

Monday, May 27 – 6:00 pm.

Kelowna Minor Hockey Association: Annual General Meeting

Location: Okanagan Mission Hall

In attendance: Steve Smith, Quintin Laing, Taryn Kuiack, Rob Starke, Sara Cubberly, Aiden Nix, Dylan Michie, Rob Mutch, Steve Jackson

Members in attendance: 40

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Meeting called to order: 6:10 pm.

Dylan – Introduction to attending members.

Motion to adopt agenda: John Murray, Kendra Stewart.

BOD introductions.

Presidents Report.

Season in review.

Upcoming changes for U9 Development. December 15 is the date for the start of full-ice games. Any team caught doing full-ice before this date, the coach will serve a suspension and then further infractions will result in a \$1,000 fine. This will be enforced by OMAHA. If caught again, two game suspension to four. Third time, team suspended. This is the earliest date than any other region in BC. Program was very successful this past season. Will have Association jerseys this year.

Welcoming some guest teams into the region (Spokane, Greater Trail U18 Female, Castlegar U15 FA, Prince George, Williams Lake, 100 Mile House) - reciprocal travel.

Thanks to all Members for a successful year.

BDO – Financial Report. Brit Vig.

Cash collected for 50/50 - cannot be complete on revenue.

Cash went down this year.

A/R went up – timing difference.

A/P was down slightly – timing. Long-term debt went away (CEBA loan).

Statement of Operations – shows story of the year. Revenues went up in registration fees. 17% increase in regular fees, 33% in rep fees. Fundraising fees went up. Other tourney ops – up 5%. 50/50 lottery up 9%. Organization made about \$28k.

Expenses by Operations – bottom number. Can see different expenses throughout the year. Bad debts – did a clean up of A/R last year (no clean up needed this year). Conventions & meetings went up \$3k (more travel). Hockey supplies up \$112k to \$135k (mostly socks). Hockey Programs – summer clinics. Player Insurance & Reg Fees. Referees went up a lot – paid more. 40% increase in BCAHA Insurance.

Motion to pass budget: Lisa Murray, Tara Sauer.

All in favour: To retain BDO as bookkeeping firm.

Executive Director's Report.

Thanks to Divisional Directors, KMHA Staff, BODs.

First surplus since COVID. Finances were very strong. Referees went up (gone five years without a raise). Went one dollar higher than any other Association in OMAHA.

U9. Wildly successful. Very last-minute changes last year – bit of a scramble. Volunteered for the Committee. Faced with challenges now that weren't around ten years ago. Game/landscape/competition changing. Not everyone made the move – those Associations are now changing.

U11 F Development. First time ever. By the end of the year, they were pushing to get into the top flight of playoffs for Dev C. Both Kamloops & Salmon Arm joining. Hoping for one more team and create a four-team league.

Providing opportunities for kids to play at the highest level with competition. Everyone is working together – new level of cooperation.

Ice challenges. Will lose Prospera practices due to increase in events. City says Prospera bumps will result in bumping some adult ice at Rutland (doesn't help for weekends though). Changes in tournament dates (posted on website).

Some challenges this year. U9 changes affected U7.

Change U15/U18 Female playoff format (best of three series). Only possible because female provincials have to start later than male provincials.

Director of Hockey Development Report.

Thanks to all volunteers, staff, BODs.

OMAHA meetings – a lot gets accomplished. Working together with Associations.

Strive for creating pathways for the kids. Recreational side – kids have fun and enjoy going to the rink. U9 is evolving (two Dev teams) - three levels to place kids based on their abilities. U11 – very tough to balance as there is a big gap. Zone program has allowed us to keep more kids in the Association (play at home at a high level). And then onto AAA.

Skills Instructors – U7 – U13 rec practices run by Skills Instructors. Consistent development.

Goalie Clinics – Friday morning ice time added.

U11/U13 - developing & competing. Successful season.

U15 FA – went to Provincials.

U15 T2 – made to semi-finals.

U15 T3 – went to Provincials.

U18 – won Provincials.

Female Development – growing (rep & rec for every division). Competitive at every level.

Officials – Larry Lenarduzzi does an amazing job getting kids to try reffing and keep them coming back.

Summer clinics – offer something for everyone at a very reasonable price. Around 20 camps.

Awards

Most Promising Rec Coach: Matt Enns

Most Promising Rep Coach: Carson Kenney

Rec Coach of the Year: Paul Silcock

Rep Coach of the Year: Jared Aulin

Marilyn Hedman award: Wes & Heather Rota

RIC Report

Larry: 190 officials skated this season. 40 officials at BC Hockey program. 50 new officials this year. 24 officiating coaches – watching & evaluating. 215 evaluations. 7 officials represented KMHA at provincials (5 skated at gold medal games). No major incidents.

Board of Directors

Thanks to Aaron Piva (2nd VP) on his service with the Board.

2nd Vice President: Derek Lang introduction – all about players & their development.

Derek Lang - First Motion: John Murray & Tara Sauer - all in favour.

Director at Large: Rob Mutch – First Motion: John Murray & Ryan Dolman – all in favour.

Risk Management & Safety: Rob Starke – First Motion: Ryan Dolman & John Murray – all in favour.

Secretary: Taryn Kuiack – First Motion: John Murray & Kendra Stewart - all in favour.

Question & Answers

Q. How many Members are required for Gaming grants?

A. We need 12 members in attendance.

Q. Lack of ice time suggestion – is it possible to have a ten minute zamboni clean (such as in Ontario)? Or just every second period flood?

A. No. The quality of ice goes down. Proper flood is 15 minutes with three minutes to dry.

Q. Due to the lack of ice availability, it is possible that we would have to have a 5:15 am practice for different teams? Would balance this among teams.

A. Think we have an alternative option, but just confirming with city.

Q. Suggestion for Team Managers – having contacts supplied for social media, tablet information, etc.

A. Information is provided to all Coaches at Coaches Meeting. Working on new manuals.

Q. Where do the proceeds go from the 50/50 sold at Rockets games.

A. Development. We don't actually get 50% (we get about 25%). Skills budget (good portion of it). Equipment.

Q. U11 F Development. Rumours that there wasn't going to be rec & rep next year?

A. Not true. We want to provide the same opportunities every year (not take something away).

Q. What is the carding fee for in the tryout fee?

A. Covers extra ice. Development & rep get more ice time.

Schedule next year's AGM

May 26, 2025 – same location. 6:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:38 pm.