

GVMHA Executive Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 10th 2015
6pm, Fairfield Inn & Suites

Regrets: None

Attendance: All

1. Review and motion to accept February agenda – Gareth Jones
2. December minutes , amend to remove twitter quote from minutes– Arnie
3. Budget review – tournaments are under. Seems logical because bantam tier 3 tournament didn't happen and a couple of other tournaments had less teams.

Jodi left at 6:23pm

4. AGM date – Wednesday May 13th. Michelle will book room and confirm.
5. Registration rates – hoping ice costs won't go up too much and we are trying to transition onto the big ice surfaces for our Initiation/Novice teams. City thinks they should be able to accommodate that extra ice for us. We would double up younger groups on bigger ice. \$6k left in budget for referees, we likely won't come close to that. Michelle will look into OTR ice and we will revisit next month. Michelle suggested we take out the \$100 carding fee portion of rep registration and just make the tryout fee \$100 (instead of \$75). This will cover ice costs, evaluators and 4-5 on-ice sessions for the players. Once the youth makes a Rep team they would pay full carding fees. This way it is not front end loaded in June. All agreed.
6. BC hockey is going to take over midget AAA female program but they are still looking to Associations for ice. The current team is asking Michelle if they can keep their current practice ice for next year. Will we have prime time ice to give to that team if we are moving the younger divisions onto the big ice? Michelle will offer up 1 practice per week and they will have to find another ice time elsewhere. It is very difficult to try to grow this program with such a lack of available ice. It was decided that we will guarantee them 1 practice ice (1.5 hours) and all league home games.
7. Year-end banquet – It was agreed that we will do the same as last year with coaches vs 3rd year midget players, pizza in the concession, volunteer, coach, referee awards. The remainder of the awards will be given to the coaches to present at their team windup. Tuesday March 31st is date we are looking at, Michelle will confirm.
8. Midget team size – The house teams always get pilfered right away due to junior B, injuries, suspensions etc. Sandy would like to see us go from 15 to 17 players rostered for tier 1 and from 15 to 16 rostered for tier 2. Richards's concern is the development with that many skaters rostered. Discussion resulted into reversing that to have 16 at tier 1 and 17 at tier 2.

9. Tryout numbers – this year in midget only 1 player was cut, players were taken from house and moved up permanently which left the house teams less top players. Lot of players made junior B which left us short. It has been decided that a minimum of 36 skaters must be registered to tryout in order to have 2 rep teams, this has to not include the kids trying out in junior b/mml because we will only get a couple of them back. This communication needs to go out right away explaining that we need to stabilize this division so that we are not constantly digging so deep into the house teams so parents/players are aware going into next season. Suggestion was made to look into a user pay fee for AP's that do not try out. Richard would like Sandy to reach out to some of the players who didn't try out and see if there is a common reason.
10. Midget House – Note: Glen Kunhlein has taken over as Midget Coordinator. We have 5 teams in house, 1 is full rostered (majority 1st years) the others are really thin. Sandy started working with coaches as their teams were thinning and losing players. One coach requested that his overager son come to play, the request was sent to OMAHA and they initially said no because they caught wind that the player in question had tried out for Junior B. The coach then spoke with the president of OMAHA and he was given the impression that if he didn't approve the player the team would fold due to lack of players. OMAHA approved and then rescinded right away once discovered the team in fact had plenty of players and this overager was lighting it up. The coach was upset because there was another overager playing on another Vernon team. A coaches meeting was held, 4 of 5 coaches decided that the overager provided an imbalance in the teams. Option was given that the overager could move to the weakest team, that coach wasn't interested. The player then played the next game, which was in direct conflict of what the coach was told. Discussion was had and the thought is that the best idea is to call it a tie and let each team get a point. Decision is to suspend the coach for 3 games, which was rescinded to 1 game only.
11. Evaluations & draft process – house kids will be evaluated starting now during playoffs. This will give greater perspective and more numbers to grade on. All independent evaluators with no kids in the association. Other aspect to tighten up is the number of players who can be protected on the team. Limit to 2 max, head coach kid and either assistant coach OR manager. Sandy and 1 board member should be present at all drafts to oversee and control the process. Another possible option is that the board choose the rosters, coach can pick entire roster and then they are allowed limited number of trades.
12. Policy manual updates – add social media policy based on Saskatchewan minor hockey. Also look at and update draft process.

Richard advised that he will not run again for President. The executive needs to think of who they think suitable that is a current board member to take over.

Adjourned at 8pm.