

Greater Vernon Minor Hockey Association
2014-2015
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday May 13, 2015
Village Green Hotel - 7:00pm

Executive Members Present: Richard Frater, Kara Blazek, Cathy Isles, Arnie Head, Rande Evans, Liisa Seltzer, Glen Kuhnlien, Cathy Isles, Gareth Jones

Staff Present: Michelle McCrea, Jodi Peshko and Sandy Moger

Guests:

Sladen Moore Accountants: Mr. Steve Cousins

Members of the Association: 55 Members

1. Welcome

Meeting is called to order at 7:03pm
President Richard Frater welcomes all members

2. Adoption of the Rules or Order

Recommendation by Richard Frater that the Rules of Order be accepted

3. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting

Review minutes from last AGM – Richard spoke on the need for one new sheet of ice. There was an initiative to have a referendum during last election. However it was rejected by Victoria on a technicality. Executive will be staying as close to this process as possible.
Motion to accept the 2014 AGM minutes – Kara Blazek, Second – Liisa Seltzer, carried

4. Consideration of Financial Statements

Mr. Steve Cousins of Sladen Moore Accountants provided a financial report for the 2014/15 year. Steve Cousins was invited to give consideration of financial statements. The review engagement report is a report on financial statements. It provides assurance that nothing was brought to attention, and therefore it is a clean report. Statement C – statement of operations, revenue and expenditures of the association from April 1 2014 – March 31 2015. We are approximately \$16k less than last year, this is mostly due to tournaments being down. Interest and sundry was down due to last year donation from Kraft. Expenses are up about \$20k, mostly due to ice rental. Net assets just shy of 132k.

Questions – how do we compare to other associations as far as reserves? Richard answered, we don't really compare ourselves to other associations. The reason why we have the reserves that we do, is because of our government grant is about \$80-90K every year. This grant is applied for every year, however one year it was not awarded to GVMHA. The reserve fund is intended to allow us to operate for 1 year should we not receive the grant again. We (executive) don't see a need for it to be any more or any less. As a non-profit we need to be careful how much profit is shown and for how many years because that can also affect the grant being awarded.

Question - How do tournaments compare to West Kelowna, they had more tournament revenue and they are a smaller association? It is more of a cost recovery and team fundraiser rather than a revenue item. Again as a non-profit the goal is always to show

minimal profit or loss. Liisa mentioned that it will also depend on how many house teams you might have because then it limits how many away teams we can invite. Home teams do not pay entry fees to their own tournament.

Question - Do we get money from the Vipers? Richard replied; we only just aligned ourselves with the Vipers last year. We did receive about 10 - 50/50 games, because we bought new jerseys to align with the Viper colours. We gave those games to the house teams as a fundraiser to help offset their SL fee's. There was a breakdown in communication with the Vipers this past season. We are working on it again this year to get back in touch with the Vipers in the next month or 2. Where that money will go is to be determined.

Darren Zupp requested a breakdown on the expenditures for the hockey school/clinics.

Mike Sherwood asked if we had an increase in ice costs or just more ice allocated? Michelle answered that the ice given to the AAA Females in August is reflected in this cost, but those costs were eventually recovered.

Richard reads his Presidents report – no questions.

Motion to accept – Cathy Isles, seconded by Gareth Jones, Carried

Richard recommended that all reports be accepted –

Motion to accept - Glen Kuhnlein, seconded by Arnie Head, Carried.

No revisions to policies this year, we do have some recommendations on the table with respect to social media and also how we evaluate, assess and structure our house teams.

5. Election of officers

President – 2 year term

Nominee - Kara Blazek

Kara spoke - held several positions on the board and within GVMHA. Kara spoke – wasn't an easy decision to take on the President position. For her it is all about the kids, and she is in it for every kid in this association. She accepts the position with humility, and recognizes that it is not an easy task. Despite her best efforts she has no doubt that she will disappoint people at some times. She has found over the years many different goals and dreams among kids and families.

Elected – Kara Blazek

1st Vice President – 1 year term

Nominees - Glen Kuhnlein, Jodi Lambert

Glen spoke - has 2 kids in minor hockey, a background as a manager, coach, volunteer, and board member within hockey. In his personal life he used to manage Superstore. He believes that he can make a difference, he is not here to make a grandstand for himself, and he is here for the kids!

Jodi Lambert – was Vice President a couple years ago. Thinks we can make some changes and agrees it is for the kids. His kid is almost done so he is not here for his kid.

Elected – Glen Kuhnlein

2nd vice – 2 year term

Nominees - Mike Frick, Darren Zupp

Mike was absent but provided a letter to the membership which was read by Jamie Saxton.

Darren spoke - he has no kids left in GVMHA and wants to see some changes as he is not happy with what he believes he has seen going on for the last few years. He agrees it is all about the kids, every kid.

Elected – Mike Frick

4th vice – 2 year term

Nominees, Jamie Saxton, Mark van wyk – declined

Elected – Jamie Saxton by acclamation

Association Development Manager – 1 year term

Nominees - Kevin Walters

Elected – Kevin Walters by acclamation

Equipment Manager – 2 year term

Nominees - Cam Grant, Rande Evans

Elected – Rande Evans

Female Coordinator – 2 year term

Nominees, Arnie Head – declined, Cam Grant – declined

Position is Vacant

Summary of the Executive Members to the Board of GVMHA

President: Kara Blazek - 2 year term

1st VP: Glen Kuhnlein - 1 year term

2nd VP: Mike Frick - 2 year term

3rd VP: Liisa Seltzer - 1 year remaining

4th VP: Jamie Saxton - 2 year term

Secretary/Treasurer: Cathy Isles - 1 year remaining

Risk Manager: Gareth Jones - 1 year remaining

Equipment Manager: Rande Evans - 2 year term

Development Manager: Kevin Walters - 1 year term

Female Coordinator: Vacant - 2 year term

No New business to report

Motion to adjourn made by Rande Evans, seconded Cameron Grant

Adjourned 8:26pm