



**NEW SAREPTA MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION  
SPRING AGM MINUTES**

**April 17, 2012**

**7:00 p.m. New Sarepta Agriplex**

Meeting called to order at 7:08pm.

In Attendance (43): Andy Kellert, Geoff Dowson, Audra Newman, Veronica Kellert, Craig Millar, Courtney Comeau, Dawn Davidson, Kim Gross, Arlene Kohut, Brian Konno, Kara Bowler, Jennifer Charette, Matt Nordstrom, Derrick Spence, Ryan Prafke, Jessica Polei, Jeff Laberge, Paul Polei, Audra Horvey, Chris Edgerly, Shelly Perry, Colleen Chrystian, Amber Fell-Comire, Tara Hinkle, Vanessa Laberge, Dave Barranoik, Jodi Preston, Rod Preston, Sheldon Roy, Kim Anger, Steve Murray, Mike Wallace, Vicky Pettigrew, Carrie Erdmann, Peggy Dowson, Geoff Dowson, Kim Gross, Shawn Lauer, Cindy Lauer, Tom Noble, Anita Noble, Dan Sych, Greg Baldwin

Reminder given to – shut off cell phones

Review /Accept Minutes of Fall 2011 AGM-deferred to Fall 2012

No Agenda Additions

Agenda adopted by Craig Millar, seconded by Sheldon Roy.

**Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report- Pierre Vermette**

Financial Statements were audited by Ken Borch- Feb 29/12- approved. Association was in good financial shape sitting with approximately \$64000 in the bank. Year end on May 31 should come in around the \$64000 mark, give or take a few thousand dollars. Statements will be similar to 2011.

**League Report - 1660 – Geoff Dowson**

AGM will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Submissions/additions are posted on the website. Contact Geoff Dowson to voice opinions or concerns. There is presently a request from 5 teams wishing to join the league. 1660 size of draw area is likely to remain the same. Rumors are going around about player imports but presently 1660 only gets involved in approval of overage.

**Ag. Society Report – Craig Millar**

The Ag Society is currently looking for a part-time caretaker. The Spring Market will be held in the Agriplex April 28, 2012. The County will be holding an open house in the conference room during this event, to discuss the proposed changes/upgrades to the Agriplex scheduled for Spring of 2013. County of Leduc will be dealing with grant applications etc.

**Old Business:**

**Fundraising/Commitment Report - Vanessa Laberge**

A lot of support was noted this year. Most families have their 10 commitment hours fulfilled. Hours have been handed in to Pierre. Anyone short on commitment hours can expect to hear from Pierre prior to cheques being cashed.

Sign up sheets for upcoming fundraising events (Fair and Demo Derby) are on the side table. Everyone is encouraged to sign-up early. NSMHA will be responsible for children games at the upcoming June 2<sup>nd</sup> Fair.

#### Website Report - Carrie Erdmann

Discussion about usefulness of website and feedback. It was noted that not everyone was receiving the mass association e-mail. Noted to have webmaster check into obtaining updated e-mail lists at time of registration. Format is similar to most teams in the league. Discussion to update as much as possible, and possibly get the executive meeting minutes onto the website. Presently in the process of getting the logo changed on the website to the new NSMHA logo.

#### Court Case Update – Pierre Vermette

Recent court case dealing with theft against the association has gone to trial and was settled out of court. A guilty plea of theft of \$4000 was plead. Sentencing will commence on May 30, 9:30 a.m. Leduc Courthouse.

Motion put forth by Veronica Kellert: We, the membership of NSMHA do hereby allow the NSMHA executive to act on the association membership's behalf when dealing with any further arisings or future decisions in the court case of Debbie Robertson Grafton, be it civil or otherwise.

Seconded by Jessica Polei.

Vote taken:

In favour- 43

Opposed-0

Abstained-0

Motion carried.

### **New Business:**

#### Projected Team Numbers - Cindy Lauer

IP combined with Pre-Novice- 23

Novice – 16

Atom – 22 (+1)

Pee Wee – 19 (+2)

Bantam – 14 (+2)

Midget – 9 (+1)

Discussion held about Cory contacting neighbouring associations to see about increasing numbers in the area of bantam and midget players. This is already in progress.

Referee Clinic - Darryl has applied for dates in October. Dates TBA

Coach Clinics – Dates TBA

Picture Night – Committee is looking into new photographer. Date TBA

Respect in Sport – Each family of every player must have Respect in Sport “Parent Program” by December 1, 2012 as per Hockey Alberta. Not meeting this requirement will make player/s ineligible to participate on a sanctioned Hockey Team. As per Hockey Alberta the “Parent Program” and “Coach Program” are separate. Even though someone in your household has the “Coach Program” you are still obligated to complete the “Parent Program”. Respect in Sport programs taken through Soccer, Baseball, etc. are recognized by Hockey Alberta.

- All Team Officials (Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager, etc.) must complete Respect in Sport “Activity Leader/Coach” Program by December 1, 2012 as per Hockey Alberta.

- All Officials (Referee & Linesman) over the age of 18 must complete Respect in Sport “Activity Leader/Coach” Program by December 1, 2012 as per Hockey Alberta.

### **Motions:**

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, discussion will cease
- Review of the motion
- Chair Summary
- Vote
- Any discussion arising around the motion will be deferred to the next AGM

#### **Motion # 1**

Submitted by Anita Noble (Equipment Manager):

I make a motion that NSMHA purchase new Association jerseys. The cost of the 320 jerseys @ \$55.00 each will be a total of \$17,600.00 as per Big League Apparel Quote # 31.

Speaking to the motion:

Our current jerseys are at least 5 years old and are beginning to look tattered, worn out and out dated. The Executive has designed and sent out requests for quotes to 3 different companies. They decided to go with Big League because their quality of jersey and design. Besides their price being the lowest they have also guaranteed that replacement jerseys if needed will be honored at the same price as this bulk order. This price is the same whether we order 1 jersey or 50 jerseys.

Seconded by Kara Bowler.

Discussion: Sample jersey shown around to members. Question arose about namebars to be used and this is to be looked into. Plan is to have same jersey #'s at all team levels, and size appropriately to level. Kim Anger questioned where the money would be coming from. Pierre assured the association that we have enough money in the bank to cover this cost. Question arose as to what we would do with the old jerseys and Anita indicated that they would likely be sold off at a lower price as has been down in similar situations in the past.

Question called by Craig Millar.

Vote taken:

In favour- 42

Opposed-0

Abstained-1

Motion carried.

#### **Motion # 2**

Submitted by Tom Noble:

I make a motion that NSMHA selects one single association jacket and exclusively manages the ordering of those jackets for all teams or individuals.

Speaking to the motion:

The intent of this motion is to build greater association unity by managing the most significant and visible association apparel outside of the jerseys... i.e. jackets.

**Taking this approach will create the following benefits:**

**Helps promote association unity by having all teams look the same.**

**Provides lower cost jackets by having volume discounts.**

**Teams and parents would only have to buy jackets based on child growth and wear / tear vs. what we are currently doing, which seems to be a new jacket almost every year.**

**Helps us manage usage of the association name, logo & colors.**

**And most importantly helps keep focus of team dollars on hockey including player development and games (i.e. tournaments).**

**The proposed process would be:**

**The association executive would collect jacket samples (including pricing) for the association members to approve at the fall AGM.**

**Designated people (possibly the Equipment Managers) would collect and order for all teams or individuals.**

**Focus could be on a mass purchase early in the hockey season to help ensure best pricing for bulk purchase. Since this would likely be before teams are able to fundraise player orders could be fronted by the association with repayment from the teams and/or parents during the season.**

**Seconded by Dan Sych.**

**Discussion: Looking to create uniformity in our association.**

**Question called by Dan Sych.**

**Vote taken:**

**In favour- 35**

**Opposed-3**

**Abstained-5**

**Motion carried**

### **Motion # 3**

**Submitted by Tom Noble:**

**I make a motion that all usage of the New Sarepta Minor Hockey Association name, New Sarepta Eagles name and association logo, for keep sake or promotional items like clothing, bags, signs, etc., requires prior NSMHA executive approval.**

**Speaking to the motion:**

**This motion is intended to ensure that the identity (the official name, logo and team colors) of the NSMHA is managed and protected in a consistent manner. With many association teams looking to utilize the name and logo through the year there is a risk that the name, logo or team colors get used incorrectly or inappropriately which is not in the best interest of the association. While it is small, our association is no different than any other business or organization that needs to be managed appropriately.**

**The proposed process would be:**

**The executive would create a simple control document which describes the usage rules for the name, logo & colors, as well as the approval process. This would be communicated to all teams at the start of next season.**

**The requesting individual or team would approach the executive with their planned usage.**

**Designated executive members would review and provide a written response (be it approval, changes required or rejection).**

**If we have multiple designated executive members available to review this process should normally take only a few days.**

**Seconded by Dan Sych**

**Discussion:** This is a good idea to help unify the teams/association.

**Question called:** Shawn Lauer

**Vote taken:**  
**In favour-** 42  
**Opposed-**0  
**Abstained-**1  
**Motion carried**

**Motion # 4**

**Submitted by Andy Kellert:**

**All elections are to be held at the Spring AGM, if a position is not filled at the time then the current President or Vice President in his absence may elect to defer the nominations to the next Fall AGM. If a current executive member would like to stay on in their position at the end of their 2 year term they can let their name stand with approval of the membership. Regardless when elected all 2 year terms will commence and end at the Spring AGM when the positions are up for nomination.**

**Speaking to the motion:**

**Currently we have a number of executive that have stayed on past their terms. Because of holding elections at both our fall and spring AGM's this makes it difficult to manage and keep track of. I would like to see all positions that are due for election be voted and filled at the Spring AGM as this is the slowest time for the executive and it gives them time to learn their job responsibilities prior to the busiest time in September. Should the existing person in the position wish to remain then they may let their name stand for another 2 year term with the approval of the membership. Should other association members be nominated for the same position when the term is up then a vote will take place.**

**Seconded by Derrick Spence.**

**Discussion:** There was discussion of ensuring the executive positions rotate years to ensure that there is always someone with experience on the executive.

**Question called by Brian Konno**

**Vote taken:**  
**In favour-** 42  
**Opposed-**0  
**Abstained-**1  
**Motion carried**

**Motion # 5**

**Submitted by Andy Kellert:**

**That the current position & responsibilities of the Commitment Coordinator be amalgamated with the position of Fundraiser Coordinator to make a new position on the Executive. The new title for this position on the Executive will be Fundraiser/Commitment Coordinator.**

**Speaking to the motion:**

**Currently the fundraiser coordinator plans, with their committee (representation from all teams), all association fundraising activities and year end awards nights. The commitment coordinator is to find and keep track of volunteer hours within the association and monitor that commitments are being met**

or commitment cheques are forfeited. These two positions are required to work closely together and at times throughout the year may have difficult doing this. Both positions overlap each other in a number of responsibilities and to make things clearer and easier would be better to combine.

Seconded by Jody Preston.

Discussion: Membership in agreement that these positions are closely related and that it would be logical to join the responsibilities into one position.

Question called by Chris Edgerly.

Vote taken:  
In favour- 42  
Opposed-0  
Abstained-1  
Motion carried

#### **Motion # 6**

Submitted by Andy Kellert:

That the current position & responsibilities of the Peewee and Above & the Atom and Below Ref Assignors be combined to a new position called Association Ref Assignor. This new position will be a paid position with a compensation package of \$350/month to cover costs associated with the responsibilities for the months of October, November, December, January, February and March of each season.

Speaking to the motion:

Currently we pay two ref assignors. Peewee and Above \$275/month + Atom and Below \$225 month totaling \$500/month. Each ref assignor is in charge of ensuring that each game has the proper # and qualified refs. They are to be in contact with the RIC should issues arise between refs and teams. With our association being small many times we are required to seek out neighboring association refs and we must ensure the good relations are kept between other associations. I feel if the association was to move to combine this into one position it would be easier for the communication lines to be clearer between all parties involved.

Seconded by Greg Baldwin.

Discussion: Membership in agreement that it would be logical to join the responsibilities into one position as we are down in team numbers.

Question called by Brian Konno.

Vote taken:  
In favour- 43  
Opposed-0  
Abstained-0  
Motion carried

#### **Motion # 7**

Submitted by Andy Kellert:

The positions of Past President be created. With its creation I propose that positions of Vice President, President and Past President be consolidated so that three individuals will rotate positions after the annual Spring AGM. Only the Vice President position will be nominated for on an annual basis.

**Speaking to the motion:**

In the past our association has faced the possibility of being dissolved due to the position of President being vacant. The President's position is crucial to the operations of our association and needs to be a dedicated & experienced person. By requiring the one year minimum experience the person eligible for the President's position will have a good idea as to the responsibilities of the President and be more comfortable assuming the role.

Therefore I believe a system should be put into place where the Vice President is elected in Year 1, assumes the role of President in Year 2 and assumes the role of Past President in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. This would ensure experience people are in place at the helm and also give opportunity for new members to enter the executive. The Past President's role will be more of an advisor to the existing President and the Executive.

Seconded by Derrick Spence.

Discussion: Dan Sych suggested to vote to be a board member having the board decide executive placement as a board group. Discussion about how our association in the past has been in fear of folding due to not having enough volunteers willing to take on the responsibility of president. Discussion about how it would likely be harder to get volunteers if it were assumed that the vice president must enter the presidency seat year 2. Discussion about how a two year term allows the president to get comfortable in the said position. Discussion as how this would actually work.

Question Called by Vicky Pettigrew.

Vote taken:

In favour-0

Opposed- 35

Abstained-8

Motion defeated.

**Elections:**

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

***NSMHA board positions to be filled:***

*President – Andy Kellert by acclamation*

*Vice President- Jeff Laberge by acclamation*

*Treasurer – Kim Gross by acclamation*

*Pee Wee & Above Director – Chris Edgerly by acclamation*

*Coach Development – Derrick Spence by acclamation*

*Website/Communication Coordinator – Tom/Anita Noble by acclamation*

*Fundraiser/Commitment Coordinator- Vanessa Laberge by acclamation*

*Ref Assignor- Cindy Lauer by acclamation*

Positions currently held:

**Past President – Cory Bowler**  
**Registrar: Cindy Lauer**  
**Secretary: Kate Langille**  
**Player Development- Shawn Lauer**  
**Atom and Below Director- Tom Noble**  
**Referee in Chief- Darryl Holt**  
**Ice Allocator- Dawn Davidson**  
**Equipment Manager Atom and Below- Jodi Preston**  
**Equipment Manager Pee Wee and Above- Anita Noble**  
**Ag. Board Liaison- Shawn Lauer**  
**Risk Management – Greg Baldwin**  
**1660 League Rep- Geoff Dowson**

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

**Spring Fair – Saturday June 2/12**  
**Demo Derby – Sunday September 9/12**  
**Volunteer signup sheet for these events at the front table.**  
**Fall AGM – Tuesday September 11/12**

**2012/2013 Registration:**

**REGISTRATION DATES & FEES FOR 2012/2013 SEASON**

TEAM	JUNE 2/2012	JULY 18/2012	AUGUST 29/2012
	1:00 - 3:00 PM	6:00PM - 8:00PM	6:00PM – 8:00PM
Initiation	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Pre Novice	\$350.00	\$500.00	\$550.00
Novice	\$430.00	\$580.00	\$630.00
Atom	\$500.00	\$650.00	\$700.00
PeeWee	\$550.00	\$700.00	\$750.00
Bantam	\$600.00	\$750.00	\$800.00
Midget	\$630.00	\$780.00	\$830.00

**\*\*Fees now also include all special clinics and two pairs of GAME socks for the season\*\***  
**New members to the association will pay the early registration fees**

**Registration Dates:**

**\*\* EARLY DISCOUNT\*\* Saturday June 2, 2012 at the New Sarepta Fair 1:00 - 3:00pm in the arena**  
**FEE INCREASE OF \$150.00 - Wednesday July 18, 2012 at the arena 6:00 to 8:00pm**  
**FEE INCREASE OF \$200.00 Wednesday August 29, 2012 at the arena 6:00 to 8:00pm**

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:25 p.m.**