



Medicine Hat Minor Hockey Association
Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday, April 9, 2019
5:30 PM – Kinplex Social Room



Board of Directors		
Name	Position / Division	Present
Brad Irvine	President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Byron Hall	Vice President / Atom	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Curtis Presber	Treasurer / Novice Minor Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kris Schultz	General Manager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Novice Major Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kelly Kurpjuweit	Atom Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mark Parsons	Peewee City Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nick Douvis	Bantam City Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dylan Hodgson	Midget City Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Terrance Schultz	Rep Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kelly Mortlock	Female Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jordan Kienzle	CAHL Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kenzie Liefso	Game & Conduct	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Donna Schlosser	Ice Coordinator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Denotes present at the meeting
*Not present for entire meeting

1. Call to Order

Brad Irvine called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm.

2. Introductions

Dan Kitching, Blaire Velichko, and Kristian Danroth (partial attendance) all indicated they would be seek a position on the board of directors.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Terrance Schultz moved to adopt the agenda without modifications. The motion was seconded by Dylan Hodgson.

Motion carried, none opposed.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

- a. Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors on March 12, 2019 were circulated to the Board of Directors for review. Brad Irvine called for any revisions to the meeting minutes, Kenzie Liefso pointed out one error regarding the meeting minute motion to be corrected.

Dylan Hodgson moved to adopt the minutes of previous meeting with correction held on March 12, 2019. Motion was seconded by Mark Parsons.

Motion carried, none opposed.

5. Financials – Curtis Presber

Curtis Presber prepared and submitted an update of the budget / actual to date and current balance sheet.

- Some tournaments are not reconciled, should push us back into the black.
- MHMHA should come very close to the budgeted profit of \$15,000.

6. Presentation – Recent Trends / Successes / Challenges as an Association – Byron Hall

Byron Hall gave a presentation regarding MHMHA challenges with Hockey AB decisions, specifically as it applies to treatment of our requests for female teams and the recent decision to place Brooks and Duchess AA with Taber AA without due consultation with MHMHA. The presentation was a timeline starting with the ADM Committee's decision to remove two teams from our AA zone, successes of MHMHA since then and failure of Hockey AB to work with us to achieve a better product in MHMHA.

There was a significant discussion regarding applying to have our elite teams leave the umbrella of Hockey AB and apply to play under the Saskatchewan Hockey Association where they better accommodate associations with geographic challenges.

A lively discussion was held regarding the recent decision to allow Brooks and Duchess to leave the Medicine Hat draw zone and place them in Taber. There are several issues arising from the decision:

1. The initial request of Hockey AB by Brooks was met with Hockey AB stating Brooks should consult with Medicine Hat on the application, this was never done yet the Brooks / Duchess application was approved.
2. The MHMHA general manager presented a 5 year plan to Hockey AB regarding the path to get back our Midget AAA team, this plan saw the addition of a AA team in Medicine Hat with a Brooks / Duchess feeder in the 2019/2020 hockey season.
3. Hockey AB has never shared these numbers or the formulas / statistics used to calculate recruitment areas. It seems odd Calgary with a 2016 census population of 35,600 males between the ages of 10-14 and 13 AA teams has less peewee age hockey players than Medicine Hat, Oyen (2hrs travel), Redcliff, and Dunmore.
4. See above, is the travel distance from smaller communities counted in this data. MHMHA generally does not see AA players from smaller communities outside of 1hr travel for two reasons: if they play AA in Medicine Hat their community is at risk of losing a team, and for the excessive travel time for practices and games.
5. MHMHA did not have the chance, given the short notice of the application by Brooks / Duchess, to present our option of having a AA team out of Brooks and sending our AA cuts to Brooks to build a team.
6. There was no effort made by Hockey AB to get the three centers and decision makers in a room to discuss the future of AA hockey in the SE zone. MHMHA was not consulted on the application by Brooks / Duchess to move to the Taber zone, yet this dramatically affects our draw zone.

7. There is significant frustration with Hockey AB in Medicine Hat. It feels like we are Alberta advocating to Central Canada, our voice does not appear to count, and when MHMHA starts to win again, building excitement around the sport we are slew footed by Hockey AB.

Motion was made by Byron Hall: **“Appeal decision of Hockey Alberta’s process to move Brooks and Duchess to Taber AA draw zone and pay any necessary fees therein.”**

Seconded by Jordan Kienzle - **Carried unanimously.**

MHMHA’s goal on getting back our midget AAA team again resulted in direction from the Board of Directors to make a formal application to Hockey AB to have Taber moved into our draw zone, this will provide symmetry between the AA zones and AAA zones. It was agreed the formal application would not be made until we had buy in from the Taber board of directors.

7. G.M. Report – Kris Schultz

Kris reiterated and provided information on where he perceived some of the decisions around AA were coming from.

8. Director Intentions

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9. Old Business

a. Ice Scheduler Recruitment Update

After short listing and interviews Mark Parsons was offered the position and took the job today.

b. AGM – 7pm Wednesday April 24, 2019 Kin Social Room

Submit year end reports by April 15 to Brad. To do a full 2yr term you should be present for the AGM as you can only be appointed for 1 year.

10. New Business

a. Midget City League Format – Nick Douvis

Issue with kids going into Midget, they want a similar system as in Bantam where they run some practices, could potentially need some additional ice. Donna and Mark indicated with pressure from additional rep teams and a growing organization ice is in short supply. Nick believes there could be 5-6 city teams at midget.

11. Adjournment

Byron Hall moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:14pm, motion was seconded by Jordon Kienzle.

Motion carried, none opposed.

Next Meeting: 5:30 pm May 14th, 2019 Kinplex Social Room