

ELK VALLEY MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
REGULAR MEETING
Sparwood Chamber of Commerce
January 13, 2015 AT 6:30 PM

Attendance

Lori Bouvier
Jason Dobson

Shawna Klein
Jeff Scott

Neil Smithies
Jera Kipnik

Bonnie Willett
Keith Streeter

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm

Previous minutes accepted by Neil, 2nd by Keith

President's Report

- We have some new players joining our association.
- Team photos will be in the paper for Minor Hockey Week.

Treasurer's report

- Absent
- Balance in Gaming Account is \$10,418.85
- Balance in General Account is \$22,399.87
- Resolution to change signing authority for EVMHA. Remove Kevin Atherton; add Jason Dobson, Lori Riddell, and Jeff Scott - granted.
- Will add the Community Bonds to Treasurer's Report.
- It was noted that we should practice due diligence by having a second executive member review the monthly bank statement. After discussion it was decided that Neil Smithies will be the second executive member.
- A suggestion was made that we reinstate the past practice of using receipt books for money received by team managers for items like game socks, tournament fees, etc. so that money received can be more easily deposited to the correct account and parents have a receipt of money paid.

East Kootenay

- EV is averaging 1 suspension per weekend. Major penalties such as checking from behind that are 5 minutes before the last period will result in missing a 3rd game. If more than 10 minutes, 2 games. This is a Hockey Canada Rule that they want to enforce.

High County

- Elk Valley Pre-Novice is doing well this season.

Referee Coordinator/Referee-in-Chief

- Dwight – absent
- Keith – not a lot of work up until now but it's been a struggle to get enough officials for tournaments. Have had to rely on officials from the Pass for two tournaments already; Novice and Bantam. We have had a lot of games in Sparwood and we only really have two officials in Sparwood.
- A suggestion was made that a course that isn't so intensive for officials for Pre-Novice, Novice and Atoms to encourage more officials.

Coach Coordinator

- All coaches and assistant coaches are now certified and those that attended the courses in the last year just need to complete the post task.
- Out of 16 coaches registered to coach, only six attended the in-class portion of the coach stream in Cranbrook. Those that didn't take the course were then taken off the roster as an assistant coach and added as a volunteer so that the coaches were not left shorthanded during practices.
- Jera discussed with BC Hockey what the role of a volunteer is and what they are qualified to do. The exact quote that was given to Jera was, "A volunteer is an extra set of hands and skates on the ice, they have no coaching authority what so ever and are not allowed to be on the bench during any games". Jera reiterated the quote when notifying the uncertified coaches of their role change. One coach, who is now uncertified, was upset and felt the wording was disrespectful since he has committed so much to our association in the past. Jera was told that direct communication from her was not acceptable anymore and must go through the Manager in the future. It was decided that communication about coach, bench staff certifications, etc. will be sent to the Head Coach of each team and not to individual coaches. It will be the responsibility of the Head Coaches to ensure that their bench staff is up to date on all certifications via the Coach Coordinator.

Equipment Manager

- With the resignation of Gerry Sliworsky, Neil is filling this position in the interim.
- Neil will try to conduct an inventory of the equipment.

Registrar

- Absent
- Morgan Klein still owes \$85
- New Players: Cole Tennant – Pre-Novice Elkford
 - Ocean Burness – Novice
 - Carson Tennant – Atom
 - Liam Morgan – Bantam. Liam broke his femur in July and the residential waiver wasn't signed before the deadline. However the team is a house team. John Gillen was contacted.
- Aiden Iles transferred out to Grande Prairie (was on Sparwood Pre-Novice team)

Public Relations

- Absent – no report.

Ice

- Cost of ice in Sparwood is \$55/hr; ice in Elkford is \$39/hr; ice in Fernie is \$56/hr
- Practice rotation is balanced between the communities. Try to balance the games between the communities as well.
- Wallace brought up at EK meeting – if you have teams cancelling games, get reimbursed from the team manager. If costs are not reimbursed from the team manager, submit a cost report to Wallace and the team will pay for ice and official fees.

Risk Manager

- Absent – no report
- The heat has been repaired in dressing rooms 5 and 6 in Sparwood and the lights were fixed in dressing room #4.

Special Events

- Absent
- It was brought up that the Association has three outstanding Gaming Expense Revenue Reports (GERR's) from 2011 and as a result, teams are having a difficult time getting gaming licenses. Lori Bouvier will contact Laina White, the past Treasurer, to go through old Deposit Records in an effort to find the information and submit the GERR's.

Fundraising

- Absent – no report
- A request was made on behalf of the Bantams, Midgets, and Female teams to have the raffle tickets distributed so the teams would have enough opportunity to sell the tickets before the draw is made at the season wind-up.
- There is an outstanding cookie dough order – cookies were ordered but not received. Jason will follow up with Monique

Female Coordinator

- Absent – no report

Webmaster

- Absent – no report

Wild Wear

- Position vacant.
- A lot of disappointment with the service and quality of the Wild Wear clothing order this season. Logomotives has closed their store in the Pass and moved to Lethbridge. Will have to look at alternatives for next season.
- Neil and Jason will do an audit of old inventory and the Executive will decide what to do with it. A suggestion was made to donate the inventory to teams for their raffle tables.

Directors' reports accepted and moved by Keith - 2nd by Jeff – Carried

Old business

- Review of fundraising policy – tabled
- Policies and Procedures review is on hold.
- We need to create a template of our screening process for volunteers.

New Business

- Concerns over shortage of officials for games and tournaments
- The EVMHA scholarship proposal needs to be reviewed. Bonnie will distribute the proposal.
- Elk Valley Minor Hockey Association fees were paid to EK.
- A parent from the 2013/2014 PeeWee C team requested a refund from their home tournament last season. Jason will contact Lori Abrosimoff, the manager of that team, to determine if there should be a refund to the parents.
- Would like to use on-line electronic 8 ½ x 11 game sheets but EK has indicated that they feel training would be an issue.
- There is an issue with an outstanding bounced cheque that Neil will follow up on.
- Teck sponsorship – Teck will sponsor up to five players per season for items such as registration fees, equipment costs, and tournament fees. Usually there are two or three players that request assistance but to date we have never reached the limit of five. If a player requires assistance they can contact Kevin Atherton in confidence, and Kevin will contact Teck.
- A reminder letter has been sent out to all team managers regarding the policy of no cell phones/recording devices in dressing rooms.
- East Kootenay Community Credit Union is sponsoring Zamboni races in Cranbrook on January 24th. The winner receives a \$500 donation to their charity, and the loser receives a \$250 donation to their charity. We currently have a Zamboni driver from Sparwood registered for the race but no one from Elkford has volunteered yet.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 3, at 6:30 pm at the Elkford Community Conference Center.