



PECMHA Annual General Meeting 2017
Tuesday, May 16 @ 7:00 pm
Bloomfield United Church

DRAFT MINUTES – will be approved at 2018 AGM (for information only)

PEC Executive Attendance: Darren Marshall, (Chair), Obie VanVlack, Jefferson Gilbert, Tod Lavender, Steve Prinzen, Lisa Vincent, Heather Zantingh, Kim Stacey, Steve Payne and Scott Lavender

Absent: Bob McGrayne, John Kelly and Ben Cowan

PEC Membership in Attendance: See Appendix A

Quorum was established at 14. Therefore 7 votes (not including Chair) necessary for any business to pass. Meeting was called to order @ 7:01 pm.

Opening Remarks - President, Darren Marshall– See Appendix B for his complete report.

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2017-AGM-001

To approve the Agenda as printed.

Moved by Tod Lavender

Seconded by Kim Stacey

CARRIED.

Approval of the 2016 AGM Minutes from May 17, 2016

MOTION 2017-AGM-002

To approve the 2016 AGM Minutes as delivered.

Moved by Obie VanVlack

Seconded by Lisa Vincent

CARRIED. No objections.

Approval of the President's Report – see Appendix B

MOTION 2017-AGM-003

To approve the 2017 Presidents Report as delivered.

Moved by Steve Prinzen

Seconded by Obie Van Vlack
CARRIED. No objections.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer, Tod Lavender

The Treasurer took the membership through the Financial Statements as provided by the Treasurer. At the time of the meeting all appeared on track. The Treasurer pointed out a couple of new revenues including an increase in revenue from the MILK Tournament; less revenue from Gate given fewer teams and some stand alone games or where games were in two venues at the same time resulting in gate not being collected; and there was almost \$2,000 in donations from the Women's Institute and Memorial Donations with the passing of Mr Dayton.

MOTION 2017-AGM-004

To receive the Treasurer's Report

Moved by Scott Lavender

Seconded Lisa Vincent

CARRIED. No objections.

Business Arising:

1. MOTION 2017-AGM-005

To replace the House League Tournament Co-ordinator (HLTC) with a Rep Tournament Co-ordinator (RTC). The HLTC position would not be a Board level position. The new RTC position would have Terms of Reference developed and would be elected this year on a One-Year term.

MOVED BY: Scott Lavender

SECONDED BY: Steve Payne

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. MOTION 2017-AGM-006

To replace the word HOUSE LEAGUE in all official documents with the words LOCAL LEAGUE to reflect the current realities of the non-rep program.

MOVED BY: Jefferson Gilbert

SECONDED BY: Tod Lavender

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. MOTION 2017-AGM-007

To AMEND By-Law Four, sub-set "Tryouts for First Entry Teams (BB), Clause 3." Removing the restrictions on players from non-eligible age categories. Background: In the past The PECMHA has provided guidance to coaches, at all levels, with respect to team sizes and formations based on the viability it may have on another team formation. Clause 4 of the same by-law provides that authority.

MOVED BY: Dan Kempers

SECONDED BY: Steve Prinzen

THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED

While the motion was defeated the issue was discussed at length and the challenges that exist in smaller centres with the OMHA/Hockey Canada rules around Tyke and Novice aged players. It was agreed that the Novice BB Coach can and should bring any requests directly to the Executive for consideration. The Executive, in not recommending this motion, was not not acknowledging the issue, but felt there were other ways to address than a By-Law change that would impact all BB Teams within the organization.

Election of Directors and Officers

The President conducted the 2017 Executive Elections. The President of the Association (Darren Marshall for this meeting) does not vote unless there is a tie vote.

Before the elections began the President again spoke to the need for more members to stand up and take on leadership positions to ensure continuity. He spoke specifically about the Ice Scheduling position. John is entering his 10th year and the final one where he will have a son playing in the Association. And this is not an easy job to take on without some job shadowing.

The Secretary determined that there are 14 eligible votes (not counting President). Therefore at least seven are necessary to carry.

The President asked the Secretary for nominations for each position. The President confirmed the willingness of the Nominee to stand, and ask the membership. The Secretary had ballots on hand if a recorded vote was requested or necessary.

MOTION: 2017 AGM-008 through 2017 AGM-013

TWO YEAR TERMS – Term ends in May 2019

* Vice President (2 year term)

NOMINEE: Obie VanVlack
NOMINATOR: Kim Stacey
SECONDER: Jefferson Gilbert
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

* Treasurer (2 year term)

NOMINEE: Tod Lavender
NOMINATOR: Obie VanVlack
SECONDER: Jefferson Gilbert
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

* Secretary (2 year term)

NOMINEE: Jefferson Gilbert
NOMINATOR: Tod Lavender

SECONDER: Kim Stacey
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

* Ice Scheduler (2 year term)

NOMINEE: John Kelly
NOMINATOR: Obie VanVlack
SECONDER: Jefferson Gilbert
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

* Referee in Chief (2 year term)

NOMINEE: Steve Prinzen
NOMINATOR: Jefferson Gilbert
SECONDER: Heather Zantingh
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

* Junior House League Co-ordinator (2 year term)

NOMINEE: Ben Cowan
NOMINATOR: Kim Stacey
SECONDER: Jefferson Gilbert
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

* Tournament Co-ordinator (2 year term)

NOMINEE: _____
NOMINATOR:

No Nominee. The Executive will look to fill this position at the next meeting. In the meantime the team that has produced MILK will continue in that capacity by mutual agreement.

Other Business

OMHA – AGM / ADDITIONAL PLAYER MOVEMENT

There is a motion, that again proposes that BB and lower centres would be eligible to sign up to 3 players from neighbouring A and AA Centres.

BANTAM LOCAL LEAGUE PRACTICES

The idea of two teams sharing the ice at the bantam level was discussed. It was agreed it was not ideal and would be addressed next season. It was noted that credit goes to the coaches in Bantam for making it engaging enough that almost all players participated in practices which was a sharp departure from the past.

ICHL ISSUES

The ICHL AGM/meeting was held and similar issues were discussed. The concerns raised included:

- More than 2 games on some weekends

- The 50 minute and curfew issue

Given no other business. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm. Motion to adjourn made by Kim Stacey; seconded by Steve Payne.

Appendix A

The following members, beyond the Executive cited, signed in and were present throughout the meeting.

Adele Pierson – parent
Dan Korchuk – parent
Taylor Cole – LL Coach
Dan Kempers – parent, coach
Kevin Algar – parent, coach

Appendix B

President's Opening Remarks and Report

Opening Remarks,

Good evening, welcome to the 2017 Annual General meeting for Prince Edward County Minor Hockey Association. As the summer approaches it's hard to believe how fast the hockey season went by. Beginning in late August and wrapping up the first week of April, it was a minor hockey season filled with many memories made by our families I'm sure. It will only be a short 3.5 months, and the doors to our arenas will open again. I first off, would like to thank this group of individuals who sit to my left and this fine gentleman over here. This executive continues to volunteer their time to not only organize and arrange the hockey season for the kids of PEC, but also put ideas together to improve the association from one year to the next. I will outline some of the changes that occurred this past season shortly. I speak on behalf of the membership and say thank you for your ongoing dedication to PECMHA. This evening, we will address a variety of topics that are outlined in the agenda. We'll finalize the 2017/18 Executive board members, our current Treasurer will walk us through the Association's financial position and in my president's report, I will outline the minor hockey season that was in PEC. We will address a couple of motions that have been brought forward and will conclude with any other business that may arise from the Executive or you the members.

President Report

Two seasons ago, the Association celebrated their 25th Anniversary as PECMHA, the 26th season of this association was one of many positives and overall, very successful. I will outline these successes later. This is my third AGM as President of PECMHA. I continue to be very passionate about the well being and operation of this association. I hope this was apparent throughout the year as I address day to day concerns that

members had and also support all of our volunteers questions. I promise to carry this passion into my final year as President for the 2017/18 season. I am extremely proud of the things that this executive have put in place to make your son or daughter a better hockey player, but more importantly, we've put in place a product that is safe and enjoyable for your child to be involved in.

Once again this year, we seen a decline in our overall membership. In saying that, I believe this was the smallest decline from one year to the next that I have seen since being on the Executive. We had a membership of 294 players in PEC this year. What is not included in this total is the 15 kids from PEC that went on and played a higher level in the surrounding area at either the AAA, AA or single A associations. We also continue to see some female hockey players from PEC move on to play in all-girls Rep programming in other associations such as Belleville and Napanee.

I mentioned a decline in registration. I truly believe, a more contributing factor to this, is the ongoing demographic change IN Prince Edward County more than it being a decline of interest in the sport of hockey or the costs associated. There are far less young families moving to this area and this not only affects our minor hockey enrollment, but also with the ongoing discussions regarding elementary school closings. As an Executive and also, the entire membership need to continue looking at ways to introduce this great game to the children of PEC. Also an important aspect and goal of this Executive is to continue to make this sport as affordable as possible. As President, I believe any child that wants to play hockey in PEC, should be able to, and as an Executive we will find ways through special programming to allow that to happen. We continue to have one of the lowest registration costs in Southeastern Ontario. This is something we should be very proud of and we have in the past found ways to ensure the increase to fees has been minimal each year as our operating costs have continued to increase by a minimum of 5% each season. Also affecting our registration as mentioned earlier is the exit of some of our players to play in other association through either a AAA experience or through the OMHA NRP program. The upcoming season will see 9 PEC resident players participate on a AAA hockey team. Through the Non Residence Passport program, we will see 7 PEC players participating on a AA team in Belleville and 2 other players leaving PECMHA to play on A team in Quinte West next season. As much as we'd like those kids to play their minor hockey in PEC, we understand that these programs may offer more in terms of development and participation and I would like to wish them good luck and enjoyment with their new teams next season. In speaking in terms of registration, we have been approached by some families living outside of the OMHA PEC boundaries that want their child to play Rep hockey in PEC. Something that currently isn't allowed based on these invisible boundaries inside the municipal border of PEC. This Executive has taken the first step in meeting with BMHA to discuss the possibility of opening these boundaries and possibly allowing some of these kids to play their Rep hockey in PEC. These discussions are at a very early stage and many hurdles needs to be cleared to finalize changes such as this if the OMHA approves.

Always a positive feature of the hockey season is the ongoing Initiation program that the association continues to offer. Once again, under the leadership of Darren Yuill, we were able to ice between 25-30 kids in the program. Darren's dedication to this

program is close to 15 years old, which makes him one of the most important volunteers we have in this association. I made sure I attended a few of the Initiation sessions throughout the year and Darren continues to develop these kids from shuffling their feet from blue line to blue in the first month, to catching him in a game of tag during the month of March. We can only hope that Darren will be back next year for another installment of his program.

The 2016/2107 season was an exciting beginning to our houseleague programming. We now can say that PECMHA is part of the ICHL, the Inter-Community hockey league. After the past three seasons participating in a Pilot project with Napanee, Stirling and QW, the OMHA declined an extension of the pilot and forced the three smaller centers to chose between joining an existing LL or go back to playing internal only. After much discussion and an association survey, it was decided to join the ICHL. After much planning and some hesitation amongst the membership, the season went forth and all indications have pointed to an overall success. I entertained many positive remarks throughout the hockey season from parents and coaches regarding the setup, league play, playoff format and finishing off with a exciting Championship Day. The travelling to new centers and playing a large variety of teams from 7 other centers really enhanced the hockey experience for many kids in PECMH.

A new beginning for our Rep programming this past season was the introduction of a new partnership with PECMH and Game Ready Hockey. Game Ready was hired to lead our Rep Powerskating and goalie Clinic programming. A new night for the powerskating, a lower instructor to skater ratio, and a full 50 min session were all things we were able to incorporate into the first season of Game Ready Hockey's program. All these ideas were feedback from our membership during the survey portion that took place at the end of the 2015/16 season. We look forward to continuing our relationship with Game Ready for our powerskating and goalie training for the upcoming season. The Local League powerskating was also led by someone new this past year. Ryan Woodward was hired by PECMHA to lead two separate groups of Local League skaters. It was a well balanced program that suited the skill levels in both sessions (Tyke/Novice) and (Atom/PW). Unfortunately, Ryan will not be returning to lead the LL power skating program next year as he has taken a coaching position with the Timmins Rock Jr A team. We want to thank him for his development of the kids last season and wish him the best of luck in Timmins. We will be looking at an new instructor for the LL powerskating program for next season.

Continuing with the positives in the past minor hockey season, once again, our Milk Rep tournament was a shining success. Teams were attracted from all over the province to attend the premier BB hockey tournament in Ontario. This tournament continues to be a large contributor to our revenue stream and hopefully we will continue to build on its success. Jefferson once again did a great job with his preparation work and then the execution to make the 7th installment of the Recharge with Milk Rep tournament a huge achievement for the PECMHA.

As for our individual hockey teams; All our Local League teams had positive seasons with the majority of the games being very competitive. We ended up having 2 teams (one in Atom, one in Bantam) play for ICHL Championships. Both came up short, but

competed very well. All other teams completed their seasons in the middle to top half of the standings and each team improved throughout the entire season. Our Rep teams, for the most part seen very successful regular seasons. All teams played in the at least the Qtr Finals of the OMHA playoffs with our Peewee and Midget teams going as far as the Semi finals. Of course the common goal is to win the OMHA championship, but the memories made by all these players and their families will last a lifetime, and at the end of the day, that is what minor hockey is all about. In conclusion, I want to express my deep appreciation and thanks to all our Coaches, trainers, managers, referees and again the Executive for making this past hockey season a successful one. I want to thank them along with the players for representing Prince Edward County in a respectful and dignified way. It definitely showed how proud each of our players were to have the Kings logo on their jersey in the effort that was put forth on the ice for each game. Again, as President for the upcoming season, I promise to continue supporting our association and membership and improving your child's experience in any way I can. There are always difficult decisions that need to be made by this group that will not always make everyone happy. That will not change for the upcoming season. Decisions become even more difficult with the ongoing challenges that we face, however I can promise you, we will continue to do our best and make Prince Edward County one of the best minor hockey organizations in the OMHA. Have an enjoyable and safe summer.

Respectfully submitted,
Darren Marshall
PECMHA President, 2014-2017