

YELLOWKNIFE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Minutes

When: 05 March, 2009 @ 7:00 pm

Where: PSAV Room, Multiplex

1.0 INTRODUCTIONS

In Attendance: Kevin McCormick, Kim Schofield, , Marlene Nilson, and Laramie McKerrall

Regrets: Colleen Zorn, Laurie Bembridge

2.0 REVIEW OF AGENDA

Motion: To approve agenda as presented

Moved: Kim Schofield

Seconded: Marlene Nilson

All in favour

3.0 REVIEW OF PAST MINUTES

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented

Moved: Marlene Nilson

Seconded: Kim Schofield

All in favour

4.0 POLICIES

4.1 Team Travel Permits

A revised application form has been circulated by Hockey North but Kevin McCormick has sought clarification on a couple of details.

5.0 LEAGUE PROGRAM

5.1 Coach Certifications (Colleen/Laramie)

It appears that Larry O'Brien is not able to commit to a specific date. Howard McKay is away most of March. Dave Grundy is seeking a replacement for Howard.

The Association is committed to developing a bank of qualified local instructors who will be available to provide clinics as required. This desire will be relayed to Dave Grundy.

5.2 Grizzlies Uniform

Kevin McCormick will follow up again.

5.3 Haks Uniforms

Laramie McKerrall will ask Denis Alain to follow up with Heidi from Hak's Autobody.

5.4 Seasonal Program for Novice Division

A discussion paper has been prepared and will be circulated to the parents and coaches in last year Initiation and Novice for input.

5.5 Players Playing Up and Down and Sideways!

A number of requests have been made which consume a lot of time and energy. The Executive Committee agreed that a policy statement be drafted which reflects as many issues as possible.

5.6 Ice Time during School Break

The requests have been submitted to the City.

5.7 Ice Time Post School Break

We must confirm if any divisions require ice after the spring break.

5.8 Refund for Midget Players

This will be addressed at the end of the season.

6.0 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

6.1 On-ice Official Development

It has not been possible to get a firm commitment from the Refs Association. Craig Hockridge will be approached again but may not be able to do anything this year.

6.2 Coach Certifications

The Hockey Canada Registry also includes fields to record the certifications of coaches. We will add individual certifications when they are confirmed.

7.0 DEVELOPMENT TEAMS

7.1 Carry-over of Bantam Development Team Funds

This issue remains to be addressed Marlene Nilson is waiting on back up from previous season(s) so the reconciliation can be completed.

7.2 Alberta Provincial Competitions

Hockey Alberta has said "no."

7.3 Post-season Bantam Tournament

At this time five teams (including the Yellowknife team) are registered to participate.

SB ice time has been reserved in anticipation that more teams may participate. The City must be notified two weeks in advance if the ice is to be cancelled. The deadline is 13 March.

7.4 Players for Exhibition Games

The Executive Committee endorsed the request.

7.5 Bantam Wolfpack Website

It has been requested that the Bantam Wolfpack website be linked to the Minor Hockey Website. However, the website needs to be aligned with the format and content of the Association website. Specifically, the homepage and other page banners must include the Association name, logo and colours in a manner which clearly demonstrates that the Bantam Wolfpack Team is a component of the Yellowknife Minor Hockey Association. The website must also prominently display the Canadian North logo in accordance with our agreement with Canadian North.

8.0 SPECIAL EVENTS

8.1 State of Association Awards

The nine remaining plaques have been ordered. A couple of donors remain to be contacted.

8.2 Esso Fun Day/ Female Hockey Clinic

A planning guide will be prepared for the event.

8.3 Chevy Safe and Fun Day

Awaiting review comments from Laramie McKerrall and Kim Schofield.

8.4 Junior Tournament

The tournament was well organized and a note of thanks was received from the HR team.

There was some debate over the issuance of toques to Initiation players. Don McLellan has confirmed that he received a request for toques from Rob Hart.

8.6 Year-end Awards

Kevin McCormick will assume the role of Director, Special Events for this event.

Kevin McCormick, Laramie McKerrall and Marlene Nilson will participate on the Award Selection Committee with the governors.

8.7 Acknowledgement of Coaches

The Pee wee governor has requested that the team registration funds be used, in part, to provide the Pee wee coaches with a gift voucher as a token of appreciation.

It was noted that team registration fees are intended for Association general revenue to offset the cost of ice rental and on-ice officials.

However, the Executive Committee agreed that the coaches should be acknowledged as follows:

- The Executive will provide \$100 to each team (house league and development) as seed money for the team players and parents to acknowledge the coaches as they see fit.
- It is assumed that the seed money will be supplemented by additional funds collected among the team players and parents.

- The Governors will inform each team manager or other team contact about the offer from the Executive Committee.
- It is the responsibility of each team to acknowledge their coaches as they see fit.
- The Director Finance will compensate each team representative upon the submission of an appropriate receipt.

10.0 ADMINISTRATION

10.1 League Schedule

The schedule been addressed to year end. See note above.

10.2 Registrar

Laramie McKerrall /Marlene Nilson to review the summary of issues and respond to Kevin McCormick

10.3 Letter to HR Association

The letter will be sent to the Hay River Minor Hockey Association.

11.0 FINANCE

11.1 Financial Variance Report

We agreed that summaries of the Association finances should be presented to the Executive Committee in the form of a variance report. The appropriate format of the report remains to be determined.

Marlene will circulate the current version of the report for the information of the members.

11.2 Surplus Operating Funds

At the last meeting, we agreed that any funds in excess of 10% of the past annual operating budget would be earmarked for the “travel fund” – if it is approved by members. What will be the surplus funds for this year?

11.3 HNWT Registration

The registration fees will be submitted shortly.

11.4 Tax Receipts

Receipts will be issued within a week.

11.5 Refund for Ed Jeske

The City has refunded the registration fees.

12.0 SPONSORSHIP AND FUNDRAISING

12.1 Oldtimers Tournament

The fundraising opportunity has been advertised and the Bantam Development Team has agreed to take on this task.

12.2 Application for Super Bingo

Dan Schofield has requested YKMHA permission to apply for a super bingo on behalf of the three development teams. As there was limited additional detail with the request, the Executive Committee agreed to endorse the application subject to the following conditions:

- There must be written confirmation from a representative of the current team managements that they have agreed to participate.
- The event must be carried out in the name of the Yellowknife Minor Hockey Association.
- All revenue earned must be deposited in the relevant YKMHA account.
- The revenue will be divided equally between the three development teams (Peewee/Bantam/Midget) regardless of the proportion of the adult participants from each current team.
- The funds will be carried over to next year as a block assigned to each team – not to individual players.

13.0 ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES

13.1 Helmets for Coaches/Registration

Kevin McCormick presented some preliminary thoughts with respect to enforcing Association policies and procedures. The ideas will be reviewed as they are further developed.

14.0 OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 Travel for S&F winners

Kevin will raise this issue with Canadian North in due course.

15.0 NEXT MEETINGS

- 1) League Program Committee: 9 April, 2009 – PSAV Room
- 2) Executive Committee: 16 April, 2009- PSAV Room

16.0 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:31pm

Moved: Marlene Nilson

Seconded: Kim Schofield

All in favour

Prepared by: Laramie McKerrall
Approved: April 14, 2009