

TSMHA Minutes
February 4th, 2019 @ 7:15pm
New Liskeard Community Hall

Attendance:

Richard MacDonald, Billie Richer, Kristalie Crake, Mike Larocque, Dave Medland, Melissa Major, Pierre Rivard, Mike Stinkowji, Trevor Desrosiers, James Paterson, Nat Popkie, Nicole Leveille, Derek Shillinglaw, John Zubyck, Tyler McDonald, Tim Kreiger

Guest Attendance:

Cory Siermachesky

1. Call to order 7:12pm

2. Adoption of the Agenda as circulated

Motion by Billie Richer, seconded by Melissa Major

3. Acceptance of the Minutes from January 7th, 2019

Motion by Pierre Rivard, seconded by Richard MacDonald

4. Treasurer's/Administrators report

Banking Accounts

Nevada Account	\$6,357.81
General Account	\$188,034.47
Car Draw account	\$68,791.84
GIC	\$30,386.00

Accounting

Up to date: see treasurer report

NOHA

Preparations for Bantam A TOC are underway

OWHA

All teams registered and Provincial fees paid

Tournament

3 Successful tournaments done and complete. A big thank you to all those that helped make them successful.

5. Correspondence/Phone Calls

5.1 NDDN ice will be ready February 11th, 2019

5.2 Music has been requested as an addition to games and tournaments. Discussion with the NLFSC have explored the option of a shared system versus TSMHA purchasing its own system. Music needs are different for TSMHA (music towards the crowd) compared to the needs of the NLFSC (music towards the ice surface). Therefore, further information and pricing for a sound system to be potentially purchased by TSMHA may be better.

5.3 Temiskaming Printing Program Fees: Temiskaming printing provides the tournament sponsor first refusal for the back page of the tournament program. However, this is not included in the tournament sponsorship. The cost to advertise on the back page is currently \$165 + tax payable to Temiskaming Printing. It would be important to inform new tournament sponsors to ensure they are aware of the additional cost.

5.4 Email communications/decisions: Decisions made by email need to be documented in meeting minutes going forward

6. Business arising from previous minutes:

6.1 Season Assignments/Itinerary Review

The fundraising role will be taken on by Tyler McDonald which resolves all vacancies in the season assignments.

6.2 Policy updates:

-Registration policy:

Motion to update the Registration Policy to add October 15th as the registration deadline. Registrations received beyond that date are subject to availability and/or Executive Committee review.

Motion by Nat Popkie, seconded by Richard MacDonald

Motion carried

6.3 Jersey Sponsorship (DFO):

Still in discussion, nothing to report at this time.

7. Reports of Committees :

7.1 OHF, April 11th-13th:

The hall is booked, sponsorships are coming in, and insurance is getting organized.

7.2 Pee wee Tournament Outcome

The Physio Solutions Pee wee Tournament was a success raising a net \$7272.40. A big thank you to all the volunteers who made it possible. Profits from TSMHA tournaments help keep registration fees low.

7.3 Clothing Contract Bids

Motion to accept Source for Sports for the clothing contract beginning May1st, 2019 until April 30, 2022.

Motion by Mike Stinkowji, seconded by James Paterson
Motion carried

8. New Business

8.1 Rhino's Girls Hockey Camp

Deferred until Dave Brown can attend the meeting to communicate the information.

8.2 Team expectations for tournaments (Tournament policy for hosting team)

Difficulty getting volunteers continues. Billie Richer will review the policy and provide amendments which include team penalties if expectations are not met.

8.3 Coaching Evaluations

Modifications to last year's format are needed. Trevor and James will be heading the coaching evaluations for 2018-2019 using paper format and a shortened questionnaire with the goal of providing constructive feedback for coaching staff.

8.4 AGM date

Thursday May 16th 2019 in New Liskeard at 7pm

8.5 Arena boards sharing

EMHA requested to borrow the ice dividing boards from TSMHA. After email discussion between TSMHA Executive Committee members, it was determined that liability for damage to the boards during transportation and use needs to be well established prior to loaning them out. Since the ownership of the boards is with the City of Temiskaming Shores, all requests should be made to them rather than to TSMHA. In this case, the boards were not shared because a responsibility agreement was not reached in time.

8.6 Alexa Corneil Room

Room 6 at the Haileybury arena is being dedicated a girls' dressing room in Alexa Corneil's memory. If possible, we will try to schedule a girls hockey game for the dedication ceremony. The room renovations which include painting and player stalls are anticipated to be ready by mid February.

8.7 Spring Tryouts

Cory Siermachesky attended the meeting to propose to TSMHA the benefits of spring tryouts for the Atom A, Peewee A, Bantam A boys as well as the Atom travel, Peewee Travel, Bantam Travel and Midget Travel girls.

1)Why? Basically to keep up with the rest of minor hockey associations in the NOHA and OHF and the OWHA. Things have changed in the last 10-15 years and most organizations have spring tryouts.

2) Kids are in the best hockey shape of the year to have a tryout. They would not be coming into a Sept tryout with no ice practices, breaking in new equipment or out of hockey shape.

3) The selected coaches can do some pre-scouting of the players that will be trying out. They can watch games and practices to see how they perform in those situations versus giving a kid a 3-4 practice tryout in September. This also gives the new coach the ability to talk to the players current coach about attitude and work ethic on and off the ice.

4) By selecting a team in the spring, this gives the team the whole summer to have voluntary activities. They can organize bottle drives for the upcoming season. They can organize their own team off ice dryland sessions. They can have team functions to build team camaraderie. They can organize voluntary and not-mandatory skills sessions for their team during the summer to get ready for the new hockey year. This enables our coaches and the staff to put together a year long team calendar practice plan and look at potential tournament dates.

5) This helps our TSMHA administrator getting player registration completed earlier in the year. Getting team rosters completed in August and having fees collected by the player for the TSMHA registration and the travel fee.

6) Charge a flat fee of \$50 per player for the 3 ice session tryout. If a parent/child choose to tryout for the travel teams they will be obligated to pay the \$50 and the child will get 3 ice sessions guaranteed in April.

7) OWHA allows tryouts for all associations 3 days after OWHA provincials are complete. They are still under last years card or registration and are able to tryout with no extra insurance or fees.

8) TSMHA would have to check with NOHA how it is done but by looking at associations like North bay, Sudbury and others who have spring tryouts, it can be done.

Arguments against spring tryouts:

1) Money - Those teams you cite as examples are A and AA teams where players pay vastly more money than what is expected of players in our association. North Bay registration for their Girls B program is \$665 + \$900 + fundraising expectations + expenditures for clothing, jerseys, etc. Their A program is \$665 + \$2000 + + +, with a restriction on players participating in any school sports or any other extra curricular activity. Timmins' is even more money and expectations from what I have been told. I do not expect an appetite exists in our association to have those kind of monetary expectations be placed on our families.

2) Improvement/growth of players over course of off-season is not accounted for.

3) Availability of suitable players to warrant costs. Our association didn't have enough interest to ice a Bantam C boys team this season. How can we expect a coach to be named when we aren't sure we can ice a team?

4) Kids moving to area. What happens is someone moves here in offseason and doesn't even get a chance to try out?

5) Facilities: We don't have them or enough of them.

6) Desire. Canvassing of families says there is a distinct lack of desire for 12 months of hockey...that even Wayne Gretzky says kids should do other things.

7) Elitism - even more than ever, with this change only those families with money will be able to afford having their kids play A hockey. That this will hurt the association much more than help.

8) Out of town associations will not be prepared to release kids until they know if they will ice a team of their own (ex: Englehart, Kirkland, Ville Marie)

9) NOHA 5 Guiding Principles of the Atom Player Pathway (must be followed for the 2020-21 season):

- No tryouts from April through August. Tryouts begin the Tuesday following Labour Day.

- Must have a minimum of 4 practices / skill sessions prior to formal evaluations beginning

- Must have a minimum of 3 formal tryout / evaluation sessions – Recommended - 1 skills session, 1 small area games session, 1 game

- Must have a period of development time following team selection and prior to the start of the regular season

- Must be tournament style playoffs versus elimination rounds

10) Growth and Development is a reason to avoid spring tryouts:

Based on research regarding growth and development, picking a team in April vs September cuts out 5 months of development for a player. There are massive swings in growth through those age groups. Our association is a combined age group which is Atom 1st and 2nd year etc.. A second year novice would lose out on his summer growth spurt by attending an April camp. You wouldn't get a true reflection of what type of player he will be when the fall arrives. Spring tryouts would be a disadvantage to many players who are in this fragile time of growth.

11) It is unknown at this time if ice is available to make this possible

Motion to collect more information to consider implementing spring tryout for the 2019-2020 season.

Proposed by Richard MacDonald, seconded by Mike Larocque

Votes for: 6

Votes against: 8

Motion not carried

8.8 In camera

Motion to move in camera by Nat Popkie, seconded by Billie Richer

Motion to move out of camera by Nicole Leveille, seconded by Nat Popkie
Report out of camera: Updates on matters received by the Complaints Committee were discussed.

Next meeting

March 4th 7:15pm

Meeting adjourned 9:46pm