

WMHA Board Meeting Minutes February 20, 2012 at 6:30 pm

- Location: Wabamun Senior's Centre
- Meeting called to order by President John Kennedy at: 6:52 pm
- In attendance: Barb Borynec, Aleigha Kravontka, Heather Doerr, John Kennedy, Shelley Providence, Charlie Letendre, Norm Desnoyers, Steve Cote, Ken Davie (late)
- Regrets: Jackie Pearson, Jared Kravontka
- Guest: Debbie Harris, volunteer liaison from Wabamun

1. Review of Minutes

Approval of January 23, 2012 Minutes moved by Norm Desnoyers Seconded by Aleigha Kravontka...carried.

2. Agenda

Approval of agenda moved by Aleigha Kravontka, Seconded by Norm Desnoyers...carried

3. Business arising from the minutes

- Debbie Harris, 3 on 3 street hockey/beer garden, etc.

Debbie is the Chair of the Dragon Fly Festival (formerly the Fun Days) will occur every 4th Saturday in June annually with the exception of this year because of the Wabamun Centennial. Friday, June 29th is registration and a meet and greet, details will be on the Village website. That evening at 8 pm there is a 100 years of music performance, ball tournament is going on all weekend, Saturday pancake breakfast, parade, school field activities, a family dinner pig roast at hall and a evening dance with live band, Sunday open house in the Village and evening family movie at the hall put on by Wabamun Leap Association; fireworks Sunday night to end the celebration. There is also a family fun run Sunday morning 1, 3 and 5 km.

- Debbie asked if WMHA would be interested in attending bar on Saturday night at the dance or beer gardens during the baseball tournament. They are offering to pick up the liquor/license etc. and then make a donation to WMHA, or minor hockey could do all the organizing/purchases and make the profit. Extended hours are required, with the request to not close before Wabamun Bar hours, and also have bouncers and a way to work with people to go out to smoke and monitor/wrist band system (for beer gardens). Attendance maximum for hall dance allowed selling 240 banquet tickets.

- WMHA is invited to host a beer garden for any other event; just communicate with her to get permission from the Village Administrator. She has approval to hold it in the tennis court already.

- Also asking to organize a 3 on 3 hockey tournament for street hockey, maybe in the school parking lot. She would like to see it by age groupings and then have it for a teen group also.

- Debbie is asking that we don't go around asking for sponsorship on our own as she already has it lined up. She has t-shirts going to be ordered and we could piggy back the order with that for 3 on 3 if wanted. There will be 2000 brochures that will go out and a letter in a mass mail with contact information.

- Debbie would like to know if WMHA would like to be involved before March 5. Debbie thanked the board for having her and excused herself. After open discussion took place with idea sharing the following motions were made:

Moved by Ken Davie and Seconded by Aleigha Kravontka to run the bar at the hall dance for the evening of Saturday June 30 with WMHA purchasing the liquor and license for sale...carried.

Lee, Shelley, Heather and Barb will organize the bar and volunteers for the dance.

Moved by Norm Desnoyers and Seconded by Barb Borynec to run the 3 on 3 hockey street hockey tournament for Saturday June 30...carried

Norm volunteered to spearhead the 3 on 3 street hockey tournament and volunteers with Ken helping. Norm would like to see it open to all age levels in the minor hockey and one for the adult level.

After discussion it was decided that WMHA will not host any beer gardens at this event this year.

- Player and Volunteer Appreciation Banquet; most sportsmanlike, mvp, and most improved for the older groups atom up and participation medals for younger initiation and novice. Email must be sent to the managers and coaches regarding handing these out and their picks. The hall is reserved at no charge and a sign should be on the bulletin board at the arena about the banquet. Norm said Joann will take care of it.

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Barb will email managers and coaches for the count on number of family members in attendance for a meal count.

4. New Business

- Parkland Hockey Academy would like to speak to board and members about the program, Barb stated Barry Medori would like to come to our AGM and we would like to go ahead and invite him.

5. Correspondence

6. Registrar's Report, by Shelley Providence

- Shelley and Heather have been working on receipts and will be working on a letter for registration and Norm suggested taking early registration at our March awards banquet. A suggestion was made to encourage early hockey registration with the \$50 deposit then players could qualify for a Taylor Hall jersey with draw to be made that night. Shelley volunteered to donate the Taylor Hall jersey.

- Charlie said the Alexis budget requires how many kids registered and proposed fee increase and then they can have this arranged and money set aside now. Barb and Shelley will work on the numbers and provide it to the Alexis provide it to Lonie Letendre. Then also complete Paul Band for Willis Rain, and within the next two weeks.

Moved by John Seconded by Norm to make a letter for preregistration on the banquet night of March 21st, with \$50 deposit and then they are entered in the draw for the Hall Jersey for that night...carried.

7. Ice Scheduler & Referee's Report, by Aleigha Kravontka

- Referee & Ice Update for Provincials and Playoffs; Lee said lost money is approximately \$8000 from outside ice bookings and unused tournament ice from cancelled tournaments due to short notice returning ice to the Village.

- A reminder text was sent out to the managers to try to get their playoff games booked at home ice time. Lee will not be chasing after teams.

- For initiation there are no refs for home games in Wabamun, the tournament there will be one per game.

8. Coaches/Player Development Report, Jared Kravontka unable to attend

- Respect in Sport group setting March 6-8th update, Jared spoke to Mike Olsen of Hockey Alberta – they will not allow any group classes. A suggestion is to set up with Respect in Sport that we can prepay so many parents and will provide codes for the courses. Betty from library will allow three of their computers for Tues/Wed and Thurs all six computers and we can bring lap tops too, she will stay late in order to accommodate if we chose to run it at the library. A letter has to be sent out to the parents to register to take the course during those dates. The library would like a donation for that time. Hockey Alberta will provide a letter in April for the parents about the new regulations so we can provide it to our membership. We could hand out at AGM and our registration. Jared will send out a letter to the managers to see if anyone registers to take it in March at the library to see if there is interest, otherwise postpone until September.

- Jared would like a copy of each team's official rosters to him to include the coaches' courses. Shelley will send it to him. Ken would like it ccd to him.

9. Equipment Report, by Steve Cote

- We are shy on pucks, Steve talked to Nick Hewlett at the arena about dumping the pucks, it is an issue, pucks are going missing. Minor hockey will just finish the season with what is there. At the end of the year Steve will go thru the lockup and collect pucks and see what is left.

10. Concession Report, by Heather Doerr

- Profits Report January from concession \$4,300 and vending machine was \$900; profit to date is almost \$10,000. Krista has been tight on sales and purchases. Krista is doing a great job.

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11. Tournaments/Promotion Report, by Norm Desnoyers

- Novice tournament profit update February 4/5 did really well, \$4000, there was \$780 alone in 50 50s; the food bank drive was spearheaded by Barb, 754 lbs of food in total with Cold Lake bringing in 229 lbs and the Parkland Food Bank was very pleased. Everyone enjoyed themselves and the hockey was really great and it received positive feedback.
- Atom tourney is just around the corner.
- Player of the Month t-shirts update, the email was sent out to the managers as they are in for distribution for t-shirt sizes and waiting the size required.
- Novice purchased the jackets from Elite, and they waived the stitch fee, and moving forward they have suggested setting up on paper the jackets, and embroidery pattern, etc. and put it together so a file is arranged, the board can decide the logo and keep it the same for the teams. This would protect our image and keep it the same.

12. Bingo Report, Jackie Pearson unable to attend

- Bingo, Lions Club outstanding donation update/ice expense invoice; it was suggested that a letter be sent to the Lions and John will give it to Maryann as Heather has reported no deposit as no funds have yet been received.
- Casino committee report, no report
- Chocolate Fundraiser: outstanding money letters – Heather deposited \$3251.50 on February 16th from Initiation; these letters have not yet been handed out, as the list of names are required from Jackie to provide to Barb for the letter and Ken will distribute.

13. Finance Director's Report, by Heather Doerr

- Bank Balance as of Jan 31 \$92,095.13 (this includes the \$43,370 grant money)
- Two Auditors for Financials (or an accountant) & Society Annual Return Filing to be done; after discussion it was decided that Heather will check with her accountant to audit and how much the charge will be.
- Budget 2012-13 for AGM is required; at the next board meeting a discussion of team fees to take place
- Outstanding tournament entry fee Bantam 2 Carl Bird's team \$850 from attending the North Battleford away tournament attended November 24, 2011 – this was to be paid back to the minor hockey within 30 days and is now outstanding. They have about \$200 in their 50 50 monies.
- Reminder to pay Glenna Wagner at year end for arranging our referees.

14. Vice President's Report, by Ken Davie

- In December Ken travelled to Red Deer for the Hockey Alberta meeting, the shadow program for refs was discussed: a senior ref goes on the ice with new referee for the first two periods of a game, then last period he watches from off-ice. Feedback is provided of two positive and two negative observations. Ken would like WMHA to host a ref clinic; we have to do it early, before hockey starts. Ken will check into hosting in September.
- He is happy with all our teams, peewee is playing Vegreville for provincials, novice 1 finished league play in first place, novice 2 playing for Westaskiwin for playoffs, bantam 2 is first place and they play Calmar and one round away from making provincials, atom is in the last round of provincials, peewee is playing last round to make provincials against Stony Plain.
- AGM be prepared for it, with ducks in the row and we are going the right direction, we should get together two weeks prior to the AGM; Ken asked that all nominations be made early. Lee thinks there are some initiation families that may be interested in joining our board.

15. President's Report, by John Kennedy

- John talked to the Village regarding the grant money; it is part payment from WMHA (out of grant funds deposited) and then part from Village of Wabamun and then part from Parkland County. The heaters are in and not working properly, until they are repaired or fixed WMHA will not release funds. The lighting, it is the building electrical that is the biggest issue; player benches is still in discussion, and will not be done until after hockey season. The lock up keys provided only work for outside access, cannot get thru the door into the arena, it is a fire hazard and needs to be changed. Something has to be figured out and John is in discussions

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with the Village. A letter was shown to John about the professional ice making session that is going on as proof it will be happening in September.

- Regular season games are done and playoffs begin some game sheets were missing but now they are sent in. It will be busy because of some provincial games to finish off first over playoffs.

- John has emailed Spruce Grove and Stony Plain presidents inquiring about the Parkland Hockey Association repeatedly with no response.

16. Secretary's Report, by Barb Borynec

- Next board meeting date Monday, March 19th tentatively at Senior's Centre at 7 pm; AGM meeting date Monday, April 23, 2012 at 7 pm tentatively at Senior's Centre.

Moved to Adjourn by John at 9:40 pm

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