



**Medicine Hat Minor Hockey**  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Wednesday, December 9, 2020

**In attendance**

NAME	POSITION	IN	NAME	POSITION	IN
Byron Hall	President	Yes	Nick Douvis	U18 City Director	Yes
Chad Baron	Hockey Ops Mgr	Yes	Mark Parsons	U15 City Director	No
Curtis Presber	Treasurer	Yes	Kim Weiss	U13 Director	Yes
Kelly Kurpjuweit	Coach Dev. Director	Yes	Dan Kitching	U11 Director	Yes
Jordan Kienzle	CAHL Director	No	Kristian Danroth	U9 Director	No
Blaire Velichko	Game & Conduct	Yes	Andy Motz	Wildcats Director	Yes
Chad Nelson	Ice Scheduler	Yes	Derek Harvey Zenk	RMFHL Director	Yes
Nola Besplug	Goalie Director	Yes	Kevin Kurtz	U7 Timbits Director	Yes

**PARTICULARS**

1. **Call to order**- Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm by Bryon Hall
2. **Adoption of Agenda** Omit 5B and adding E-transfers

*Motion Kevin Kurtz*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Kim Weiss

3. **Adoption of Minutes** October minutes, November meeting cancelled due to inclement weather day of meeting. – no other changes to be made.

*Motion Derek Harvey Zenk*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Andy Motz

4. **Members in Attendance** – Welcome members Nikki Bateman and Mike Bahr, both with interests in joining the board.
  - Noted representatives from SEAC not in attendance.

**REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

1. **Ref Association** – Tony Hasiuk joined the meeting to request MHMHA take over the payment of City League referees as they did in the past. Currently the ref association bills minor hockey for these fees and then they pay out the officials. This is just an additional step that is not needed. Another option would be to pay referees' day of game as rep teams do. Payments of referees is a responsibility of this association therefore we will take back this responsibility. Tony has requested approximately two months to complete the transfer back to MHMHA
2. **Financial Report** -Curtis Presber
  - a. **Association Account Consolidations**- Currently MHMHA has various Servus CU individual accounts open per division such as U9 tournaments, U11 Tournaments etc. Curtis has set forth a motion for an account cleanup/

consolidation down to 4 accounts: Main general operating account, Casino Account, Referee account and Tournament account.

*Motion Curtis Presber*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Nick Douvis*

Board members vote unanimous

- b. **E-Transfers** – Nola Besplug brought up a request to start using e-transfers as way of payment for clinics. To do so, Accounting will need to have full access to an account to be able to refund. Currently all accounts are 2 to sign. Curtis will be meeting with Servus CU on Friday Dec 11 in regard to bank account consolidation and will inquire about the best way to move forward with accepting e-transfers.

Nola also suggested any clinic or session costing members \$25 and under be non-refundable.

- c. **Fundraising** – There have been members questioning teams who are continuing with fundraising during this minimum seven-week restriction pause and this will be noticed by AGLC. Funds required to operate teams are much lower this year as no tournaments or travel games are foreseeable. Chad Nelson commented that his team is currently one of the teams fundraising and this certain fundraiser has been in the works since the beginning of the season and was slated for this time of the year and that is why it went ahead. Concerns were raised by board members that fundraisers such as these can total upwards of \$15,000 which, in a year such as this, could result in the team having same amount at the end of year, which is sure to reflect negatively with AGLC. MHMHA is currently on watch with AGLC over inadequate bylaws dating back to 2011. However, if the season continues after restrictions then the money will be needed. A catch 22.

What action can the board take? Some suggestions made by board members were:

- Educate managers (especially those that are new to managing teams) on what fundraising is for, and that parents cannot receive a refund from fundraise money unless it is to cover funds invested (cash call)
- Any funds left over can be left for their division for the next year (ex/ there was a team with \$4800 left over and they left the money for their division and the teams then split it and start the year off in a plus.
- Define corporate sponsorship and fundraising in our policies and procedures.

### **3. Hockey Operations Report**

Chad gave a short report, not much happening in the way of hockey as hockey has been temporarily shut down (as well as all sports) re: COVID until at least January 11<sup>th</sup> 2021.

The Moose Arena has been decommissioned by the city. When hockey returns to normal we will be down one ice surface, will have to make adjustments to schedules around this, which may include weekday morning practices. We will know more in the coming months.

The office is working on a fundraiser which will have more details to share at the January meeting.

**4. ADM Committee Review Update**

Kelly Kurpjewit gave an update on ADM (Alberta Development Model) Committee review as we work to develop our elite program to meet Hockey Alberta's requirements. Kevin Kobelka is working with this committee as they develop a plan. MHMHA has a great working relationship with Okotoks Minor Hockey as their association is very similar to Medicine Hats' from size to divisions of hockey. Okotoks has shared their policies and procedures and will share their ADM Elite with MHMHA and work with us as we move forward with our operations model and development plan.

**5. Bylaw Revision Update**

Our current bylaws are not adequate within AGLC and will result in a loss of our gaming license. AGLC has granted MHMHA an extension of the rewrite of our bylaws until May 2021. These bylaws are being worked on at present using Okotoks bylaws as reference as mentioned above. President Byron Hall will present a rough draft via power point at the January 13<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Revisions will be made within the board of directors and first draft projected to be available at February meeting. Final addition will be voted on during 2021 AGM. These bylaws will contain an executive board structure with detailed responsibilities of each position, and additional positions will be available.

**6. Adjournment at 7:35pm**

*Motion* – Nick Douvis  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Kitching

Next Meeting via Zoom Call Wednesday January 13, 2021