

2007 Whitehorse Minor Hockey Annual General Meeting

April 12, 2007

Present: Daryl Berube, Christine O'Connor, Julie Grant, Myrna Engren, John Grant, Michele Pierce, Guy Rook, Dana Klock, Mike Young, Gerry Perrier and Dave Pearson

Absent: Colin Dawe

President John Grant welcomed the current board and the eleven additional people in attendance.

- 1) Meeting called to order at 2:10.
- 2) Approval/Adoption of agenda. Motion by Michele Pierce, 2nd Guy Rook. Addition of Election of Officers to agenda as number 8 and Adjournment number 9.
- 3) Establish number of voting members. The current voting members present = ten.
- 4) Review of previous AGM minutes – May 16, 2006. Christine O'Connor raised the question in which these minutes discuss and approve the No Body Checking and the two year trial which is in affect until 2008. The current agenda has this as a topic in Other Business. Everyone agreed this will be discussed under Other Business. Motion to accept minutes of 2006 AGM. Myrna Engren, 2nd Michele Pierce.
- 5) Executive Reports:

President: John Grant thanked the board, conveners, officials and parents for this year's success. Highlights include: The extension of the hockey season as a result of Canada Winter Games. Discussion regarding the elimination of body checking this season and the effects it had. There were no serious injuries reported to the board. One discipline but the coach handled the situation very well. ATCO Frontec fundraiser – Security thanks to those who supported this venture. Skill development was very beneficial and results were noted in player improvement. Financial report is not available this date. Once all financial documents are available the board new board will convene to approve.

Treasurer: Julie Grant advises as of April 30, 2007 the following are in our accounts.

General fund: \$13,701.86, Bingo Fund \$31,620.56, Bingo Concession \$14,190.80. Approximately \$2,000 worth of fundraising cheques will be deposited.

Communications/Bingo Coordinator: Michele Pierce (John Stucky) Thanks to the board for an enjoyable year. Discussion took place regarding the benefits of working Saturday Bingos. There are currently 30 who are willing / do work Bingo this could

be raised to 80. Thanks to Joanne McDougal and Amelia Swisdaryk for their hard work this season. Michele advises that all traveling parents are able to work for credits. Thanks to those who called in the hockey scores to the paper. Michele and John would like to resign from the Bingo responsibility, they are willing to train but look forward to a break after several years.

Registrar: Dana Klock reports registration over the last two years has been about 349 players. Process was fairly smooth. There have been several payment options. Hockey Canada – Registration went well this year. She spoke of the new registration form as well as the change in the registration dates.

Coach Coordinator: Dave Pearson. Thank you to the board members. Thanks to parents, as a coach parents were very involved. It was tough to find Bantam coaches, thanks to the parents who stepped forward and assisted this year. Discussion about the duties of this position and it's felt that Yukon Amateur Hockey Association does educate and offer training, the Conveners kept the coaches informed and in line. Perhaps this position should become a Director at Large?

Development Coordinator: Gerry Perrier. Most of this years focus was on developing goalies and providing clinics. This was a good year for their development and we continue to have a good working relationship with Eli. Two midget goalies result with Silver at the Provincials. Further discussion took place on hockey development for players in Yukon.

Referee Coordinator: Daryl Berube. Daryl advised that the Bantam and Midget leagues were the most challenging to find consistent referees. This age group requires more experience and at least two ref's per game. The younger ref's did fairly well and there was a good turn out. Remuneration is as follows: Midgets \$30.00 per game, Bantam \$25.00 per game, Pee Wee \$20.00 per game, others \$15.00. There was a slight glitch as YAHA put on clinics which were paid for, people attended and were certified but never did show up for any games. This process will change to: Once you have your certification ref's will then be reimbursed.

Equipment Coordinator: Colin Dawe was absent. John advises that the room at Takhini is overstuffed. We will be doing a complete clean out in the near future. Some of the jerseys will be offered to the communities and as team practice jerseys.

Division Convener Report:

Treena Aird the Adams convener was very pleased with the rep. teams moving up. Suggests there should be 11-12 players per team for house league. Two of the teams went to Dawson City, Fort Nelson and Richmond. The kids had a blast and she didn't mind organizing. The Adams team moved up and came back. Body checking needs to have good refereeing and coaching. No kids quit hockey this year. Treena would like to convene next year but advises for new people starting out it takes a long time understanding and applying all the rules and policies. She suggests and is willing to

help with a binder for all conveners. Final suggestion is that family members should not be refereeing other family members.

Charlene Egglestone: Novice convener was absent but passed on that this year went well. *** Thank you to all the conveners on behalf of the board***

Discussion took place regarding Skills Canada, their mandate and the need for all coaches to ensure this is part of their program. Statistics support the quality of players who have been exposed to regular skills practice at an early age.

6) Waiver / Appointment of Auditor: Motion to waive a complete/full audit for the 2006-2007 year by Russ Smoler, 2nd John Stucky. Passed.

7) **Other Business:**

- i) **Body Checking** – House League – Pee Wee’s age group and up will receive a question for response on this years registration form. There were many views expressed regarding this topic which was not recorded by the secretary. There are clearly several opinions and all were heard by the board. Final discussion resulted in the decision to not put the question on the registration form and to adhere to last years AGM motion of the two year Body Checking which will remain in effect for the 2008 hockey season. Motion made by Treena Aird, 2nd Lee Ash. Majority passed.
- ii) **Referee / Coaching Clinics** – There will be an early call and advertising for all coaches, possibly as soon as the first week in June. This will be most helpful in the organization of players, training, conveners and selection of rep players/coaches. Mandatory training, criminal records checks and formal applications will be received for review.
- iii) **Registration Fees for 07/08** – Fees are going up in all divisions. This includes the following: \$75.00 fundraiser, \$60 dollar jersey deposit, all house players this year will receive their own embossed jersey including the name of the sponsor and matching hockey socks. All house players will keep these at the end of the season. Rep teams will use the Mustang Jerseys.
- iv) **Sweater Deposits** – There will be no collection for sweater deposits as they have been incorporated into the registration fee.
- v) **Web Site Update** – WMHA has purchased the rights to a new site, this will be friendly for those who have specific responsibilities and will enable them to update the site in a timely manner. Gerry Perrier advises this site/link has yet to be made active but will be shortly.
- vi) **Playoff Format** – House League. Positive comments were received regarding the organization of the playoffs.
- vii) **Open Agenda** – E-mails. Currently WMHA has not been able to support sending out massive e-mails to all of the association. This media avenue will be looked at by the next board. It was agreed that we do not support the sharing of this information other than for WMHA purposes.

Rankings/ Ratings of Players – There was a suggestion to change/modify how this process has been done in the past. Perhaps with the registration being done earlier, coaches being identified sooner this will help smooth out the selection process.

8) **Election of Officers:**

Nominations for the election of Board Members for the 2007/2008 WMHA begin:

President: Are there any nominations from the floor for President? Zero from the floor. Michele Pierce nominates **John Grant**. He accepts this position.

Vice President: Are there any nominations from the floor for VP? Zero from the floor. Jim Stephens nominates **Guy Rook**. He accepts this position.

Treasurer: Are there any nominations from the floor for Treasurer? Zero from the floor. Mike Young nominates **Julie Grant**. She accepts this position.

Registrar: Are there any nominations from the floor for Registrar? Zero from the floor. Discussion from the floor regarding the workload and accountability of this position. **Dana Klock** is willing to remain. **Christine O'Connor** nominated by Myrna Engren to share this position. They accept this position.

Development Coordinator: Are there any nominations from the floor for Development Coordinator? Zero from the floor. Dave Pearson nominates **Gerry Perrier**. He accepts this position.

Equipment Coordinator: Are there any nominations from the floor for Equip Coordinator? Zero from the floor. Discussion if the incumbent Colin Dawe would like to remain in this position or perhaps Craig Worsfold. Position will be left open at this time.

Communications/Bingo Coordinator: Are there any nominations from the floor for Communications/Bingo Coordinator? Zero from the floor. Mike Young nominates **Michele Pierce**. She accepts this position. **John Stucky** agrees to continue to assist Michele with this position.

Coaches Coordinator: Are there any nominations from the floor for Coaches Coordinator? Zero from the floor. Discussion – This position will be left open at this time.

Referee Coordinator: Are there any nominations from the floor for Referee Coordinator? Zero from the floor. Michele Pierce nominates **Daryl Berube**. He accepts this position.

Secretary: Are there any nominations from the floor for Secretary? Zero from the floor. **Myrna Engren.** She accepts this position.

Director at Large: Are there any nominations from the floor for Directors? Zero from the floor. Michele Pierce nominates **Dave Pearson.** He accepts this position.

Head Referee: Are there any nominations from the floor for Head Referee? Zero from the floor. Discussion perhaps Russ Smoler would be interested. This position left vacant at this time.

There in concludes this years Whitehorse Minor Hockey AGM. Welcome to the new board members and to all those from the audience who participated.

The secretary may have missed important topics/ issues which you would like to have documented. For any amendments please request same.

Meeting adjourned at 4:43.