MINUTES – MONDAY, MAY 27, 2019 – 6:00 pm.


ABSENT: K. McKENZIE, D. FOWLER

KMHA STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: S. SMITH, Q. LAING, W. TRENN, M. HEDMAN, T. HAMMOND

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 23

1.0 ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM – CONFIRMED. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:10 PM.


3.0 PRESIDENT’S REPORT – BOB HENDERSON

KMHA female hockey program continues to grow. Registration was up considering decreased registration numbers across Canada. It was a healthy year for the Association. Small deficits in last five years, and this year (due to sponsorships) we had a small surplus – financially we are heading in the right direction. As per the 50/50 and gaming fund, we have been able to keep registration costs down. Noted the Association’s player development – seven teams went to provincials. 80% of Association players are recreational players – focusing on fair play and equal opportunities. Upcoming season, introduction of mandatory meetings with players & parents: fair play and expectations (due to consistent feedback KMHA has received). Hockey Canada has upcoming changes (with an emphasis on fun in the younger ages). Staff – fortunate to have the group that we have in place now. Hockey Canada and BC Hockey will be more involved going forward – KMHA supports this (building elite players/programs to provide more options than going to academies). Retention and growth – continue despite ice challenges. Volunteers/Coaches/BODs – positions available on the board. Kelly McKenzie stepping down (official), Kelly Olson’s 3-VP position available, David Fowler past-president, Todd Myles Treasurer, Scott Millard.

4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – STEVE SMITH

Due to some changes that were made this year (excess balance from tournaments, credit card fees, etc.) – we have a small surplus. If we were to lose gaming grant or 50/50, we have just enough to cover this loss. Many discussions as to where we can cut costs, and at what sacrifices – never want to turn down ice. Seeing results. Sponsorships have increased. Parent meetings (BC Hockey mandated) – every parent must attend – Ok Mission Hall is booked for four days in September – parent has to sign in or player cannot play. OMAHA AGM will enter into one year pilot project in which BC Hockey will run the administration for this district – oversees zone lead, Sherry (there will not be an OMAHA board) – paying OMAHA to do what BC Hockey is doing. Budget is not being used effectively.
5.0 HEAD COACH REPORT – QUINTIN LAING
Mike Too, volunteer from beginning to end of season, morning clinics, female rec team, girls banquet. Mental Health event held at the Laurel Packinghouse with Third Space. Providing the tools to deal with pressures – an area that has been ignored previously. KMHA now has a mental health fund that members can access. Workshops are available for teams. Will continue to plan this event to maintain fund. Annual fill the net food drive – 14,000 pounds of food for Central Okanagan Food Bank! Continuing to build and maintain relationships with the Rockets, Chiefs. Involvement with MML team. Offering 16 summer clinics this year. KMHA had three Bantam Draft picks this year. Great Provincial representation this year. Skills instruction – noticeable difference in skill levels – will continue and adding goalie instruction. More specialty clinics next year (BC Hockey). Ways to improve the evaluation process – continue to be as fair and unbiased as possible – work with BC Hockey and use their evaluators when possible. Creating an environment and culture that kids love the game of hockey.

6.0 TREASURER’S REPORT – TODD MYLES & CARTER BASRAN (BDO)
Todd Myles – KMHA generated sponsorship revenue (instead of raising fees). Focusing on community partnerships.

Carter Basran, BDO – statement of financial position (balance sheet) – overall cash increase (registration and tourney revenue) – more cash at year end (collected accounts receivable right before year end). Last year outstanding balance (BC Hockey zone teams), wasn’t outstanding this year. Liabilities – accounts payable (timing) – push for e-transfers more efficient – more cash available at year end to pay off liabilities. Deferred revenue increased – linked to cash (held in rep teams bank accounts). Change in net assets – statement of operations (revenue increased due to increased registration fees) - tournament operations (tourney fees increased, expense side / allowable expenses). 50/50 – decreased during year – due to no playoff games this season and smaller crowds. Expense side (note 8) – hockey supplies decreased due to prior year (new jerseys) – ice rentals increased 4% (in line with registration increase) – zone programs (fee of $12k – this year no expense as it’s BC Hockey run now).

7.0 Q & A
1. Evaluation processes: continual progress and changes, why are we not providing feedback to players (other associations provide an evaluation report)? QL: evaluators focused on smaller group of players (as per U16 tryouts) – 3 strengths and 3 weaknesses. Vision for the future. SC: tryout guidelines for upcoming season (dates, structure, and transparent to process) – one division head for each tryout to be at every skate.
2. Timing for details (Atom) – when is the messaging on the upcoming changes coming out?? BH: BC Hockey meeting months ago detailed piece should have been out months ago. Lots of discussion and second guessing. SS: Atom Dev will be the same this year (Atom Major/Minor talks) – 2021 season. Only big change – five ice times before tryouts start. Two unevaluated ice times before tryouts – tryouts beginning in September. SM: BC Hockey website – Atom Pathway.
3. Financial Statement – increase in restrictive cash – note 2. SS: Rep accounts under main account so we could monitor online. Decrease in coach development?? SS: Hockey programs ($ directed to this account).
4. Novice at UHC and small area games (60 min) – 15 min average per player – not productive? Not transitioning to offsides/positioning. QL: not ideal, would be better with teams of 8-9. Lack of ice, we need to use that ice. Instead of game, use for skills – more useful than a non-productive 55 min game. QL: will look into this. Detrimental for average/below-average kids. Talk of Christmas would transition to full-ice. SS: this will not be happening (as per OMAHA mtg). Mandated. Increase 55 min to longer ice time?? Meeting with UHC next week. ACTION: QL and SS to work together and get feedback from the group to come up with a solution. Perhaps week day games? Weekend practices at UHC?
5. Goalies – best goalie w/ weakest goalie. Is that the best way to handle goalies at Atom/PW levels? Regressing? QL: coaches draft – teams have to be balanced as best as possible. More of a budget this year for goalie instruction.
6. Coaching clinics – more development throughout the season? Paid skills instructors – not always there? Coaches need to be on the same plan, so they are aware of what the practice plan is. QL: trying to improve in this area. Making sure SI inform coaches as to what is happening. Need more committed instructors. Looking to add new instructors. Will work with communication and structure between SI’s and Coaches.
7. Do we know what kind of tiering in Atom/PW? SC: we go through how the tiering has gone in the past (has there been success?). Have an idea of talent coming up. Tryout process and then competition weekend. Team
is strong enough to be somewhere else – make that change IF they feel it is appropriate. Two Atom A, One Atom B, One Atom C – present plan. PW: one A, one B, two C.

8. Growth in girls program – issues with competition now? DM: fortunate position to have the #s to roster in any division. Challenge is the smaller associations. Assessed yearly (late August/early Sept) – at the mercy of other associations. BH: effort to get a zone program with BC Hockey – central registry. SS: exhibition leagues discussion, coast teams – will not force their teams to come here (exhibition only).

9. Female - Can we opt out of league? Be a tournament team? SS: PWT1 did this, although still had to play PG. Went to extra tournaments instead.

10. BC Hockey can’t force Vernon/Winfield? SS: no. Central registry – smaller associations to put their names forward to play tournaments. SA, Vernon pushing female program but not there yet.

11. Bantam tiering – clarify what this will look like? QL: four rep teams= AAA, AA (zone) – two rep teams (t2, t3 w/ KMHA). Challenge was ice – plan now is to have T2, T3.

8.0 ELECTIONS
Six positions due. Reviewed Board vacancies and slate of candidates.


3rd VP – vacant.


9.0 DATE AND LOCATION OF 2020 AGM
May 26, 2020 – Okanagan Mission Hall

10.0 CONCLUSION AND ADJOURNMENT – 7:54 PM