

# WMHA Board Meeting MINUTES January 23, 2012 at 7 pm

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- Location: Wabamun Union Hall
- Meeting called to order by President John Kennedy at: 7:12 pm
- In attendance: Shelley Providence, John Kennedy, Heather Doerr, Norm Desnoyers, Jared & Aleigha Kravontka, Jackie Pearson, Barb Borynec, Steve Cote
- Regrets: Ken Davie
- Liaison Guest/Member: Charlie Letendre

## 1. Review of Minutes

Approval of November 21, 2011 minutes Moved by Barb Borynec, seconded by Norm Desnoyers...carried.

## 2. Agenda

Approval of agenda moved by Jackie Pearson, seconded by Aleigha Kravontka...carried.

## 3. Business arising from the minutes

### 4. New Business

- Guest Charlie Letendre, native liaison was welcomed by John and Charlie spoke about the challenges at the start of the year and how it seems to have been straightened out; will encourage early registration in the attempt to eliminate late fees as the money is better spent on the kids. Some midget players will be moving up to Juniors, some will try out for AAA.
- Grant money and arena improvements – money received was not the full amount applied for \$75,000 it was \$43,370 and is thought to be a matching grant for the Village of Wabamun; heating scheduled to be done by the end of next week; new benches are ordered for players boxes with new rubber for flooring; lighting guy came in and way more work, new to re-wire the whole building as it is supposed to be phase 1 power, it is not.
- John will confirm the grant is being matched by Village of Wabamun, money of \$43,370 was deposited into WMHA bank account; two points John will confirm the companies getting paid for work done at the arena – and secondly WCB clearances obtained prior to payments for portions being paid out of WMHA bank account.
- The Fire Marshall inspected in November, issues arising were sprinkler system and fire alarms required; these are items planned for summer. Bathrooms will be changed this summer to accommodate wheel chair access and meet government standards. There is also a request for girls change room.
- When ice is out in spring there are plans to bring out perma-frost in order to get the floor to settle and fill cracks and complete repairs. September 15 a course will be put on how to make ice professionally, it is open to other associations to attend, the ice will be in for September 19, 2012; the goal is for the Village to have ice from now on available by September 15<sup>th</sup> for 2013!
- Village of Wabamun Dragonfly Centennial, looking for Beer Gardens for Fun Days and 3 on 3 street hockey for kids during the Centennial or hire people from WMHA; to be set up in tennis courts, this is not thru the Village it is to work with Debbie Harris (a volunteer liason); date is June 2 & 3<sup>rd</sup>; live entertainment coming to the beer gardens; Debbie will be invited to attend our next meeting by Shelley.
- Opening a promotions account, discussed by Norm with Elite Sports they require the Wildcats image for opening a stitch file; the more business you do with them the more discounts are given. For awards banquet they have trophies, etc. this translates into more savings for WMHA. Stony Plain office is location to deal with.

Moved by Norm Desnoyers to pay to open a stitch file at Elite Sportswear in Stony Plain, Seconded by Barb Borynec...carried.

- Player and Volunteer Appreciation Banquet; looking towards perhaps next year, Linda with the Village has offered the Jubilee Hall for no charge, this event is good for the kids and the volunteers. Norm would like suggestions to see for this year, little things for the kids and volunteers; perhaps a raffle item for volunteers and a draw for the kids, food items would be a simple/cost effective meal. Tentative date March 21 from 6-8 pm with doors open 5:30 pm to eat.

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## **5. Correspondence**

- Lottery Funding Programs document regarding the Community Facility Enhancement Program, to be given to the Village, and work together with completing CFEP Financial Accounting Calculation Sheet.

## **6. Registrar's Report, by Shelley Providence**

- Everyone is paid, rosters are done, and to be sent out to league governors as they are finalized no changes after January 10<sup>th</sup>. Great job Shelley!

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

- Referee & Ice Update for Provincials and Playoffs, all is going well, all provincial games are currently scheduled and trying to keep games in Wabamun. Peewee team has advanced to second round.

- Initiation games, it was noted that some associations make teams by birth year and Lee expressed difficulty in game scheduling with suitable teams. It was pointed out that attendance is an issue when going in that direction as second year players show up, first year players are not always reliable. A suggestion was made to Lee when scheduling games to ask for a roster listing birth years and also to stay away from the bigger centres.

## **8. Coaches/Player Development Report, by Jared Kravontka**

- Everyone has met the requirements for coaching, the Coach Development deadline was extended from Dec 31 by Hockey Alberta to Jan 15 to all associations.

- Discussion of conduct of fans/coaches/managers took place and the need for our parent membership to take RESPECT IN SPORT program. Warnings should be given out to parents/fans/coaches in the stands/on the bench during games that get out of hand; everyone must make the commitment to improve in this area.

- By 2012 fall hockey season all members must have taken the Respect in Sport program and in order to facilitate this WMHA will hold group workshops projecting the course module for our members to attend. Norm will arrange lap top and air card, Jared will confirm with Respect in Sport to complete in group setting, tentatively scheduled to run during practice times the week of March 6-8<sup>th</sup>.

## **9. Equipment Report, by Steve Cote**

- Pucks/equipment; every team has socks, Steve has gathered extras and locked up; made sure all teams have pucks and have some in lock up. First Aid kits will be an issue by year end, inventory is all updated. A suggestion was made for game pucks for the older groups to have frozen game pucks in the concession freezer. Arena attendant has been throwing out pail of pucks for pre-game warm ups so he can control the pucks. John will email the managers to inform them of the protocol.

## **10. Concession Report, by Heather Doerr**

- Volunteer workers; this has not changed, same workers all the time. Barb will email the managers to have their parents sign off releasing their volunteer bond.

- Profits Report from October – December from concession and vending machine; for the concession profit Oct-Dec profit approximately \$2280 and vending machine \$2024.

- December break in was an issue, and two tournaments cancelled affects the bottom line. Krista has been staying late for Junior games to make money. Increase revenue with two bantam teams and the midget team – they tend to buy supper.

- Question was brought up if SGMHA and SPMHA when they come in do they buy – if there is money to be made, more perhaps on hot drinks. Heather will check into hot beverage machine, also suggestion to do a trial run and open early Saturday to see if we make money.

## **11. Tournaments/Promotion Report, by Norm Desnoyers**

- Peewee tournament profit update Nov 19/20 was \$2036.59 great job; raffle table items drawn on Saturday so that early Sunday leaving teams could collect their prizes.

- Player of the Month t-shirts update it was very comparable in pricing with Elite Sportswear \$4.10/shirt silkscreen \$3.80 at a cost of \$395 for 50 shirts and Evansburg Family Clothing \$4.72/shirt silkscreen \$2.10 at a cost of \$341 for 50 shirts. Keeping in mind Elite will give us further discounts in the future it was suggested to go with Elite.

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## **Moved by Norm, Seconded by Lee to purchase Player of the Month t-shirts...carried.**

- 50/50 profits were questioned, to encourage volunteer workers during a tournament as currently the profit goes to WMHA. Discussion was carried out with suggestions that the money goes to the team hosting the tournament, and being able to use the money to help families in need, an idea of giving back. It was noted these amounts average \$400-\$500 over a weekend. Also brought to everyone's attention was that these funds must be strictly monitored by AGLC due to licensing. Some would suggest it could be seen as a way of incentive for increased involvement in our volunteers. It is to be noted that each team participates in their own tournament at no charge.
- Atom tournament Rescheduled March 3 & 4 with 5 teams registered and paid.

## **12. Bingo Report, by Jackie Pearson**

- Bingo, Lions Club outstanding donation update/ice expense invoice, cheque has not been received, confirmed with Maryann Woloshyn that the request has been sent in to AGLC, Jackie was unsure when it was sent, it takes 6-8 weeks to process from the time they receive it.
- Casino committee report, no meeting took place, but thru email on feedback; one issue arose that the casino dates are during Treaty Games so there are teams that will be unable to send volunteers. Time slots are looking to be 4 hr slots, some volunteers can work up to 8 hrs. Discussion took place as to what volunteers (who must be members of WMHA) would receive towards hockey fee registration. From that discussion the following motion was made:

## **Moved by Jackie Pearson, Seconded by Shelley Providence that WMHA member volunteers working a 4 hour shift will receive \$50 towards next season's hockey registration fees and WMHA member volunteers working a 8 hour shift will receive \$100 towards next season's hockey registration fees...carried.**

- Chocolate Fundraiser: outstanding money, deceased Billy Adams one case is unknown and WMHA will absorb the loss. There are other cases of chocolates unaccounted for at the initiation, peewee, bantam and midget levels. Consequences were discussed and a suggestion was made that coaches can chose to bench players until funds are turned in to help aid in the collection. After discussion regarding outstanding monies from chocolates the following motion was made:

## **Moved by Norm Desnoyers, Seconded by Heather Doerr that a letter be drafted and submitted by WMHA to all parents/guardians of the players with outstanding chocolate money to enforce the collection of these funds and if not paid to make aware the consequences of 1) no accepted WMHA future registration until money is paid in full, 2) and/or players wishing to participate in Native Provincials and/or Treaty Games will not be given permission of release until money is paid in full...Carried.**

- Six large promo bars are left, and will be dispersed 2 per upcoming tournaments. Left are 27 cases of chocolates, allowing members to sell towards hockey fees.

## **13. Finance Director's Report, by Heather Doerr**

- Bank Balance as of December 31 was \$109,135.96 less grant funds <\$43,370> is \$65,765.96 less ice payment made today \$19,734.75
- Noted ice tournament weekends that were cancelled WMHA had to pay for ice as it was not rented out.
- The accounting has now been changed over to QuickBooks

## **14. Vice President's Report, Ken Davie unable to attend**

## **15. President's Report, by John Kennedy**

- Midget team, John has watched some games, there have been issues but complimented Charlie on having the players under control, doing a great job, benched some players for not attending practice, etc. At a home game John went into the dressing room to talk with the kids about representing WMHA and having respect to

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show good behavior as it is a reflection on our community. There was some noise, kids not paying attention, but then two players stood up and asked their fellow teammates to listen up, and John was very impressed. Commended Charlie on doing a good job, and thanked him for coaching. There was good attendance in the game and the players showed up early.

- Observations: the year has had success thus far, pushing towards the end, there is always laundry that comes out, but John asked that everyone hold it together to get the season done. There have been issues in the stands with some members/fans, and sometimes if you have nothing nice to say, it is better to say nothing. These times are referred to Ken Davie with disciplinary.

- A reminder also was brought up that players are not to be just dropped off at the arena, leaving the child unattended is unacceptable.

### **16. Secretary's Report, by Barb Borynec**

- Next meeting date to set tentatively the week of February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Moved to Adjourn 10:20 pm**

**Next Board Meeting week of February 20<sup>th</sup>.**