

KAMLOOPS MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 9, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Jon Pankuch

25 Voting Members Present

Motion: to accept minutes from Monday May 3rd, 2010 Annual General Meeting

1st Tom Befurt

2nd Bob Comte

Motion Adopted

Financial Report:

- Financials were available for review at the meeting, Mario Piva discussed the statements
- Year end March 31, 2011
- Revenue exceeded expenses
- Major revenue - is registration, tournaments, games and sponsorship
- Expenses - ice rentals, referee's, administration, advertising
- Note: Revenue from KIBIHT did not go into this budget

Questions from Members:

- There were no questions from members

Head Coach Report (written by George Cochrane and read by Sandy Bullock):

(Report Attached)

Questions from Members:

- There were no questions from members

Registrars Report:

- There were 84 teams last season
- 8 female teams (164 players)
- 76 mixed teams (1154 players)
- There were 1318 registered players
- Total players in Recreation was 1098
- Total players in Rep was 220

Questions from Members:

- There were no questions from members

KIBIHT Tournament:

- Willy Saari presented information in regards to KIBIHT
- \$2000.00 profit to go back to KMHA
- KIBIHT needs more help - a few hours here and there or help all year round
- Areas we need volunteers:
 - Trophy`s and awards
 - To co-ordinate the volunteers
- We do not have a representative between KMHA and KIBIHT
- Tier 2 side worked and will be back next year
- KIBIHT will be held during the Easter Break for the next two years

President Report:

(Report Attached)

Questions from Members:

- No Questions from members

Retirement of the 2010-2011 Board of Directors

Election of Officers and Directors:

Election of Officers:

President: Jon Pankuch

1st Vice President: Ian Shaw-MacLaren

2nd Vice President: Kirt Harrison

3rd Vice President: Kris Webb

Treasurer: Dean Clark

Registrar: Kathy Fidanza

Secretary: Nicole Rugolo

Directors: MJ Bruno, Hannah Perris, Tom Befurt, Candice Fleming, Colleen Bradley, Kevin Herndier, Ken Ward, Reid Hamer-Jackson, Bob Comte, Paddy Nicholson, Laura Strong, Ron Woodland, Antonio Fidanza, Leslie Moser-Fidanza, Kaylee Church, Kathleen Pryor, Scott Panter

New Business:

- There is no new business

Questions from Members:

Floor: Hockey camps - 1st year players going to 2nd year (Atom Program)

Floor: Is the Major Midget Program coming back to Kamloops? The Board Members voted NO to have the program come back. As we have lots of ice issues (no extra ice), we were not going to jeopardize the 85 teams for one team.

Floor: Are we going to be more organized this year in regards to having coaches in place? The call for coaches has been done now. Some recreation coach applications have been submitted. Coach's recruitment is on the web site. We can put requirements on web site of what coaches need to be a coach.

Motion to adjourn:

1st - Laura Strong

2nd - Paddy Nicholson

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



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President's Report

May 7, 2011

I would like to welcome everyone to the Kamloops Minor Hockey Association Annual General Meeting. In 2010/2011 season we had some great success, both on and off the ice. For my report this year I would like to talk more about where we are going, not where we have come from, and more about what we are doing, not what has been accomplished. There are many projects and initiatives that we are working on, too many to mention at this time. This report only highlights a few of them. I welcome any member that has questions, to please call or drop me a line.

At the end of this season, the KMHA board started strategic planning meetings. The process started with an overall SWOT analysis of all aspects of our association. The next step is to form special committees to evaluate the analysis and make recommendations for improvements. It is our goal, to put together a three to five year strategic plan for the association, so every year, the elected board, has a plan to monitor and continue the development of the association.

As most should be aware, this season's rep process has been changed. We feel the change will not only benefit the players, but the organization of the association. Players should benefit from the advice of the independent evaluators. The plan is to ensure each player receives an evaluation of their performance during the first week. From an association side, it allows us to be more prepared in the fall, and allow the flow of players down through the Tiers and into recreation divisions. Also because of the early rep try out process, we opened registration up early this year, with great success. Starting next season registration deadline for the 2012/13 season will be the end of February. Post dated cheques, or equal payment plan will still be an option. This will give us a better understanding of how many players we will have, how many teams, how much ice time is needed. It will also give us the summer to get the divisions in order and ready for the season.

There was also a lot of discussion this season around fundraising, and ensuring we have enough funds to successfully run and better our programs. Fundraising is also an important component of keeping registration fees down. We do not want to continue to raise fees every year to offset increase operating expenses. We also understand that teams need to fundraise to offset team fees. For the 2011/12 season we as an association will be holding a raffle. We have assembled a prize package of over \$35,000 in prizes. \$30,000 of which will be 10 travel packages, to places like Mediterranean cruises, Disneyland, Las Vegas, Jamaica, Alaska, and Mexican Riviera. Each player in the association will be responsible to sell 10 tickets, each valued at \$10.00. Each player will get 50% of the monies earned back to their team. Over all we will be getting 20,000 tickets printed, the overall goal is to raise a profit of \$170,000 in which it will be split, 50% to the teams, 50% to the association's operating budget. We hope all will be enthusiastically involved.

Near the end of last season we started construction of our new office. We are happy to report that the office is complete and that the doors to the new office opened for business Monday May 2nd, 2011. The new office is located at the Mac Park sport center facility, in the main lobby area, across from the concession. The office is larger than are previous office at

Memorial arena, and we feel it will serve our membership now and into the future. It also puts us in the arena where a lot of our tournament and league play happens. I need to make a special Thank you to all that have donated their time and or products to make this happen. Thank you to Home Hardware, Kirt Harrison and Harrison Electrical, Wescon, Thompson Valley Painting; Right at Home Construction, and the City of Kamloops. With the move, the office will now be open full time 5 days a week. Please watch our website for office hours.

Technology continues to be our friend and enemy. With Social media evolving and becoming more and more of our day to day lives, we need to embrace it and see how it can benefit our association. With things like Facebook and twitter, and the impact it has on getting information out can be a benefit, yet it can also be a way for players and parents to express their frustrations. We will be working hard on implementing policies on the use of Social media within our association. We will also be investigating how we can use these mediums, to get information out to our members. This season we also went back to our previous website supplier. The rates negotiated with RAMP are significantly less then we paid two years ago. This season we had a dedicated website director updating the website regularly and adding new features to it. We will continue to develop our website so it benefits all our members. With our new office we have added a terminal to accept interact, visa, and MasterCard. This terminal was added to add more flexibility on payment options for any fees paid to the association. However, with options come bank fees. We have decided that these bank fees will be passed onto the users of these terminals.

Body checking in Peewee and Bantam recreational hockey was a big topic at last year's AGM. At that time we made the promise to review the topic and mandate some guidelines. We also completed a survey of the membership and reviewed that feedback. I personally was a spectator at many games this past season in both divisions. The media coverage this past year on this topic across the country was at sometimes overwhelming. Even up until this last week, the governing hockey body in Ontario decided to removed body checking from there recreation leagues. As an association we held a special meeting to discuss the season and whether we should continue with body checking. Without getting into all the details, we as a board decided to remove body checking from Peewee and Bantam recreational hockey. We will continue to educate and teach body checking in practices and mandate a procedure for players AP'ing from recreational to Rep.

Finally, I would like to talk about the importance of the Volunteer and how this association is in dire need of them. The perception seems to be that, to help out in our association and volunteer your time; you need to be either a board member or coach. That could not be further from the truth. There are many things that need to be accomplished each season, which requires many hours. If we could get a couple hundred volunteers, volunteer a few hours a month, it would make for light work and a well run association. The fact is there is a small group of people, organizing and operating the largest association in the province. This year we will be executing a recruitment campaign, both inside our association, and outside. I please ask for your help. Anyone that could spare a few hours to benefit our kids, please leave your name and contact info on the sheet at the front here before you leave tonight. Without your help, many of our programs will suffer or not even happen.

This is my report, and is submitted as presented. Thank you.

Jon A. Pankuch



President
Kamloops Minor Hockey Association

KMHA HEAD COACH REPORT 2010-11

My apologies for not being in attendance this evening. I'm currently in Toronto at a Hockey Canada National Coach Mentorship Seminar.

The season started with our Rep and Atom Development Coach Selections in June. We had a good number of applicants for the positions and as always, there were some age groups with more than others. We filled most of the positions then and added the rest as tryouts progressed. We followed those selections up with pre-season planning meetings with the successful candidates in preparation for the upcoming season. That continued with regular meetings throughout the year. One of those meetings was an on-ice session that was intended to go over key parts of the game that we want to be consistent with in KMHA. I attended practices with teams and also did game observations on the bench with many of our coaching staffs.

Rep tryouts took place in early September. We had Tier 1, 2, and 3 teams in all age groups and a Tier 4 team in Bantam. We did our Atom Development tryouts later in Sept and had 3 teams this year. We also had our Atom Selects (2nd year players) team chosen and participate in the annual Crowchild Challenge in Calgary in April. We started a new rep tryout process for next season with 2 ice times for all currently registered KMHA players in April.

We hosted our second annual Summer Goalie Camp- Francois Allaire program in the first week of July. This was a very successful camp with an increase in goalies attending the camp from the first year. That camp was followed by our 4th annual Coaches Conference where we had guests such as Ken Hitchcock, Don Hay, Ryan Walter, Perry Pearn, Mike Johnston and others present to coaches. Our Summer Camps followed with a Checking Camp, Hockey School and AAA Prep Camps. We had our annual Christmas 3 on 3 camp for players from Init D to Bantam. We've expanded our Summer Camps program this year to include a Specialty Camp for Forwards and Defensemen as well as a Powerskating and Checking Camp.

Our Skill Development Programs continued through the season with a number of skill development sessions for different age groups of goalies and skaters. We did PW checking clinics at the beginning of the season for the Recreation players.

We hosted 5 Hockey Canada Coach Certification clinics – 2 Developmental 1 and 3 Hybrids in the fall and early winter of 2010. We hosted a Hockey Canada Coaches Specialty Clinic on Skating and Puck Control.

We had our Initiation Coaches Orientation Nights for A-B coaches and C-D coaches in late September. Coaches were on the ice and went through a typical practice for each of the age groups then met off the ice to discuss each of the program's plans and goals for the season. We are continuing to emphasize the need for individual skill development in that program. We've made some changes to our Initiation program for next season. We are falling in line with Hockey Canada and will have Initiation and Novice hockey for our 4 to 8 year-olds. I spent time on the ice with Recreation teams at practice and we had coaches meetings during the season.

We hosted 5 Hockey Canada Coaching Certification clinics in late fall and early winter. Two of these were Developmental 1 clinics and three were Hybrid clinics. We also hosted a Skating and Puck Control Specialty Clinic. I attended the Coaching session at the BC Hockey AGM in June in Prince George.

We had the pleasure of hosting two coaches from Finland for five days as a part of a coaching exchange with the Finnish Ice Hockey Federation and Hockey Canada. They were on the ice with different KMHA teams participating in practices, running drills and observing our coaches. They also did an off-ice presentation and attended a Blazers game.

I thought it was another successful season for KMHA. We won five OMAHA banners, but more importantly I think we are continuing to develop players and coaches. We are moving forward with changes to our programs that I believe will enhance those programs and only serve to improve the development and enjoyment opportunities for our players. I think there are still opportunities for us to grow in the areas of coach and player development. The goal is to enhance that growth and development while continually finding ways to provide the best possible opportunities for all KMHA players and coaches, both on and off the ice.

Respectfully submitted,
George Cochrane
May 9, 2011