



KELOWNA MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES – MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023 – 6:30 pm.

IN ATTENDANCE: Steve Smith, Kelly Olson, Quintin Laing, Taryn Kuiack, Aaron Piva, Dan MacLeod, Rob Starke, Rob Mutch,

1.0 CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: 6:37 pm.

2.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 28, 2022 – RM, TK.

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

3.1. Rules around supervision in dressing room: KMHA's rules are based on Hockey Canada's recommendation (every Association needs to have a 'policy'). TO DO: Steve to draft up an amendment to policy for approval. **BC Hockey & OMAHA has since come out with their own policy on this. How will this be enforced/implemented? Can we come up with our own policy on this, or is this a recommendation? Can we go back to them and state our reasons why we want to mandate our own rule on this? Steve to contact Dave tomorrow for further clarification as Bulletin is not clear.**

3.2. Green armband initiative: follow up for more discussion with Larry. **Steve discussed with Larry. Doesn't like it. All referees should be treated with respect no matter what. We are doing a great job educating parents in Kelowna. He is happy with how things are proceeding.**

4.0 ROLLING ACTION ITEMS AS PER PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

5.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

Thank the Board for the Christmas bonus. Everyone very appreciative.

Went to OMAHA meetings on January 14. Best meetings attended thus far. A couple of big changes for next year: U13 T1 – four-year pilot for five teams in the Okanagan. In the South, West Kelowna, Penticton & South Ok. Feels that region will be too strong and will eventually have to split (will readdress in future). Two teams in the North (Salmon Arm & surrounding, and Vernon & surrounding).

Membership continued to vote for flights for next year. Will no longer have one competition weekend (holding one-hour mini games) to decide where flights will be. There will be two scheduling meetings next year. Form a month-long October exhibition season (same as lower mainland) to see the results of games and then meet again to schedule for rep. Will be a shorter season (Nov-Feb), but will still play same number of games (more exhibition).

U13 Female A. U9-U11 looking strong in other Associations (numbers). A lot of groups think it won't work next year, but should the year after. Vernon did say they are willing to cooperate next year with Salmon Arm (Lumby & surrounding) to put a team in. South to put together a team for exhibition games. A good bridge to ultimately get us to where we want to be.

U9 Dev. All Associations trying to keep kids within Associations. This is something the customer wants (rep at this level). Haven't offered yet but need to keep kids out of non-sanctioned leagues. West Kelowna is going to put together an action plan/ideas for May meetings (need time to put this into action) as information must be distributed well in advance.

U13 Playoffs – OMAHA has announced playoffs for all divisions. KMHA is hosting U18 AA and T2 playoffs – both are six-team events. U13 T3 (8-team event) does not have host yet. Rec – U15 & U18 KMHA is hosting (two 8-team events). Currently no host for U11 Dev B or U13 Female Rec. Asked for Prospera's ice schedule – we may be able to fit this in. Hopefully we can do something. Districts – we can't do anything as that is Ally's Angels weekend and there is no ice available.

STEVE, I LOST FOCUS DURING THIS PART... lol. Please add what I missed! Female – Associations to take over again. OMAHA to still look after jerseys, discipline, evaluations.... (carding fees will have to be increased) - Associations to look after:

6.0 DIRECTOR OF HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT REPORT.

Coaching evaluations this time of year. Going out to practices and doing field evaluations and then meeting with Coaches to review. Reviewing all Coaches Practice/Game logs to ensure they are done correctly. Will review dressing room expectations/policies with Coaches as meetings are held.

Langley MHA just put out call for Coaches for T1 teams (with a deadline of March 15). Should we do something similar? Name the Coaches during the AGM? Name after AAA and AA have been announced? Quintin will put out request for applications.

Playoff time is a good time to watch and evaluate players (ranking system) - will help for next season (balancing issues).

Seasonal development program for U7 and U9. Working with Skills Instructors/Coaches to put a program together to be followed for development (order of skills throughout the year).

OMAHA meetings – five teams at U13 T1. Month-long evaluation of teams for flights. Some growing pains during first year, but recognizing these and making adjustments. Female numbers looking good in other Associations.

8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Communication: Moving along and recognizing things that didn't get moved over with new website. Work in progress, but gathering up things that need to be added to new site.

Conduct: U13 T1: Reviewed the four individuals that were served suspension letters.

U15 T2: report sent to the Board previously regarding meeting with family. Has been referred to OMAHA. OMAHA is actively investigating.

U18: Report sent previously. Do not foresee any more problems. Player/family happy (moved teams) and Coach happy.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

9.2. *(not discussed at previous meeting)* Set five goals for board to work on over next year: U13 female zone team; increase goalies in KMHA; attract more applicants for paid coaches.

Conduct Committee: create a policies & procedures 'manual' for consistency for future meetings. Create structure (who leads, expectations, timelines, how to report/address back to Board, etc.).

10.0 IN-CAMERA SESSION

11.0 NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 27 – 6:30 pm (via Zoom).

12.0 MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:07 pm.