

**Plattsville & District Minor Hockey Association
Annual General Meeting
May 8th 2018 – 7:00pm – Lions Hall, Plattsville Arena**

MINUTES

Executive Present: John Scoyne, Dan Glendinning, Gerry Bes, Trevor Baer, Ami Bondy, Geoff Dow, Brad Smith, Trevor Braunig, Angie Kubert, Lance Buchholtz, Laura Quinn, Joe Frayne, Tina Balfour

Members Present: Jeremy Goodfellow, Bryan Clark, Chris Mayer, Paul DeMarco, Crystal Simpson, Shawn Crozier

1. Call to Order, 7:10pm

2. Welcome & Introduction of the Executive

John welcomed those in attendance, and introduced the executive members present.

3. Approval of the 2016-17 AGM Minutes, from April 11th 2017

Motion: To accept the minutes as circulated. – Ami/Geoff ... Carried.

4. President's Report - *John*

John summarized some highlights from the season, emphasizing that "success" is defined by how the players felt the season went, and by that definition, it was a successful season.

5. Financial Report - *Tina*

An income/expense report to-date was provided; currently at a break-even position, but some final expenses yet to come in before year end (June 15). Should end with approx. \$1000 loss.

Motion: To accept the financial report as circulated. – Dan/Lance ... Carried.

6. Directors' Updates

OMHA Rep/Registrar (Ami) – Online registration is set up for next season. New process for residential transfers; anyone should contact her for transfers to/from Alliance centres.

Grand River League Rep (Trevor Br.) – League AGM is tonight (Tim Hunter attending in Trevor's place). League is looking into having awards for division winners, and there has been much discussion around the new development program and rink dividers/boards.

Southern Counties League Rep (Brad) – Noted that OMHA's AGM is June 10th and delegates attending must register by June 1st. Next season, S.Counties will be separating the Novice division into two groupings, by the centre's size/category. Doing likewise for older divisions has been discussed, but no decision made, as receiving push back from some centres.

Coach Mentor (Gerry) – Coaching application for next season is online, and has received some already. Applications should be submitted by the end of May, with interviews taking place in June.

Chief Referee (Adam absent) – Nothing to update.

Wicket/Timekeeper Manager (John) – Electronic gamesheets are on the way, possibly for the 2019-20 season; both GROLL and SC. There is a cost to the system, and will require training.

Equipment Manager (Dan) – Noted that new socks will be purchased for all players for the 2018-19 season.

Little Brave / Tournament Convenor (Trevor) – Next season will mark the 50th Little Brave Tournament over March Break.

Events Coordinator (Angie) – Planning on same events for next season; possibly have a banquet as the wrap-up event.

Hockey Parent Rep (Geoff) – Nothing further to note.

Fundraising Rep (Laura) – All set for next season, after learning process for raffle draw and Elmira Poultry fundraiser this season.

7. Bylaw Amendments/Additions

i. Motion 1 (made by Gerry): Bylaw 2018.01 (Change to executive composition)

Starting with the 2018-19 season, the executive will include a Development Program Coordinator. The individual in this position will be responsible for overseeing the development program: implementing the OMHA development program, aiding in the creation of an appropriate set of skills and outcomes for each group within the development program, ensuring individuals are in place to lead each group once the season gets started, and providing support and feedback to those individuals throughout the season. The Coordinator must have (or be willing to complete) all required OMHA certifications.

Rationale: Gerry spoke to the motion, stating other centres have someone in a similar position to coordinate their program; results would be better planned, consistency, and coordination among those involved. The individual would mostly be behind the scenes, helping the volunteers and overseeing all groups.

Motion: To accept Bylaw 2018.01 as presented. – Gerry/Trevor ... Carried.

* Gerry will create a job description for the new position.

* Dan thanked all of those who have helped with the development group this past season.

ii. Motion 2 (made by Ami): Delete Bylaw 2017.02 (Housekeeping)

Rationale: Ami spoke to the motion; the bylaw approved at the 2017 AGM could not be implemented due to OMHA regulations, as a player's Right of Choice cannot be returned for a single season.

Much discussion took place, comments included: due to low numbers, it is in PDMHA's best interest to keep players in Plattsville; does a seven year old really understand the commitment of signing a Right of Choice; players do already have other options, including AAA, AA/A through the NRP process, school hockey, house or local league at any center; could Right of Choice be returned on a case by case basis.

Motion: To delete Bylaw 2017.02 as presented. – Trevor/Ami ... Carried.

iii. Motion 3 (made from the floor, by Chris): Amend the previous Bylaw 2017.02

If a player residing in a gray area (shared zone) is offered a roster spot on an A or AA team, through the NRP process, the player can request their Right of Choice be returned to him/her, with OMHA permission.

Motion: To accept the amended Bylaw 2017.02 as presented – Chris/Paul ... Defeated.

8. Executive Elections/Selection

The following were acclaimed, each to a two year term (with exceptions noted).

President – open

Coach Mentor – open

Equipment Manager – Dan Glendinning

Hockey Parent Rep – Geoff Dow

Program Development Coordinator – open

Members-at-Large (each a one year term)

– Crystal Simpson, Joe Frayne, Shawn Crozier, Jeremy Goodfellow; 1 open

Positions open on the executive will remain open until the next regular meeting so that the entire membership has a chance to express interest in any of them. If more than one person is interested in a position, the executive will make a decision at its meeting as to the best candidate to fill the position.

9. New Business / Membership Feedback

* Paul asked if there was any further information regarding tyke/minor novice for next season. We are bound by Hockey Canada's new regulations; 7 year olds (tyke) can play novice (8 year olds) if deemed to be skilled enough; 6 year olds cannot AP to tyke. The creation of the Development Program Coordinator and a possible committee would help get answers as to what options are available. Many members present were interested in being part of such a committee (Geoff, Gerry, Brad, Paul, Joe, Shawn, Jeremy, Lance); suggested an email be sent to all development families and ask for feedback.

* Jeremy suggested that peewee, bantam, and midget coaches be selected early, so that they have the option to go to A/AA tryouts at neighbouring centres, near the end, to connect with players who get cut

10. Raffle Draw

The raffle draw took place, with different members present making the individual draws. A list of winners will be posted on the PDMHA website, and Laura will connect with each for delivery of their prize.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm