



## KELOWNA MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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### MINUTES– MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2022 – 6:30 pm

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Kelly Olson, Quintin Laing, Steve Smith, Aaron Piva, Taryn Kuiack, Rob Mutch, Rob Starke, Dan McLeod, Chris Kerr

#### 1.0 CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER – 6:42 pm.

#### 2.0. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 – Approved (tk, rm).

#### 3.0. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Manuals have been provided at meetings. The website is up and running (have received good feedback). U9 program (exhibition games? No – maybe full-ice in February). 50/50 signors (Rob M should be set up soon. Goalies at U15: instructors have been working with them at practices. Purchased goalie equipment (4 sets). West Kelowna U15 T3 did take two players.

#### 4.0. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Just had meeting between OMAHA district heads, North and Kootenays. Changed AA leagues (no more playoff tournament, and instead will have best of three back to back weekends). Did not tell anyone this in advance (ice already booked) - no teams will get automatic byes any more.

U11 Dev: Division plays like rep but is considered rec – flights are leagues (rec). OMAHA says that these are the leagues and therefore this is how playoffs will go. This was not our understanding. As it is an OMAHA league we should be able to do whatever we want (and not have to follow BC Hockey rules). Problem: APs under this set up. U11 is rec – teams could only AP from rec. Teams cannot AP within same flight (a/b will have to share c players). Call tomorrow to sort out playoffs.

U13 rep: One association wants to change U13 plans for next season.

Female: Reluctance from surrounding associations.

Finances: Sheena working on finances (a bit behind where we are normally at this time). Numbers are looking good (November 2021 – November 2022). Revenue is way up (help

from 50/50s, tournaments, summer camps (although lost a week at Rutland due to U11/13 tryouts). Gaming grant – received \$20,000 more than last year.

U17 tournament over Christmas (Kendra will look over & Rob E will assist). Steve will be attending the Circle K (Macs) tournament to assist with Coaching.

## **5.0 DIRECTOR OF HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

Has been confirming everyone's coaching requirements to ensure that they can be on bench/ice. Dev 1 clinic was held over the weekend (this was the second one and had 30 coaches in attendance).

Past 2-3 weeks has had some conduct meetings held.

U13 T1 coaching staff: the Coach has resigned, and they have been able to bring in Dima. The team's budget is not changing. Luca Burzan is assisting. Kelsey Byrne will also help Dima and gives him the opportunity to learn from him. Will check on the AZ flights (for Nate) and see what the options are for reimbursement or if they are transferable?

## **6.0 NEW BUSINESS**

U15 T2: non-parent coach. One family has brought up some concerns. Overall, the team has a good parent group. Hosting Provincials. Concerned parents seem a bit offside – have been sending lots of texts to the Coach (referencing poor practices, sending links to practice plans, approaching after games). He has tried to deal with this himself, but things don't seem to be getting any better. Parent has also sent emails to DHD. Bit concerned about the observations (access to boys by phone, team party no parents). Coach hasn't seen these emails sent to DHD. No issues with Coach previously. Seems to have stemmed from their son getting sat after penalty. Quintin & Steve to meet with family during practice this week.

Rules around supervision in dressing room: KMHA's rules are based on Hockey Canada's recommendation (every Association needs to have a 'policy'). Steve to draft up an amendment to policy for approval.

Green Armband initiative: Larry L reached out to Sean Raphael (BC Hockey) - discussed some pro's/cons. Cons – it's like putting an 'N' on a vehicle (highlighting that they are inexperienced). Pros: brings awareness to humanity of officials and demonstrates support to officials. Larry supports, but agrees with Sean. Would be up to Larry. Get more clarification on Larry's thoughts first and then will discuss again. Will also need to educate members on the initiative.

Dual roster rules (wording) for female: will discuss in future meeting.

50/50 - Christmas fundraiser? After tournaments are done (December 11 weekend). 'Fill the Net' (portion of profit to go to a charity – Kelowna Foodbank?). SS to discuss moving forward with Kendra.

**7.0 IN-CAMERA SESSION**

**8.0 NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 16, 2023 – 6:30 pm (Zoom).**

**9.0 MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:15 pm.**