



Innisfail Minor Hockey Association  
 Board Meeting  
 Date: January.14.2016 7:30 pm  
 Place: Boardroom - Innisfail Arena

**Participants**

Invited	Attend	Regrets	Invited	Attend	Regrets
Stephen Bates	X		Bill Westman	X	
Alan Smith	X		Bruce Rafuse	X	
Sean Slaney	X		Megan McDonald	X	
Matt Atwell		X	Brett Kelly	X	
Kim Green	X		Darwin Amundson	X	
Murray Reay	X		Dez Lorencz		X
Shelley Sauter		X	Sara Howell		X
Aaron Kitzul	X		Elwin Wiens	X	
			Pat Adam		X

**Agenda**

Item #	Topics to be discussed		
1.	Call to order		
2.	Additions and Approval of Agenda		
3.	Presentation a) Female Atom Provincial Committee		
4.	Reading and adoption of minutes: November 19, 2015		
5.	Old Business a) Junior Coaches b) Coach Surveys		
6.	New Business a) Meeting with Town – Stephen b) Bauer Update – Murray c) 2016 Jerseys – Murray d) Report from Zone and CAHL meetings – Elwin e) Double A		
7.	Correspondence a) Brett Kemball b) Randy Graham		
8.	Directors' Reports		
9.	Next Meeting Date		
10.	Adjournment		

**Minutes**

Item #	
1.	<b>Stephen Bates called meeting to order at 7:33 pm</b>
2.	<b>Additions and approval of agenda.</b> Bruce Rafuse moved to accept the agenda as presented with the additions of 5(e), 7(a) & 7(b). Bill Westman seconded. <b><u>Motion Carried</u></b>

3.	<p><b>Presentation</b></p> <p>a) Female Atom Provincial Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connie Holbein &amp; Darla Jackson</li> <li>• March 17 – 21, 2016</li> <li>• Shared schedule, budget &amp; sponsorship package</li> <li>• Made request for IMHA to be a sponsor of Provincials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have sponsored Provincials in past</li> <li>• May sponsor in the form of covering ice costs or other fees</li> <li>• IMHA Board discussed sponsorship of \$1000</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Hockey Alberta has a mandate that it has to be memorable and age specific (example is the opening dance ceremony)</li> <li>• Will have a market place (Have business license for market) &amp; pancake breakfast</li> <li>• IMHA Board made Request for post-tournament budget &amp; accounting</li> <li>• IMHA will forward time box request to all other teams to assist</li> <li>• IMHA Board will request plan in event excess revenue is generated</li> <li>• IMHA Board members to meet with Committee to discuss other steps</li> </ul>
4.	<p><b>Reading and adoptions of minutes: November 19, 2015</b></p> <p>Brett Kelly moved to accept the minutes as presented. Darwin Amundson seconded. <b><u>Motion Carried</u></b></p>
5.	<p><b>Old Business</b></p> <p>a) Junior Coaches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow-up from Hockey Alberta</li> <li>• If under Junior Coach is under16 &amp; not carded to team but a player in the association; they must be full gear</li> <li>• If under 16 &amp; not a player in the association; they must be carded</li> <li>• If not carded &amp; under 16 must, they wear full gear when on bench during game</li> <li>• If under 16 they can be carded as stick boy</li> <li>• Darwin Amundson makes motion for Atom A junior Coaches of Kaleb Kremp &amp; Corbin Cocke. Sean Slaney seconded. <b><u>Motion Carried</u></b></li> <li>• Recommend adding to Policy &amp; Procedure document before AGM</li> <li>• IMHA Board will set a limit of 2 Junior Coaches per team</li> </ul> <p>b) Coach Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 115 electronic surveys back ;primarily all positive &amp; we should let those coaches know they are doing a great job</li> <li>• 3 coaches needed guidance. Those coaches were met with and were receptive to the feedback. We feel positive direction will happen due to this.</li> <li>• Coaches that received only 1 survey (whether positive or negative) do not need to be reviewed as no trends are present</li> <li>• Olds hockey is also going to electronic surveys</li> <li>• All directors received reports &amp; are encouraged to share with Coaches. Please paraphrase all commentary to protect anonymity</li> </ul>
6.	<p><b>New Business</b></p> <p>a) Meeting with Town – Stephen Bates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Met with Town, Eagles &amp; Figure Skating</li> <li>• Town did not get grant for dressing room renovation; we should be retaining office</li> <li>• Going to upgrade lights on both rinks</li> <li>• Looking at storage options</li> <li>• IMHA Recommended a dehumidifier to allow for earlier ice &amp; reduce load on the ice plant</li> <li>• Proper maintenance of outdoor ice behind arena is another recommendation</li> <li>• Eagles want to build on west side of rink with 4-5 dressing room. 1 dedicated to Eagles, balance for community groups, including outdoor sports on west side</li> <li>• Ice rates will go up next year (\$2 per hour)</li> </ul>

	<p>b) Bauer Update – Murray Reay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stephen Bates &amp; Murray met with Bauer rep in December to discuss issues</li> <li>• They have offered, as a token of goodwill, to provide at their expense an upgraded home &amp; away jerseys in midget size.</li> </ul> <p>c) 2016 Jerseys – Murray Reay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Murray Reay makes motion to purchase 4 sets of jerseys (Bantam, PeeWee, Atom &amp; PeeWee female team) for next season. Brett Kelly seconds. <b>Motion Carried</b></li> <li>• Discussion around jersey colours. Many of our teams have not played in our new colours because so many other associations have same colours &amp;/or the home &amp; away sets are not distinctively different enough for players or coaches. Additionally the white jerseys are not easily cleaned and are quickly aging. The IMHA board feels going forward it would be best to have a set of black and set of orange jerseys. (The free Midget set above may already be in production and not be subject to colour changes)</li> <li>• Aaron Kitzul makes motion to switch to black and orange jerseys on future orders. Sean Slaney seconded. <b>Motion Carried</b></li> <li>• Will need another midget sponsor next year</li> </ul> <p>d) Report from Zone and CAHL meetings – Elwin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zone meeting had nothing new only confirmation of playdown teams</li> <li>• Hockey Alberta regulations on affiliation may change from 10 games per affiliate to 5 games after January 1</li> <li>• Hockey Alberta regulations on overage players may change that the overage players can play in Provincials</li> <li>• CAHL meeting: Governors are important to running a smooth &amp; efficient season, and as such, the CAHL encourages association to keep good Governors. They are looking at doing approval ratings</li> <li>• CAHL posts suspensions and penalties online, however, some updates are not happening &amp; this is causing confusion at games. They are aware of this and are trying to clean it up.</li> <li>• CAHL has noticed a number of players are approaching limit of penalty minutes before suspension. Managers need to monitor and advise their Coach</li> <li>• CAHL has new member interest. They are looking at north-south division split with Highway 1 being boundary between 2. The divisions would be within 2 hours of Highway 1. To the north this would be about Highway 12 (Lacombe) &amp; west to Highway 22.</li> <li>• CAHL had questions in regards to schedules &amp; amount of games (including tiering games). Teams play up to 20 games but not willing to set to minimum standard yet</li> </ul> <p>e) Double A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting happening on January 20, 2016 in Olds. They are requesting associations in the Double A draw area attend. They want to publicize the high level hockey being played in our area. Sean Slaney has recommended a separate board be created for this team with 1 member from each association.</li> <li>• Looking for 1 game slot and 1 practice slot from each association for each area so community can see teams play</li> </ul>
7.	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>a) Brett Kemball</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goalie session having difficulty getting shooters because having to wear full gear</li> <li>• IMHA will card 4 <b>specific</b> shooters as Coaches</li> <li>• They can use any registered player in full gear</li> </ul>

	<p>b) Randy Graham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Olds Female team has a female affiliate that has plays on the Atom A boys team. Female Atom Flyers were denied same request last year &amp; this year (to have a female affiliate to the Flyers that plays on the Atom A boys team.)</li> <li>• Our Zone rep advised last year that it would not happen so no official request was made to Hockey Alberta. The Zone rep in Olds is different than ours &amp; may have difference of opinion &amp; advised that board to proceed with request. IMHA board will ask question to Hockey Alberta to clarify</li> <li>• As Olds having player, board feels that Coach can protest game results when that player plays to see what Hockey Alberta advises</li> <li>• It is also noted that player can only play in one Provincial playoff and the Atom A one occurs same weekend as Female Atom</li> <li>• IMHA Board policy is that player affiliates up &amp; as a result they would only allow our Female player to affiliate up in the boys division, so point may be moot anyways</li> </ul>
8.	<p><b>Directors' Reports</b></p> <p>a) Hockey Development (Sean Slaney)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Report</li> </ul> <p>b) Eaglets / Dynamite (Matt Atwell)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ABSENT</li> </ul> <p>c) Novice (Megan McDonald)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New West Country rule: In regards to the 3 goal per player rule, a warning will be issued on the 4<sup>th</sup> goal a player gets. Goals beyond 4 may result in a penalty &amp;/or suspension.</li> </ul> <p>d) Atom (Darwin Amundson)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Report</li> </ul> <p>e) Peewee (Aaron Kitzul)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Report</li> </ul> <p>f) Bantam (Shelly Sauter)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ABSENT</li> </ul> <p>g) Midget (Bill Westman)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Report</li> </ul> <p>h) Female (Sara Howell)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ABSENT</li> </ul> <p>i) Vice President (Brett Kelly)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Report</li> </ul> <p>j) Registrar (Dez Lorencz)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ABSENT</li> </ul> <p>k) Treasurer (Kim Green)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Report</li> </ul> <p>l) Referee in Chief (Bruce Rafuse)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lots of positive feedback on officials year-to-date &amp; 2 formal complaints</li> </ul> <p>m) Executive Director (Elwin Wiens)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Report</li> </ul> <p>n) Equipment Director (Murray Reay)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• .No Report</li> </ul>
9.	<b>Next meeting:</b> February 11, 2016 @ 7:30 pm – Innisfail Arena
10.	<b>Adjournment:</b> Murray Reay moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 pm. Aaron Kitzul seconded. <b>Motion Carried</b>
	<b>Minutes:</b> Alan Smith

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Who</b>
3 (a)	Look at past donations to Provincials to see Benchmark	Elwin Wiens
3 (a)	Review concerns w/ Provincial Committee (excess revenue; budget wording)	Stephen Bates
3 (a)	Email association membership requesting volunteer assistance	Elwin Wiens
5 (a)	Notify Atom A Coach of Junior Coach request status	Darwin Amundson
5 (a)	Update Policies document	Elwin Wiens
5 (b)	Share outstanding survey results with Coaches	Age Group Directors
6 (a)	Share further recommendations with Town	Stephen Bates
6 (b)	Confirm with TBS if free Midget Jerseys can have new colour scheme	Murray Reay
6 (b)	Order 4 sets of jerseys (Bantam, Atom, PeeWee & PeeWee Female)	Murray Reay
6 (b)	Approach TBS about promised sponsorship (not on the free jersey set)	Murray Reay
6 (e)	Attend Double A association meeting	Sean & any member
7 (a)	Find out who Brett Kemball would like as shooters to be carded	Elwin Wiens
7 (b)	Request official clarification from Hockey Alberta on Female Affiliation	Stephen Bates
7 (b)	Advise Randy Graham of affiliation decision last year & moving forward	Stephen bates
8 (c)	Notify Novice teams of new rule	Megan McDonald