

**GVMHA Executive Meeting
Wednesday, December 9, 2015
Civic Arena Concession – 6 pm**

Attendees: Michelle McCrea, Liisa Seltzer, Jodi Peshko, Sandy Moger, Kevin Walters, Glen Kuhnlein, Gareth Jones, Kara Blazek, Les Hobenshield, Jamie Saxton, Manjeet Chauhan, Arnie Head

Regrets: Rande Evans

Call to Order: 6:32pm

1. Review and approve November minutes
Approved: Liisa, seconded by Glen
2. Review and approve agenda
Approved: Gareth seconded by Jamie
3. Budget Review
Tournaments are all done except for one. A refund and card will be issued to the Atom Dev team that was seeded incorrectly. Question asked – Have we sent \$25,000.00 chq to City for the new arena. Jodi “no”.

6:37pm Jodi left the meeting

4. 2 Min Updates
Arnie
Monday all-female practices - they're getting more girls coming out, approximately 14-20 girls on the ice. A few from the younger still promoting. Working on getting a game for the PeeWee girls for this weekend against Kelowna. Checked out Salmon Arm PW girls they have about 10 girls on their team. Lumby's BT-MD female team looks as though there having fun.

Kevin

Continuing to post information on Facebook. Most popular is Sandy Moger's information, so keep sending it in! Michelle will send a list of team managers and he can email them directly for some team info.

Sandy

Our rep and rec teams are doing well and winning tournaments. Clinics are filling up quickly. Will be getting more involved with officiating. Younger kids need more feedback and mentorship. Kara suggested Sandy and the regional referees sit down and discuss how they can give constructive feedback to the younger refs.

Jamie

Jamie sent out an email to the junior division coaches for some general feedback. Received 3 back from Initiation, 2 from Novice and nothing from Atom. Has heard a coach was upset about a few things, but has not heard anything from that coach. In general, everything is good.

Armstrong will not come play our Novice teams because of the cross-ice games. Sandy explained there is a study that shows that when younger kids play on cross-ice games, they all touch the puck numerous times and there won't be kids sitting on the bench much. It helps in developing the kids when they go on to full-ice games in the new year. Jamie suggested we should look into getting bumpers (\$3000-4000) like Winfield does. His concern is there are a few kids that can lift the puck over and would not like to see anyone get hurt.

Glen

The 505/50 dates are as follows: Dec 2, Dec 15, Dec 18, Dec 20 and Jan 1 Also, looking for some kids from GVMHA to help with ice cleans during Vipers games. Currently, Atom and PeeWee players have been asked. He has no problems with weekends, but it's hard to get kids out during the week.

Liisa

Our Midget teams had their home tournament and two of our Vernon teams went to finals! She believes the teams did well with fundraising and it was successful. Have some issues in Bantam we are dealing with. All is well in the PeeWee division.

Les

Presently dealing with an Atom and Bantam complaint. Will deal with it with a call and report back to Kara and Michelle.

Gareth

A few emails back with regards to 2-deep rule. Parents complaining the locker rooms are too small. An issue arising from males in female dressing room has been dealt with. Went to Calgary as part of his employment and took part in a Kinesiology workshop. They learned about doing specific training with their teams with all around aerobics and body conditioning. They are trying to prevent sports related injuries. Suggested shoulder and neck strengthening to reduce concussion injuries. There is a new Chiropractor in town - New Movement. She specializes in concussion testing and works with many athletes in hockey and lacrosse. She can test individuals for \$140 or if you send a team to her she will reduce the cost.

Michelle

GVMHA office will be closed December 19 – January 3. Will be checking emails the first week from home, but will not be able to check emails the

second week. Have scheduled all the extra ice amongst the teams. Presently helping organize the 3 day Vipers Christmas Camp with the Mark Ferner. Midget – A Midget Coach approached her with the idea of games only/no practices for this division. This has been discussed in year's past as Kamloops Midgets play games only (they have a large amount of teams and play within themselves during the week) A discussion was had and the consensus was we would continue with both practices and games.

Kara

Smile for Miles tournament was an "awesome tournament" with very few issues. Had a meeting with Atom Dev 1 team. The meeting went a couple of hours, but lots was discussed and brought out in the open. She suggested that the team take a good rest during the Christmas break and regroup in the New Year. Kara was thankful that Jamie was able to be at the meeting as the Jr. Division Manager. Our Association needs to have a Mission Statement to say, "We are here to develop, teach and have fun!"

Chuck, the President from OMAHA would like to come and talk to us about our Bylaws and Constitution on how we choose our board members.

Kara and Michelle attended the Vernon Community Sport Hero Award Ceremony as 2 of our members were awarded for their outstanding achievements in hockey - Keith Chase, coach of our Midget Tier 2 team and Sam Mowat, coach of our Midget Tier 3 team. Kara asked if we get more invites to nominate people that Michelle forward to the Board and we should make sure we're nominating more people in our Association as they do a lot in our community.

Meeting adjourned 7:57pm