

FMHA Board Meeting

February 12, 2014

Present: Cathy Garcia, Laurel Doehle, Tracey Kelly, Arthur Sombrowski, Vince Cociolo, Mark Palmer, Pat Gris, Claude Perreault, Bill Johnson, Laura Loewen

- Ice Report – all good
- Treasurer Report – all good
- Year End banquet – Laura to organize and get back to the board with a proposal and budget
- East Kootenay Meeting
 - Governance meeting in Creston on February 23rd in Creston – would like a representative from every association – Vince and/or Arthur will try to make it
 - BC Hockey AGM – Penticton June 22-24 – they would like to see a representative from every association so BC Hockey will pay the registration fee for a representative from every association. FMHA will pay for the other costs involved in going if someone can go.
 - They are still looking for a BC Hockey East Kootenay Representative
 - EVMHA Peewee B team has requested to not play in the Peewee A banner since they are not at that level. League decided to allow them to withdraw from the championships without any penalty.
- Novice issues
 - Complaints from some Novice parents about lack of communication at the beginning of the season about splitting team into 1st and 2nd year teams for tournaments. And that there is a tournament in Canal Flats that they were taking the second years to and had asked a player from Elk Valley to join them, which is not allowed by BC Hockey rules and parents of first year Fernie players were upset that they weren't asked to go. Coaching staff apologized for their error in inviting the Elk Valley player – they had heard that it had been done in the past and thought that it was alright to do. Honest error. Regarding the first year players: they were offered a tournament in Medicine Hat that they turned down and Laurel is trying to arrange some exhibition games in Fernie for them so they have equal amount of game time.
- Peewee 2014/2015
 - Potentially have 26-28 peewee aged players for the 2014/2015 season
 - Have had 11 expressing an interest in the release evaluations
 - It's all a numbers game – can't make any definite decisions until we know our numbers after spring registration
 - May have enough players to make 2 teams – 1 rep and 1 house – then we probably wouldn't release anyone
 - We will still have the release evaluation to keep all options open
 - Evaluation dates are March 6th and 10th 6:30-7:30 – Arthur will try to arrange to have some first year peewee Cranbrook tier 2 players come out to provide numbers for scrimmages and add game pressure to the Fernie players
 - Will mention the Fernie Peewee team in our spring registration ad in the paper.
- Atomic Jerseys
 - McDonalds gave FMHA 2 sets of jerseys and other gear that is supposed to be distributed to the players and used at games
 - Arthur moves that at the coaches discretion the Atomic Jerseys and gear will be distributed to the Atomic players to keep