**WDMHA Annual General Meeting**

**March 25, 2015**

Executive Attendance: 14

General Membership: 22

Total Attendance: 36

Meeting called to order: 7:02pm

Approval of the Agenda, First: Steven Lalone, Second: Shawna Cloet all in favour, carried.

Approval of the Minutes of the Last General Meeting of the Members March 6, 2014, First: Tom Palko, Second: Bryan Thompson, all in favour, carried.

**General Business:**

**Reports from the Executive during the preceding year:**

**President – Perry DePasquale**

* Notes to the membership that fundraising for the overall association is failing. Fundraising for the association assists in keeping the registration cost down for all members. In recent years, our association has opened fundraising to individual teams so they may decrease the parents’ cost of tournaments. Going forward, the new executive may need to limit or eliminate this opportunity for individual teams to protect the overall membership success in fundraising.
* This year was overwhelming for emails. Suggests the new executive may need to set parameters around accessibility to executive using this media.

**1st Vice President – Kevin Boudreault**

* During his first term learned a lot, and apologized if he dropped the ball on anything.
* Notes that our Novice and PeeWee Rep teams are now competing as a “C” centre, and the other levels are still competing as “CC” centre. In the coming season, he will be determining if it is possible for the entire centre to be competing at the same level.
* Thanked the coaches and volunteers that make this possible for the players.

**2nd Vice President – Scott McCracken**

* LL – growth 10 teams this year (8 last year)
* 5 teams go to semi-finals. Believes this speaks to the development of the players. In the beginning of the season, getting coaches was a challenge and should be addressed earlier in the coming season.

**Registration – Kristen Samson**

* 261 total registration, many transfers in and out.
* RIS was relativity smooth but did receive a few “I hate this emails” from parents.

**Ways & Means – Dwayne Schira**

* Sponsorship, advertising signs and gate went well. Funds are low due to the lack of playoff teams.

**Director of Media/Communication – Donna Tune**

* Facebook page is showing more activity.
* Perry noted that next season will see an introduction of a new web provider.

**IP/Tyke Convenor – Bryan Thompson**

* Speaks to the increase in registration due to the lower of registration fees, with movement from 40 to 73 players under 7. Overall a good year and one of progress.

**Development Director – Adam Sibbick**

* Notes the success of the Velnosi program. Adam would like to see more LL players take advantage of the opportunity.

**Special Events – Julie Leguee**

* Fundraising efforts for the association has not gone as well as anticipate.
* Awards April 26th at the Waterford Legion, 11-4

**Tournament Director – Amanda Anderson**

* Atom/PeeWee weekend. PeeWee was cancelled due to the lack of teams.
* Bantam/Midget this coming weekend.

**Equipment Manager – Jamie**

* First year on the job. Learned quite a bit and looking forward to using this experience to be better prepared for the coming season.

**Secretary – Karen Kenney**

* Stepped down from the position and thanked her fellow executive members.

**Treasurer – Alex Barber**

* Financial information presented to the general membership.
* Perry noted the profits that were for the previous season was used in part to absorb the cost of the RIS for all parents of the memberships.
* Appointment of Good, Redden First: Alex Barber, Second: Tom Palko, all in favour carried.

**Items for Discussion:**

**Rep Fee’s Usage for 2015-2016 Season.**

* Kevin notes that our rep fees are lower than surrounding centres. It is noted that those centres also receive more ice time etc. than our teams.
* Kerri Emberlin motions that the rep fee be the gate fee only. With no second, the motion is denied.
* It is motioned that the rep fee be comprised of the gate fee and $100 towards development. First: Shelley Boudreault, Second: Kristen Bell, 2 opposed. Carried.

**Fundraising for the Association**

* Fundraising is a major concern, as noted in the President’s address. Upon asking the membership for ideas, a discussion ensues. In recent years, our association has opened fundraising to individual teams so they may decrease the parents’ cost of tournaments. Going forward, the incoming executive may need to limit or eliminate this opportunity for individual teams to protect the overall membership success in fundraising.

**Election of the Executive Positions 2015/2016:**

* President (2 year term) Nomination: Dwayne Schira First: Kevin Boudreault, Second: Kurt Scott. Acclaimed.
* 2nd Vice President/Novice, Atom & Peewee Local League Convenor (2 year term) Nomination: Bryan Thompson First: Kurt Scott, Second: Kevin Boudreault. Acclaimed.
* 3rd Vice President/Bantam & Midget Local League Convenor (1 year term) Nomination: Shelley Miles First: Keith Jolley, Second: Shawna Cloet. Acclaimed.
* Secretary (2 year term) Nomination: Kerri Emberlin First: Dwayne Schira, Second: Jennifer Ludwig. Acclaimed.
* Ice Convenor (2 year term) *No Nominations received. Position is vacant.*
* IP/Tyke Convenor (2 year term) Nomination: Doug Dwyer First: Adam Sibbick, Second: Kevin Boudreault. Acclaimed.
* Operation Director (2 year term) Nomination: Donna Laning First: Keith Jolley, Second: Shawna Cloet. Acclaimed.
* Special Events/Fundraising Director (2 year term) Nomination: Shawna Cloet First: Dwayne Schira, Second: Kurt Scott. Acclaimed.
* Referee in Chief (appointed) - Receiving Applications – one year term
* Equipment Manager (appointed) - Receiving Applications- one year term

**Proposed Changes to our Constitution**

9.2 Board Positions

d) 2nd Vice President/Local League Convenor– elected – 2 year term – odd years

e) 3rd Vice President/Local League Convenor– elected – 2 year term – even years

11.1 Elected/Appointed Director

a) *Insert* “3rd Vice President/Local League Convenor”

11.7 Responsibilities of Directors

a) President

 vii) ***change to*** “Attend Inter-town meetings (Local League) in the absence of the 2nd Vice President

 and 3rd Vice President.

c) 2nd Vice President / Local League Convenor

 iv) ***change to*** “Be the Novice, Atom and Peewee” Convenor for the Local League.

 v) ***change to*** “Represent WDMHA at Inter-town meetings (Local League) and carry out all duties

 as prescribed by this organization.

d) 3rd Vice President / Local League Convenor

The 3rd Vice President shall:

 i) Assume the duties of the President in the absence for any reason of the President and the

 1st Vice President.

 ii) Monitor adherence by the Board to all existing Policies and inform the Board with respect to

 any inconsistencies between existing Policies and a proposed policy.

 iii) Be available to assist any Director requiring assistance in the completion of his or her functions.

 iv) Be the Bantam and Midget Local League Convenor.

 v) Represent WDMHA at Inter-town meetings (Local League) and carry out all duties as prescribed

 by this organization.

 vi) Carry out duties as assigned by the Board, the Executive Committee or the President.

 vii) Develop and maintain a harmonious working relationship with the Representative team Convenor,

 Ice Convenor and all appropriate Convenors.

 viii) Report any player or team official to the President for the purpose of initiating any disciplinary

 action.

 ix) Evaluate team officials annually and provide a written report to the Board.

 x) Be a member of the Budget Committee, the Coaches Selection Committee and the Disciplinary

 Committee.

12.3.0 Executive Committee

***Insert*** “3rd Vice President”

12.3.1 Budget Committee

***Insert*** “3rd Vice President”

12.3.5 Disciplinary and Appeals Committee

***Insert*** “3rd Vice President”

Motion to accept all of the above changes: First: Shawna Cloet, Second: Kory Jolley, all in favour, carried.

**Coaches Selection Committee**

***Insert*** “3rd Vice President” First: Kerri Emberlin, Second: Dwayne Schira, all in favour carried.

***Insert*** “3rd Vice President” First: Tom Palko Second: Donna Laning, all in favour carried.

***Remove* “**Development Director” First: Adam Sibbick, Second: Kory Jolley, in favour 12, opposed 18, 6 abstained, not carried.

**Proposed Changes to our Rules of Operation**

Section 3.0 Registration

3.1 Player Eligibility

* Player eligibility will be governed by those residency requirements established by the OMHA.

3.2 Registration

* Registration fees shall be established by the Budget Committee and approved by the Executive and posted annually. Registration information will be posted and made available to the membership after approval.
* All registration fees and tryout fees must be paid in full before the player can go on the ice.
* Registration received after October 1st shall be subject to a $50.00 Administration Charge, with the exception of new membership to the Association.
	1. Refunds
* Refunds shall be granted according to the date the written application is received by WDMHA Executive and the following table:

Up to September 30th - 80%

During the Month of October - 70%

During the Month of November - 50%

During the Month of December - 0%

* No late charges will be refunded. An administration fee may be applied to all refunds.

3.4 Reduced Registration

Tyke IP Program shall have a reduced registration for all WDMHA Four (4), Five (5) and Six (6) year old Tykes. Their registration shall be set by the Budget Committee. *(Up-dated March 6th, 2014)*

Motion to accept all of the above changes: First: Shawna Cloet, Second: Kerri Emberlin, all in favour carried.

Section 5.0 Player Movement

5.1

a) Surplus players from a Representative (Rep) team shall be assigned to a Local League Team no later than September 30th.

 (i) All main cuts must be done after the three (3) Tryouts.

 (ii) A coach may take three (3) to five (5) players to a max. of four (4) exhibition

 games and/or games.

 (iii) Any cuts after exhibition games and/or games must be approved by the Convenor

 and the Executive.

Motion to accept all of the above changes: First: Scott McCracken, Second: Jamie Gilbert, all in favour carried.

Meeting Adjourned 8:45pm First: Julie Leguee, Second: Donna Tune, all in favour carried.