel, Ryan Mierke, Jordan Overwater,

Absent: Jeramie Heistad, Tracy Knutson, Dayna Heinz, Paul Biggin, Kendra Visser, Cory Shields

Minutes: Called to order 7:02p.m.

Old Business: 3 on 3 Tournament need someone to take this task on. It is a major fundraiser for DMHA

Reports:

President: If I had to sum this year up in 1 word it would be "Problematic"

From dealing with left over issues from the year before to almost being dissolved as an association to jumping through hoops to have our lottery license re-instated and almost losing the casino fundraiser and last but not least, difficult parents. Problematic could be understating the year. If it was not for a great board who did most of the leg work to solve these issues and who were patient with me as I tried to learn the ins and outs of being President and tried to learn and interpret 6 different documents that are used to guide us through the hockey season it could have been a lot worse. Thanks to everyone on the board for your support and a job well done.

An area for improvement would be combining and condensing all DMHA documents into 2. Bylaws & Regulations. This would make it easier for the membership and the board to understand and have guidelines for conflict resolution and just the day to day administration of the association.

Fortunately there were many positives this year but I think this can be summed up in great volunteers. Through the efforts of dedicated parents next year the association has the lowest fees in the surrounding area, we are able to purchase new novice and atom goalie equipment and the board is in the process of reviewing designs for New Jerseys.

Going forward I would encourage parents to become more involved, join the board, be a coach, but most of all I would like to remind everyone that we are here for the kids and the people who are on the ice with your child and on the DMHA board are all volunteers.

VP: Absent Nothing to Report

Secretary- Nothing Report.

Treasurer: Absent



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Now for my opinion on the season:

I think that it went well for the most part. From the financial side of it, I believe DMHA is a well run organization and with the end of the season coming up, we are sitting in a very good place financially which is only going to get better if all goes well. The fundraising and tournaments were well done and proved to be profitable; so if these stay consistent year after year DMHA will be able to continue to put money towards improvement of equipment, jerseys, dressing rooms etc. There are a few things though that in my opinion needs to be reconsidered:

- I know at one point it was mentioned that profit from tournaments should go %100 back to the teams; I have to strongly disagree with this. Just taking the Tyke tournament as example, each team received \$1500 each as their portion that is plenty for 20%. I know it may not be that profitable year after year but we do need to continue to put some back into the association.

- Also, maybe to consider giving teams a bit of a loan at the beginning of the season. I know it was taken away but there was a lot of chaos on my end with the tournament fees etc, and many parents feeling tapped out especially after just paying their fees. Than at the end of the season they pay it back with their sponsorship or 50/50 income they have. Just a thought...

- The biggest issue I think there was this year was Communication. There was so much confusion over sponsorship and who can use it, 2 & 27 rules, coats etc. I know we can't babysit and make sure every parent reads the handbook but if we make all the important points easy access for people the more likely they are to read it. We have mass emails being sent out all the time, so maybe at the beginning of the season send out a reminder about these important points. And more importantly is sure all Managers and Coaches are aware of them and we have the links for by-laws on our website.

My intention as a board member; I am honestly torn on this one but I will have to give up my position if anyone will take it. I know that no one really has time to be on a board but I seriously can't afford to take another season away from my job. I know and I hope that no other year will be as bad as this one has been but I had no idea that this position would be so time consuming. So whomever takes over the Treasurer position, which I know you can't be picky but I recommend that they have some sort of idea of how to use QuickBooks; I have everything set up on this software so that will make it easier for them. I will help this person get set up and give them a list of important deadlines etc so we don't get stricken from the records again!

Registrar:

2010-2011- 31 Tyke, 24 Novice, 22 Atom

2011-2012- 33 Tyke, 29 Novice, 25 Atom

2012-2013- 32 Tyke, 30 Novice, 22 Atoms

23 atoms registered this season, one was released making it 22. 30 kids in Novice and 33 originally registered in Tyke. For a total of 84 children registered.

2014-2015- Tyke21, Novice 25, Atom 28. One tyke player has given written notice to move up, plus add about 10 new tyke players.

In the future would like to look into possibly doing on-line registration and PayPal.

Fundraising: Family Decals, and business decals. Fall Ball was a huge success we raised

Coach in Chief: Absent- Coach-In-Chief Report 2012-2013:

This hockey season has been full of trials and tribulations (suspensions and discipline).



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Prior to the season there was a committee formed for choosing the coaches at the Atom level (tier 2), which had mixed reactions. It appears that this committee is of benefit, but the process will need to be streamlined (i.e. timeframes) and become more formalized (i.e. neutral site to interview and the questions further developed). Regardless of these alterations, it would appear by clearing up these areas we will be able to move forward in this process and bring it to other levels when multiple coaches are interested in a team.

Unfortunately, we found at some levels the level of commitment was lacking. As the co-coordinator it is my role to attempt to find coaches and place the appropriate person into a coaching role. Should there be no person/people interested in assuming the head coaching role, someone will need to step up. As parents we must put our children first and have the proper leadership. If someone does not have the experience in coaching, the association wants to work with these motivated individuals in honing their skills (through programming, with the financial support of the association...i.e. DMHA pays for coaching courses). We had some new coaches this year, and I am very thankful for these people stepping up.

As for coaching clinics, I feel we should put in for a level 1 coaching clinic prior to the start of next season, as we will have a number of people who are in need of this program and would benefit having this information prior to the season starting.

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the AGM so I am forwarding this report to be added to the minutes. This past season I let my name stand for the role as Coach-in-Chief, after this season I am left very perplexed with the behaviors of parents in our and other associations. I would prefer to have someone else step up in the role of C-I-C for the 2013-2014 seasons, as I feel a new perspective is needed. I intend to continue coaching and being an active member in DMHA.

Respectfully,
Jeramie Heistad

CAHL Rep: 6 meetings in Strathmore, paid for your mileage. A couple suspensions, most meetings discuss abuse by parents, on coaches and referee. I am resigning from my position at this time, I am willing to help out and do anything I can.

2& 27 REP: For the most part season went really well. We had 3 teams, a few hiccups in the beginning but were a successful year. Easy position.

Ice Scheduler: Town gave us poor ice times this year, didn't matter how much we pleaded we couldn't get anymore ice time. We hope we have a fix for next year and can get some more ice time from the fun league. We have used all of our ice time up and haven't had any unused ice time.

Ref co-coordinator: I would like to stay as a ref assignor. I think it would make a difference if the ice scheduler can let me know what level and who they are playing so I can make sure I have the



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appropriate officials are scheduled. I also would like to see some type of evaluation process done for officials. This way too it also makes it easier to assign officials to the appropriate game.

Director & Chief- Absent I cannot make the meeting, I will not be staying on as the Director in Chief nor am I interested in another position on the board. I am still working on the new Jerseys for the teams. I will consult with the new board on how to proceed with the jersey purchase.

Director-in-Chief report

- Nothing to report

Recommendation's for next year.

-Ensure we add goalie evaluations procedures to the player selection policy.

- Set Dates for Conditioning camp and player evaluations as soon as possible.

- update the operating guidelines.

- Develop a tournament checklist for tournament coordinators

- Revise the handbook to reflect DMHA Bylaws. i.e. Remove the zero tolerance policy and the code of conduct sections. These have not been approved

so are not relevant to our association.

- Review and update the "let's Play Program" to align with CAHL and Hockey Alberta.

- Hire an outside source to run the conditioning camp. Ryan Coughlan at "perfect Stride" would be a good choice.

Media Rep: Year went well; communication was through e-mail and website. All managers had access to the website.

50/50: Absent\I will not be at the meeting tomorrow as I work. I am unable to do a full report as the only teams to give me their 50/50 calendars are tyke 2 and novice 1. This really upsets me as I posted in the locker room that I needed the calendars on Feb. 19. I just went and picked up the 50/50 box thinking it would be filled by now (it's been 3 weeks!!!) and as I stated above only two teams have given me their calendars. I need these in order to close down the raffle. This is the first year I have had trouble in receiving the info from the teams and am unsure as to why this would happen, especially since some of the managers have been managers or board members in the past and should know by now that things like this wouldn't change. (kind of upset about this) As soon as I get the calendars given to me, I will close down the raffle and let everyone know how much each team made.

This year we did try a new part of the raffle, we have stopped going to Vanda Agencies and I have been putting them through Alberta gaming online myself. This in my opinion has been much easier, faster and cheaper (with using Vanda, we were charged \$48 for every raffle whereas doing it myself it was free). The only thing we must do is make sure anyone involved with the tournaments, fundraising committee, managers, etc. know that all information about the raffles needs to be kept. For example for each raffle, you must know how many tickets/calendar squares, etc have been printed, the price of each ticket and how many of that were actually sold (need proof of this as well, hence I NEED THOSE CALENDARS). You also need any expenses from these raffles; this could be



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anything from buying the prizes, printing costs, advertising, etc. Other than that, it is a pretty easy position. I will show whoever takes over this position how to get onto the site and fill out the raffle information. One main recommendation I have for whoever is president next year would be to go through the list of approved people to use the site and delete most of the names. There are people there that haven't been a part of DMHA for at least 3 years (some more) that are still on the list.

Equipment Manager- Made purchases for heater in the time box, goalie sticks, pucks, and new goalie equipment will be purchased at the end of the season.

Recommendations for next year Jersey swapping needs to be done through the equipment manager.

Elections: Stacey Lodermeier motions to have last year's board abolished, Andrea seconds All in Favor.

President- Nominate Cory Fifield (Decline) Nominate Clint Aarsby (Decline) Nominate Ryan Sloan (Decline) Nominate Jordan Overwater (Accepted) Nominate Doug Bedard (Accepted) All in Favor for Doug Bedard for new President of DMHA 1 abstained.

Vice President- Cory Shields would like to let his name stand. Nominate Clint Aarsby (Decline) Nominate Doug Vass (Accepted) 6 in favor for Doug, 13 in favor of Cory, Cory Shields will stay on as Vice President.

Secretary- Nominate Stacey Lodermeier (Accepted) Nominate Susan Read (Accepted) 9 votes Susan Read 7 votes Stacey Lodermeier. Susan Read new secretary

Treasurer- Nominate Tina Shultz (Declined) Nominate Simone Reese (Declined) Nominate Stacey Lodermeier (Declined) Nominate Tara Fifield (Declined) Nominate Kim Russell (Declined) Nominate Deana Campbell (Declined) Nominate Barry Candline (Accepted) All in Favor.

Coach in Chief- Nominate Clint Aarsby (Declined) Nominate Doug Vass (Declined) Nominate Ryan Sloan (Accepted) All in Favor Ryan Sloan is new C-I-C.

Director in Chief- Nomination Doug Vass (Declined) Nominate Simone Reese (Accepted) Nominate Ryen Mierke (Accepted) Jeff Miller (Declined)- Votes for Ryan Mierke 3, Votes 15 for Simone Reese. Simone Reese is the new Director in Chief.

Registrar- Nominate Tammy Bedard (Declined) Nominate Tina Shultz (Declined) Nominate Tara Fifield (Declined) Nominate Kim Russell (Declined) Nominate Deana Campbell (Declined) STILL OPEN



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Referee-in-chief- Nominate Kelvin Knutson (Accepted) All in Favor

Ice Time Coordinator- Nominate Tina Hoosegood; let her name stand All in Favor.

50/50 Coordinator – Nominate Tammy Bedard (Declined) Nominate Kim Russell (Declined)
Nominate Tara Fifield (Accepted) All in Favor.

2 & 27 Rep- Nominate Jason Sawatzky (Declined), Nominate Doug Vass (Accepted) All in Favor

CAHL Rep- Nominate Jeff Miller (Declined), Nominate Rod Bischke (Declined) Ryan Mierke
(Accepted) All in Favor

CAHL Governor- Chris Dussault lets his name stand, ALL IN Favor.

Fundraising Co-coordinator- Nominate Tracy Kruger (Declined). Nominate Kim Russell (Accepted)
All in Favor

Media Rep: Nominate Andrea Sawatzky to stand All in Favor.

Equipment Co-coordinator- Nominated to let his name stand. All in Favor.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30p.m.

New Business:

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