

**Penticton Minor Hockey Association
Special Meeting – Monday, June 6, 2016
PMHA Boardroom at Memorial Arena**

In Attendance:

Stacey Gagno – President
Jamie Materi – Vice President
Helen Goodwin - Treasurer
Shelley DesRoches – Secretary
Kara Ouellette – Director
Ted Van Troyen – Director
Brian Hutcheson–Director
Brian Preston – Director
Craig Finer - Director
Cara Garnett-Community Director
Jill Wigglesworth – Director

Pam Anderson – Administrator
Rod Kenney – Coach Coordinator

Regrets:

Darrell Moog – Director
Barb Main – Director

Guest: OMAHA President, Chuck Ghallacher

1.0 Call to Order

President, Stacey Gagno, called the meeting to order at 7:14pm.

2.0 Zone Teams for Penticton, Summerland, South Ok, Princeton

Discussion was held regarding Zone teams.

- Last season, we worked hard with Summerland and were able to offer not only a Midget Tier 2 team but also a Tier 3 team at the rep level. We also were able to bring Summerland Midget house players to Penticton. Doing this enabled PMHA to offer Midget at 3 levels and our players were able to play at the level that they were ready for.
- Over the past few years there has been a significant drop in PMHA hockey numbers at the Rep level. We were not able to offer a Bantam Tier 3 team last season or a Midget tier 3 without opening borders. This year may not be different.
- There are more players wanting to play at higher levels, enrolling in Hockey programs like OHA or POE. We also see players trying out for MML and junior teams. These levels come with heavy price tags that average family can't afford.
- The VP, Jamie Materi, and Stacey attended the OMAHA AGM recently. They were informed about some changes coming from BC Hockey to allow teams to be formed in Zones, covering a larger geographical area. This opportunity will see communities coming together to form their rep teams. This means that PMHA would be able to offer Rep hockey at the Tier 1, 2, 3 and 4. Several minor hockey associations are interested.
- Last week they met with three OMAHA reps as well as Presidents/Coach Coordinators from the neighbouring communities of Summerland, West Kelowna, South Ok and Princeton to see if there is interest to do some logistical planning. They are all interested.
- The idea is that with Zone teams, there would be all tiers of hockey, with full development programs, including higher level, paid coaches, power skating, developed dry land and development.

Zone Tiers & Suggested Rep Fees:

Penticton	Tier 1	\$5000
South Ok	Tier 2	\$3500
West Kelowna	Tier 2	\$3500
Summerland	Tier 3	\$2800

Penticton

Tier 4

\$2000

- This layout means the farthest travel for practices would be about the same for everyone. Rotating home games and a few practices would give home ice to everyone. There is also a charter bus program that would be included in the fee proposal to get teams to their distance games and tournaments.
 - Other zones are being formed for example in North Ok, Vernon and Lumby. There are some Kootenay teams in their own zone as well. This format has occurred in other provinces such as Alberta and Manitoba. It is working to create better hockey for all.
 - The proposal suggested is for Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget for the upcoming season.
 - PMHA needs to indicate to OMAHA that we are in agreement so that we can discuss this at the BC Hockey AGM from June 10-12 to possibly move forward with a regional plan.
 - Kara asked about rep fees and Chuck advised they would include tournaments, travel, hotel and paid coaches.
 - Separate board of directors/committee for zone teams that would be volunteers.
 - It was suggested that team sponsors to help fund teams such as Bauer, Canadian Tire, CCM, etc. Possibly more using KidSport funding.
 - Hutch was concerned if there will be the registration numbers to do this. Especially if some families cannot afford to the extra travel for practices or if their schedules just don't allow for it.
 - Shelley arrived 7:55pm
 - Craig is concerned about the rep fees budget as it seems too low. He would like to see sponsors and more info to pass along to parents for consideration.
 - Chuck advised items may be removed from the rep fees budget to allow lesser fees such as no bus for travel, etc. He will forward financial budget to PMHA for review. He mentioned he needs everything by July 15 in order to get things going in order to be prepared in time for September 2016.
 - Chuck says this will happen whether it's this season or in the future. Bantam is a prime division for this but not so much for Peewee or Midget. He wants to see control within OMAHA not Victoria.
 - Major Midget League (MML) will still be in effect It is mainly made up of POE and OHA players.
- Chuck left 8:25pm
- Stacey advised Zone teams would wear jerseys specific to their tier/host association.

Motion: 16.017 *It was Moved by Shelley DesRoches / Brian Hutcheson to explore the concept of zone representative hockey via OMAHA representative, Chuck Ghallacher, proposal.*

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Stacey appointed a committee with Stacey Gagno, Rod Kenney, Brian Hutcheson and Craig Finer.

3.0 Next Meeting – Tuesday June 14, 2016 7pm- PMHA Board Room

4.0 Adjournment 8:41pm *It was moved by Shelley DesRoches / Jamie Materi that the meeting be adjourned.*

Carried Unanimously