

## New Sarepta Minor Hockey Association

Spring AGM  
April 16, 2013



Call Meeting to Order: 7:11 pm

Chaired By: Andy Kellert  
Minutes: Kate Clifford

### Attendance: 30 Total

Jeff Laberge, Kate Clifford, Blaine Perry, Jolene Wenzel, Darren Demchuk, Arlene Kohut, Tara Hinkle, Karmen Neuman, Audra Neuman, Cindy Lauer, Shawn Lauer, Carrie Erdmann, Annette Winland, Geoff Dowson, Derrick Spence, Ryan Prafke, Mary Pirart, Dave McIntosh, Ashley Rouncville, Sharril Sych, Shelly Boland, Kim Gross, Garth DeWitt, Anita Noble, Andy Kellert, Craig Millar, Tom Noble, Angie Patriquin, Veronica Kellert, Chris Edgerly

**Review of Fall AGM September 11, 2012 minutes:** No Corrections, Errors or Omissions  
**Minutes Reviewed and Accepted by:** Craig Millar

### Additions to Spring AGM Agenda:

- Andy Kellert proposes that the Risk Management Coordinator position be dissolved and move the responsibilities to the Vice President. The position as it stands now is to make sure the arena is safe for players and visitors as well as away games at other arenas. This also entails injuries and making sure proper documentation is sent to Hockey Alberta. This to be tabled to a future discussion
- **Adopting New Agenda:** Anita Noble and Carrie Erdmann seconds.

### Presidents Report: Andy Kellert

- Year in Review at the awards night was done.
- Boundary project: Good strides have been made in getting the boundary lines figured out. A map is on display showing how the boundary sits now. 5 out of 7 joining associations have been signed off on. Waiting for Millet and Tofield. Sherri Rawluck has been helping out with the entire process
- Thanks to families who filled out the surveys and suggestion forms. Association will work towards fulfilling the suggestions given.
- Bylaws: Revised copy of the bylaws is complete and will be presented at the AGM today. Thank You to all the people who worked so hard on getting these up to date as they were from 1994.
- Future: If re-elected Andy is looking forward to reaching more goals:
  - o Hoping to get a midget team back in the association.
  - o Registration Fee: A first time \$99.00 registration fee has been put fourth in hopes of getting new players in the association.
  - o Committee/Policy and procedure book needs worked on. Add rules and regulations
  - o Hoping in the new arena to set something up capturing past years with pictures. Some pictures have been found dating back to 1978
  - o See NSMHA recognize people of the past executives, similar to what AG Society presently does in the form of a plaque. This will be looked into at future executive meetings
- Silent Auction Registration was made and donated to the Zion Church. It was a 50% off 1 registration for the 2013/2014 season up to a maximum value of \$299.00. Will be at the June Fair.
- Female hockey players: Andy was contacted by some surrounding associations about our females and if any desire to play all girl's hockey. In the past NSMHA has released female players at the peewee and above levels, should they wish to join female teams. Talk to a NSMHA level director or Andy if interested.

**Vice President Report: Jeff Laberge**

- All permits are good and everything is good in the association.

**Treasurer: Kim Gross**

- Everyone is given a copy of the last season's financials and discussed outstanding transactions.
- Financials as they were presented were accepted by Carrie Erdmann and seconded by Angie Patriquin. Everyone is all in favor
- Kim will be finalizing books at year end June 1, 2013 and will submit to Accountants for auditing. Should have audits financials for September's Fall AGM.
- Association had to cash in \$25,000 of its \$40,000 GIC to cover expenses in the last few months of season. The remaining \$15,000 was rolled into a new GIC.
- Approximately \$16,000 in general account today

**Atom & Below: Tom Noble**

- 5 Teams in Atom and Below. 2 Atoms, 1 Novice and 2 Pre-novice teams total
- 2 Atom teams worked well with the tiering. Some kids moved up
- IP progressed and played well in the Pre-novice division
- All teams functioned well, all issues were dealt with. Looking at some changes for next year.

**Peewee and Above: Chris Edgerly**

- 2 Teams in the Peewee and Above, Bantams and Peewee's.
- No issues overall with few suspensions. All was good through-out the year.

**Player Development: Shawn Lauer**

- Plans for upcoming season: Chris Noble has been secured for goalie clinics.
- Many things wanted for player development but that will be based on the upcoming motion. Need fundraising to help the association get more items that would be used for player development.
- Need more feedback from people in the association as to what they would like

**Coach Development: Derrick Spence**

- All is good.
- Please fill out the coaching form when registering kids for upcoming season. Coaching credentials need in by November 15<sup>th</sup>. Courses do run all summer. Derrick has a list of all credentials and when they expire if needed.

**Registrar Report: Cindy Lauer**

- Projected Team #'s for next season:
- Pre-Novice: 14
- Novice: 22
- Atom: 24 - 26
- PeeWee: 18
- Bantam: 15
- Midget: 14 (maybe) – need more midgets

**Fundraising / Commitment Report: Jeff Laberge sitting in for Vanessa Laberge**

- Easy year overall. Hall Dance, CFCW Critters Charity Game and Bottle Drive all went well.
- Parade, Demotion Derby and Casino are all coming up. Look at renting waterpark for fundraiser in the future.
- Huge thank you to all volunteers
- \$33,630.00 was fundraised with \$20,800.00 in expenses, so in total \$12,830.00 was raised in association

fundraising efforts this past season. Very well done

**Association Equipment: Anita Noble**

- New Jersey's looked awesome along with the association jackets – nice to see unity and pride.
- Equipment is still being returned, medical forms have been destroyed. All white boards and binders still need to come in as well as game sheets and books.
- There was a lot of pucks missing this year, better job here taking care of association property is needed.
- Any requests can be submitted to Anita Noble or Jodi Preston

**Website/Communication: Tom Noble**

- Always working on improving the website.
- Bylaws, policies and procedures get added to the website for anyone to review along with executive monthly minutes.
- Hoping to set up online registration forms in the future

**1660 League Report: Andy Kellert filling in for Geoff Dowson.**

- 1660 AGM is May 11<sup>th</sup> in Fort Saskatchewan. Andy Kellert and Geoff Dowson to attend this meeting and represent. Will be looking into the tiering issues at this meeting. Any news from this meeting will be placed on the website.
- Overall 1660 was a 90% success on tiering but still some issues
- Executive will be meeting on some issues before the 1660 meeting in May.

**AG Board Liaison: Shawn Lauer**

- The Breaking Ground ceremony was at 5:00pm on April 3, 2013
- The dressing rooms will not be touched during renovations so that if things do not run late with construction delays, that they can be used to start the next season. September 1<sup>st</sup> is the hopeful re-opening date

**Agriculture Society Report: Craig Millar**

- Everyone will need new keys for the arena. September 1<sup>st</sup> is still hopeful for the reopening of the arena after the renovations. Drawing of arena renovations is up at the AGM for all to see.

**New Business:**

**1. Motions: (deadline for motion submissions was April 1, 2013)**

**Process for Motions:**

- Motion will be read
- Speaking to the motion will be read
- Seconded called for – with no second, the motion will fail
- Discussion
- “Question” after reasonable discussion, should “Question” be called by any member of the association, the discussion will cease
- Review of the motion
- Chair Summary
- Vote

**Motions as of April 1, 2013:**

**Motion #1**

**Submitted March 11, 2013 by Andy Kellert/Tom Noble/Jeff Laberge/ Chris Edgerly**

We submit a motion that the current 1994 Bylaws of the New Sarepta Minor Hockey Association be rescinded and that they be replaced with the proposed New Sarepta Minor Hockey Association (NSMHA) Bylaws – Revision April 16, 2013

**Speaking to the motion:** Tom Noble

The current bylaws have not been formally revised since 1994 and are long past due for an update. The proposed draft is current to the times yet still captures what was done in the past. This document is critical to the effectiveness and operational guidelines of the Board of Directors and is required by Hockey Alberta to function as an Association. By accepting these new Bylaws the Board of Directors will be in a better position to effectively carry out association business while following its laws as determined by the membership. Looked at a lot of other association bylaws along with current practices to get them updated. Cleaned up some wording and grammar and consolidated some sections as well as adding some mission statements. A definition section was added as well.

**Motion Seconded by:** Derrick Spence

**Discussion:**

- Carrie Erdmann questions if the AGM attendance of 7 members plus present executives is enough to vote on revising bylaws. Andy stated that current bylaws read quorum for an AGM is 7 members excluding executive, so we are able to proceed. All members were given the required 30 days notice of this meeting and proposed revision has been on website for the last 30 days for membership review.
- Darren Demchuck would like to see the bylaws reviewed every 5 to 10 years and updated. Tom responded that bylaws will be reviewed on an annual basis and can be changed via motions at any AGM.
- Carrie stated that these new bylaws would need to be filed with Alberta Registries to be finalized. Andy replied that, if accepted by the membership, he would handle the filing with Hockey Alberta and Alberta Registries.

**Review:** Andy re-read the motion

**Vote:** All in favor = 30 Opposed = 0 Abstained = 0 **MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion #2**

**Submitted March 13, 2013 by Annette Winland**

I would like to put a motion forward that should any team or household wish to purchase jackets, sweatshirts, outwear, and/or hockey apparel, with black as the primary color, to have the New Sarepta Eagles approved logo put on it.

**Speaking to the motion:** Annette Winland

Feels that only having 1 option of association jackets isn't enough and would like to see more options available.

**Motion Seconded by:** Craig Millar

**Discussion:**

- Tom Noble brought up that this was the first year for these jackets and that it is meant to be a means of showing association unity while controlling costs. At the time the jackets were picked and accepted by membership at a previous AGM they were the best fit for the association. We wanted teams to put more \$ into team development versus buying jackets for kids every year, as many families have multiple different jackets hanging in their closets.
- Annette Winland said she understands the reasoning behind but still feels that parents should have the option to purchase different styles especially a winter coat version as hockey is played in the winter.
- Tom pointed out that the past year was a starting point for this program and that it can definitely be

tweaked some and possibly another coat option can be introduced but that as per the Identity Policy that Executive must approve to protect association identity.

- Was brought forth that the executive be allowed to revisit the coat options over the summer and defer this discussion the next seasons Fall AGM.

**Review:** Andy inquired if membership would give executive the time to review options for the coats and defer this motion to the Fall AGM.

**Vote:** All in favor to defer = 30 Opposed = 0 Abstained = 0 **MOTION TO DEFER CARRIED**

### **Motion #3**

**Submitted April 1, 2013 by Chris Edgerly**

I propose asking the membership for a fee of \$500 from each team to go to coach and player development.

- Breakup of the fee will be for each team to pay \$500 after their tournament
- The collected monies go strictly into a fund going directly to player and coach development
- \$100 of the fee goes to starting up new accounts (presently teams leave \$100 in the account at the end of the season)
- Current player/coach directors will provide statement of affairs at each spring AGM
- The monies in this fund will be spent at the discretion of the player/coach director with oversight from the board
- We revisit this policy in 3 years to reevaluate the fee schedule and success of the program

**Speaking to the motion:** Chris Edgerly

We have a small association and cannot provide all the necessary tools to teach our players and coaches without increasing individual player costs. I foresee this fund allowing us the ability to purchase specialized equipment specifically for the development of our athletes. These are items like proper shooter tutors, parachutes, specialized pucks and balls. The list is endless but along with equipment I hope that we can also grow the fund enough to bring in coaches and trainers to put on clinics for our players and coaches. Using this fund we remove the burden from the association as well as the individual parents and place it with the teams and our great fund raising abilities.

This proposal came about after an email went out to ask our membership to consider giving team funds back to the membership. Many thought that we were broke due to miss management, well in actuality we are broke. But we always will be, we should be! This association is trying to put the best product on the ice every year and to coin a phrase "we spend to the cap". Now we may not agree with all expenditures but we can agree that collectively the more we can provide our kids without opening our own wallets the better. This fee would allow us the ability to use funds gained from our individual team funding that go directly to the players, is it so different than the skate towel given at the end of the year? Instead we will be providing them equipment they can use throughout the year.

**Motion Seconded by:** Geoff Dowson

### **Discussion:**

- Some concerns from people regarding what if poor turnout at team tournaments and the amount of the money being asked to be donated back in. Teams were asked already to donate back to association any excess funds and some teams are planning to do this. Those funds are already designated for player/coach development. How much is needed each year?
- Some teams may not have a be in a position to donate that kind of money if it's a set amount maybe it

- should be more of a percentage wise calculation as some teams do better than others at fundraising.
- What is the money going to go towards? With renovations the executive would like to see more money being spent towards the development of our kids and coaches internally versus spending big bucks to bring in third party clinics.
- Point was raised that it is good idea but maybe need to be thought out more, to try and smooth out the edges and look at what would be fair to teams.
- Question called

**Review:** Andy inquired if membership would give executive the time to look at and defer this motion to the Fall AGM.

**Vote:** All in favor to defer = 30 Opposed = 0 Abstained = 0 **MOTION TO DEFER CARRIED**

## **2. Current Executive & Elections:**

Andy reviews positions that are up for elections and reads the rules

- o Positions up for nomination: President, Secretary, Player Development, Atom and Below Fundraiser and Commitment Coordinator, Equipment Manager and Risk Management
- o Rules for Elections – Voting members are parents of current paid members only of NSMHA, or members as per bylaws change section 1B of current bylaw.
  - Voting Process:
    - Receive Nominations
    - Close Nominations
    - If more than 1 person nominated, nominees will be asked to leave the room and vote by way of a show of hands

### **President (2 year term):**

First Call for Nominations - Andy Kellert nominated by Derrick Spence, Seconded by Geoff Dowson  
Andy lets name stand.

Second Call for Nominations - None

Third Call for Nominations - None

Andy Kellert in by Acclamation

### **Secretary (2 year term):**

First Call for Nominations - Kate Clifford nominated by Geoff Dowson, Seconded by Jeff Laberge  
Kate lets name stand.

Second Call for Nominations - None

Third Call for Nominations - None

Kate Clifford in by Acclamation

### **Player Development(2 year term):**

First Call for Nominations - Shawn Lauer nominated by Geoff Dowson, Seconded by Jeff Laberge  
Shawn lets name stand.

Second Call for Nominations - None

Third Call for Nominations - None

Shawn Lauer in by Acclamation

### **Atom & Below Director(2 year term):**

First Call for Nominations - Tom Noble nominated by Derrick Spence, seconded by Geoff Dowson  
Tom lets name stand.

Second Call for Nominations - None

Third Call for Nominations - None

Tom Noble in by Acclamation

**Fundraising/ Commitment Coordinator(2 year term):**

First Call for Nominations - Annette Winland - declined , Ashley Rouncville -declined

Second Call for Nominations - Audra Neuman – declined, Anita Noble - declined

Third Call for Nominations - None

With no further nominations this position is open for Executive to fill or for re-election at the Fall AGM

**Equipment Manager(2 year term):**

First Call for Nominations - Anita Noble Nominated by Cindy Lauer, Seconded by Jeff Laberge

Anita lets name stand

Second Call for Nominations - None

Third Call for Nominations - None

Anita Noble in by Acclamation

**Risk Management(2 year term):**

First Call for Nominations - Jeff Laberge Nominated by Geoff Dowson, Seconded by Derrick Spence

Jeff lets name stand

Second Call for Nominations - None

Third Call for Nominations - None

Jeff Laberge in by Acclamation

**3. Important Dates (known to date):**

**April 23, 2013 – 1660 Presidents/Governors Meeting**

**May 11, 2013 – 1660 League AGM**

**June 1, 2013 – Early Registration**

**June 1, 2013 – Parade** (volunteers required, sign-up at the front)

**July 15, 2013 – Final Date for Early Registration Discount**

**September 8, 2013 – Demolition Derby** (volunteers required, sign-up at the front)

**September 15, 2013 – Arena Renovations Projected Completion Date**

**September 17, 2013 – “Tentative” Fall AGM** (@ Arena or High School Gym)

**September 23, 2013 – NSMHA “projected” season start**

**October 8, 2013 – Team Picture Night** (SDI is booked)

**October-December 2013 - Camrose Casino** (volunteers required, sign-up at the front)

**Meeting Ends: 9:10pm**