



PECMHA Annual General Meeting 2013

May 16, 2013 @ 7:00 pm
Bloomfield United Church

DRAFT MINUTES – will be approved at 2014 AGM (for information only)

PEC Executive Attendance: Mark Allison (Chair), Obie VanVlack, Jefferson Gilbert, Chera Kuipers, Tod Lavender, Louise Gibson, Terry Jones, Justin Lavender, John Kelly, Scott Lavender and Darren Marshall

Absent: Jim Lindsay

PEC Membership in Attendance: See Appendix A

Quorum was established at 24. Meeting was called to order @ 7:03 pm.

Opening Remarks - President, Mark Allison – See Appendix B for his report complete report.

MOTION 2013-AGM-001

To receive the President's Report as delivered.

Moved by Tod Lavender

Seconded by Charlene MacDonald

CARRIED. No objections.

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2013-AGM-002

To approve the Agenda as printed.

Moved by Kim Stacey

Seconded by Dan Stasko

CARRIED. No objections.

Approval of the 2012 AGM Minutes from May 17, 2012

MOTION 2013-AGM-003

To approve the 2012 AGM Minutes as delivered.

Moved by Obie Van Vlack

Seconded by John Kelly

CARRIED. No objections.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer, Tod Lavender

The President took the membership through the Financial Statements as provided by the Treasurer. It was explained that there remains some bills associated with ice usage that have not yet arrived, and transactions around the 4 on 4 program

The Treasurer will finalize statements in June, have them reviewed by an Accounting Professional and they will be available by early July for review by members if they wish.

MOTION 2013-AGM-004

To receive the Treasurer's Report

Moved by Scott Lavender

Seconded by Chera Kuipers

CARRIED. No objections.

Business:

- Motion to Support the creation of a Local League

MOTION: 2013 AGM-005

WHEREAS minor hockey registration is falling or plateaued in our area; yet PECMHA remains committed to providing as wide a range of hockey to it's members; and those members have clearly stated their support for BB and AE hockey, as well as modified house league and Select hockey through their participation, involvement and organization.

WHEREAS over the last two years PECMHA has experimented with exhibitions games and tournament participation for House League teams in the region, and the experiments have been met with optimism and success.

WHEREAS there are many successful Local League models of a similar nature within the OMHA Family - such as Georgian Bay Triangle; Grand River; Intertown - to model after.

WHEREAS the Executive Council of PECMHA has given support to the continued discussions with other OMHA sister-organizations in the region at their January 14, 2013 Executive meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED that PECMHA officially support the continued discussions towards the development of a Quinte Local League for the 2013-2014 season.

Moved by Darren Marshall

Seconded by Scott Lavender

CARRIED

* Election of Directors and Officers

The procedure for voting was explained and two Scrutineer's - one Executive Member and one Member from the floor - were asked to serve. The President of the Association (Mark Allison for this meeting) does not vote unless there is a tie vote.

The following volunteered as Scrutineers:

Executive – Chera Kuipers

Member – Charlene MacDonald.

The Secretary determined that there are 24 eligible votes (not counting President).

The President asked the Secretary for nominations for each position.

MOTION: 2013 AGM-006 through 2013 AGM-016

ONE YEAR TERM – Completion of an existing term ending in May 2014

* President NOMINEE: Scott Lavender
 NOMINATOR: Obadiah Van Vlack **VOTED IN UNANIMOUSLY**

* OMHA Co-ordinator
 NOMINEE: Kim Stacey
 NOMINATOR: John Kelly **VOTED IN UNANIMOUSLY**

* Registrar NOMINEE: Chera Kuipers
 NOMINATOR: Angie Byford **VOTED IN UNANIMOUSLY**

* Director of Fundraising, Publicity, Awards and Banquets
 NOMINEE: Angie Byford
 NOMINATOR: Chera Kuipers **VOTED IN UNANIMOUSLY**

TWO YEAR TERMS – Term ends in May 2015

* Vice-President
 NOMINEE: Obadiah Van Vlack
 NOMINATOR: Tod Lavender **VOTED IN UNANIMOUSLY**

* Treasurer NOMINEE: Tod Lavender
 NOMINATOR: Jim Lindsay **VOTED IN UNANIMOUSLY**

* Secretary NOMINEE: Jefferson Gilbert
 NOMINATOR: Justin Lavender **VOTED IN UNANIMOUSLY**

* Ice Scheduler
 NOMINEE: John Kelly
 NOMINATOR: Chera Kuipers **VOTED IN UNANIMOUSLY**

* Junior House League Co-ordinator
 NOMINEE: Dan Stasko
 NOMINATOR: Jefferson Gilbert **VOTED IN UNANIMOUSLY**

* Tournament Co-ordinator
 NOMINEE: Justin Lavender
 NOMINATOR: Chera Kuipers **VOTED IN UNANIMOUSLY**

* Referee in Chief

NOMINEE: Louise Gibson NOMINATOR: Chera Kuipers
NOMINEE: Steve Prinzen NOMINATOR: Chris Galway

STEVE PRINZEN WAS ELECTED

President Mark Allison thanked Louise for her years of service and spoke of the professionalism and efficiency in which she did the job. She set a high standard for the position and said that the bar was set high for Steve to maintain.

- Other Business

EOMHL Meeting

Jefferson Gilbert had attending the Spring EOMHL Meeting earlier in the week and reported two items of note to the membership.

- In a vote of the membership, In 2013-2014 the EOMHL Playdowns (formerly known as Second Season) will be mandatory for all member organizations. If a team or an organization chooses not to participate the EOMHL will request that the OMHA Regional Executive Member revoke their Roster so no additional exhibition and tournament play is possible.
- A motion is coming at the OMHA AGM that would effectively squash the voting power of smaller centres. It is being moved by the Windsor and Ajax Minor Hockey Associations in support of hometown hockey. Currently member organizations received one vote per rep team and one vote for every twenty houseleague teams. The proposal calls for every team, regardless of level, to have a vote. This would give the Urban Areas a substantial voting advantage over all Rural Organizations like PECMHA.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

A request was made for the Executive to consider payment options other than a single payment at time of registration. The Executive was also asked to consider reductions in fees for families with multiple family members playing in the PECMHA system. The Executive and Treasurer will look at these requests.

PROJECTED PLAYER NUMBERS

Questions were asked about projected numbers for 2013-2014. Some informed opinions were offered in terms of knowns with AAA and AA/A departures, plus returning players. The Legionette's impact may also result in a couple of more players coming back to the Association.

Given no other business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm. Motion to adjourn made by John Kelly.

Appendix A

The following members, beyond the Executive cited, signed in and received voting ballots.

Dan Stasko
Cynthia Knock
Charlene MacDonald
Christine Hays
Jackie Norton
Steve Prinzen
Tracy McCarney
Vernoica Norton
Troy Eaton
Susan Giroux
Tanya Fox
Kim Stacey
Angie Byford
Kevin Algar

Appendix B

President's Remarks

This season now completes my 8th full year with the executive of PECMHA. A lot has changed over the years and some things never change. 8 years ago we conducted registration in person and online registration was only a thought of the future. Now 80% of our registration is done on line through a secure internet network. Rosters are all electronic and signatures of player are not required on game sheets or rosters. What was the point of that anyways? Was it really necessary for an 8 year old to print his name of a player card or game sheet.

We have seen body checking removed, put back into certain age levels and we are likely to see it removed again? Alberta just removed body checking from Pee Wee this year. Will the OMHA follow suit? In 10 years will body checking be removed from all hockey? Some of the best hockey I have watched in the past year has been the World Women's Championships. The game is fast and still physical. With the apparent concussion epidemic now, I see it happening in the future.

I always hear about how expensive it is to play hockey. Sure the cost of hockey has gone up to play, not only here, but everywhere, but I am proud how over the years the cost has gone up individually as little as possible with PECMHA. Our ice convener, John Kelly, has done an amazing job with budgeting our ice cost, as well as initiating and taking the lead with our post season 4 on 4, as well as the Monday Night power skating program, which both have been a good source of revenue generators, yet these revenues have not been so intrusive to our members and remain lower than and more affordable than other centers. Because of these revenue generators PEC continues to be in excellent financial shape. Due to the extension of the 4 on 4 and hockey season the exact financial figures are completed but it anticipated that PEC will only have on target with it budget. This executive has worked collectively, volunteering hours upon hours of their time to maintain these events. I have said it before, a member of the executive is a thankless job, but not one the members do to be thanked, it is for the common good of youth in PEC.

Speaking of revenue, the Milk Rep Tournament and ongoing McDougall House League Tournament continue to be a source of revenue generation for PECMHA. With the help of all of the rep teams that participated, they had an opportunity to play in the tournament, run the tournament and earn team revenue to assist in paying for another tournament, all the while generating revenues that went to PECMHA. It was our first year with multi-divisional teams, with the expectation that next year will only get bigger and better. With increased competition for other March Break tournaments, the McDougall Insurance March Break Tournament continues to be a great revenue generator for PECMHA despite the decline in registering teams and continual lack of parental involvement to assist in running the tournament. These events too, do not run by themselves, and the executive needs your assistance in running such great events such as these.

For the first time in four years PECMHA successfully operated a Juvenile Team. This opportunity for our longest running members to have the opportunity to continue their hockey career is huge, and something that the association supports thoroughly. Congratulations to the Juveniles and coaching staff of running such a successful season.

This year Darren Marshall, PECMHA Volunteer of the Year winner did a tremendous job with organizing and arranging our House League teams the opportunity to experience playing hockey against other teams and in other arenas in the local area. This is the future of minor hockey as registration numbers continue to decline. Hopefully next year we will be able have a full inter Quinte League set up and approved by the OMHA. Will there be some growing pains for the first couple of years? Sure there will, but for it to be successful to all, please keep in mind it takes dedication of volunteers to make it happen. This is the future of house league in small centers. If you have a concern about how the league and HL is to be run, please contact your House League convener and raise your concerns, but not in a personal manner, but in a positive constructive way.

I want to thank the executive of past and present for helping me to enjoy my time as president and omha contact; I look forward to assisting the executive as your past president and continuing to make PECMHA one of the best minor hockey organizations in Eastern Ontario.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Allison, President, PECMHA