

GVMHA Executive Meeting Minutes
Wednesday February 17, 2016
Civic Arena – 6 :00 pm

Attendees: Michelle McCrea, Arnie Head, Jodi Peshko, Sandy Moger, Kevin Walters, Glen Kuhnlein, Kara Blazek, Manjeet Chauhan, Jaime Saxton, Gareth Jones, and Rande Evans

Regrets: Liisa Seltzer, Les Hobenshield

Guest: Chuck Gallacher, OMAHA President

Call to Order: 6:30

1. Review and approve January minutes.
Gareth requested to amend the January minutes to include; Gareth requested an email be sent to all members of the association with Complete Concussion Management information.

Amended and Approved January Minutes by: Glen Kuhnlein seconded by Kara Blazek

2. Review and approve agenda.
Approved: Kara Blazek seconded by Glen Kuhnlein

3. Budget Review
Jodi provided budget report as of February 16, 2015. She anticipates an even year after all the Super League (SL) ice/ref expenses are in.

Registration fees for each division for the 2016-2017-hockey year – was provided to the executive.

Kara suggested we try and get the SL fee's included in the registration fees. Each recreation team pays a SL fee at the beginning of the year for their year-end playoffs.

Super League is the league our house teams play in (Atom, Peewee, Bantam and Midget) Other SL teams are from Winfield, Salmon Arm, Lumby, North OK, Sicamous and Chase teams. Each team plays 18 regular season games and the SL fee's go towards their playoff games/scheduler fee. Expenses are: Scheduler's pay of \$4000 total for the league/playoff scheduling of all 4 divisions, trophies, medals, ice and officials. Jodi and Michelle believe the price per team was too high this year, and they will be reviewing the final year-end after all expenses have been put in from everyone.

Chuck Gallagher, President of OMAHA – suggested we contact Sherry and have her schedule the teams through her. She is already working with Thompson OK and South OK. Everyone agreed that Gene does do a pretty good job and the flexibility of having him schedule is well worth it for our teams. OMAHA SL scheduling would be while our teams are being formed, making it difficult to hand in tournament/blackout dates etc.

Kara Blazek would like to table further discussion on Super League until after the season and we can see where the budget from the Super League stands.

Jodi Peshko leaves 6:47

4. Introduction of Chuck Gallagher President of OMAHA. Chuck updated us on the IP Program. Using half ice games for the Initiation and Novice divisions. He has contacted a manufacturing company in Kelowna with regards to getting bumpers for a good price. Chuck is also speaking with Hockey Canada to mandate the use of half ice to develop the younger groups' hockey skills. This will help to make sure other associations are following the same processes. Right now, some associations are using half ice and others are using full ice.
5. Chuck also advised that currently there are 7 new applications in the Okanagan for Hockey Academy's. We should start thinking about tiering our rep programs by zone. This means opening boundaries to include: Salmon Arm, Enderby, Armstrong, Vernon, Lumby and Winfield. This way we can have more kids in the rep program and have a tiered zone system of 1, 2, 3 & 4.

Chuck also suggested as of Nov 2016 there would be new criteria for bylaws and constitutions.

A conversation was had about changing the structure of our Board of Directors to Executive Officers (Governance Committee) – this committee would each have separate committee's under them and report back to the board on their findings. Each Committee would have 2-3 experts in their field.

Operation of paid Employees

Finance Committee

Safety Management Committee

Coaching Committee (including refs)

Conduct Committee (with one non-member unbiased opinion)

Risk Management Committee

Female Rep/Hse Committee

Chuck will email Kara Blazek with some templates that can help re-structure our 2016/2017 Executive.

Chuck Gallagher leaves 7:45

6. 2 Min Updates

Kara Blazek:

We need to send out an email to coaches with regards to issues they may have had with a player or parent. We need to start keeping files and start having more conversations with our members. ie: A call came in from a Lumby Novice Coach saying they witnessed a Novice Vernon parent yelling at a Vernon coach. We will contact the Lumby Coach and have him write a statement. A letter will be issued to the Vernon parent from GVMHA and this would be a warning. Secondly, another issue has come up from a Bantam house team. Player was benched for too long. Kara has not received any information from Les or Liisa with regards to this complaint and believes we need to follow up with all parties involved.

Arnie Head:

Esso fun day has been booked for Monday, March 28, 2016 – Come try it for female hockey during spring break. Will have 2 coaches. Sandy has volunteered to be one of the coaches.

Rande Evans:

Team Socks for 2016/2017. The custom socks the rep players use are \$18. Rande suggested we put in a big order for all the players in our association to use the same socks. The equipment is slowly starting to be returned and Michelle will send out a memo on Feb 22nd to all teams.

Sandy Moger:

March fun hockey is now all full

Jaimie Saxton:

1 practice left and Initiation Jamboree is set for February 27th.
Will contact parent with regards to code of conduct complaint

Glen Kuhnlein:

Tuesday, February 23, 2016 is the last 50/50 for the Vernon Vipers.

How much money are we looking to contribute towards provincials? Discussion was had amongst the executive. Possible scenarios: Peewee Tier 2 - Fort Saint John, Midget Tier 2 - Prince George and Midget Tier 3 - Sechelt.

Kara Blazek motioned that \$1500 would be paid to each of the teams going to Provincials out of the Okanagan – for Travel.

Seconded by Arnie Head: Unanimously agreed by all.

Gareth Jones:

Looking forward to changes that Chuck Gallagher suggested. Kara Blazek suggested we should focus more in our association with regards to the 2-Deep Policy in dressing rooms.

7. GVMHA AGM Date has been set for Thursday May 12, 2016 at 6:30 pm at Village Green – Sierra Room.
8. 2015/2016 Season Awards/Banquet:
Any time after spring break. Possible date of April 14 for approximately 300 members.
Contact GumTree catering for costs for hamburgers/hot dogs and salads. Manjeet to contact cost for hall rental at Paddlewheel Hall

Meeting Adjourned 9:21 pm.