



PECMHA Annual General Meeting 2018
Tuesday, May 8 @ 7:00 pm
Bloomfield United Church

DRAFT MINUTES – will be approved at 2019 AGM (for information only)

PEC Executive Attendance: Darren Marshall, (Chair), Obie VanVlack, Jefferson Gilbert, Tod Lavender, Steve Prinzen, 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 17. Therefore 9 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.

The President asked that for the Minutes the outstanding contributions of the following be recognized as they leave the Executive:

Kim Stacey – Registrar, former OMHA Representative

Scott Lavender – Former President, Local League Co-ordinator, and Coach.

Bob McGrayne – Equipment Manager

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2018-AGM-001

To approve the Agenda as printed.

Moved by Steve Payne

Seconded by Tod Lavender

CARRIED.

Approval of the 2017 AGM Minutes from May 16, 2017

MOTION 2018-AGM-002

To approve the 2016 AGM Minutes as delivered.

Moved by Tod Lavender

Seconded by Steve Payne

CARRIED.

Approval of the President's Report – see Appendix B

MOTION 2018-AGM-003

To approve the 2018 Presidents Report as delivered.

Moved by Obie Van Vlack

Seconded by Steve Prinzen

CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer, Tod Lavender

The Treasurer took the membership through the Financial Statements as provided by the Treasurer. The addition of the Hockey Pool this year was a major help to the Budget, in addition to Milk. The Membership wanted to formally thank the following for their contributions:

- Emma Zantingh for inputting a large number of the pools:
- Drake Wight for selling 31 EXTRA pools. A Local League Sponsor gives around the same amount.
- Josh Vader for selling 30 EXTRA pools. A Local League Sponsor gives around the same amount.
- Owen Payette for selling 28 EXTRA pools. A Local League Sponsor gives around the same amount.

MOTION 2018-AGM-004

To receive the Treasurer's Report

Moved by Kim Stacey

Seconded Scott Lavender

CARRIED.

Business Arising:

The Otonabee Proposal about EOMHL Play

The OMHA Rep, Steve Payne, took the membership through the Otonabee Proposal which calls for changes to the OMHA (Change to EOMHL) structure. There was discussion, but the consensus was that PECMHA only supports the reorganization of the divisions. Please see Appendix C for full details.

MOTION 2018-AGM-005

To accept the PECMHA Recommendations and that it needs further tweaking before it will be accepted. The OMHA Co-ordinator is to convey at EOMHL Meeting coming up.

Moved by Jason Parks

Seconded Taylor Cole.

CARRIED.

Election of Directors and Officers

The President conducted the 2018 Executive Elections. The President of the

Association (Darren Marshall for this meeting) does not vote unless there is a tie vote. The two chosen to conduct elections were Heather Zantingh and Becky Carter.

The Secretary determined that there are 16 eligible votes (not counting President). Therefore at least 9 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: 2018 AGM-006 through 2018 AGM-011

**TWO YEAR TERMS – Term ends in May 2019
President (2 year term)**

NOMINEE: Steve Payne
NOMINATOR: Jefferson Gilbert
SECONDER: Scott Lavender
CARRIED

OMHA Representative (2 year term)

NOMINEE: Becky Carter
NOMINATOR: Scott Lavender
SECONDER: Taylor Cole
CARRIED

Registrar (2 year term)

NOMINEE: Heather Zantingh
NOMINATOR: Jefferson Gilbert
SECONDER: Obie VanVlack
CARRIED

Director of Fundraising, Publicity, Awards and Banquets (2 year term)

NOMINEE: Jane Vader
NOMINATOR: Heather Zantingh
SECONDER: Steve Payne
CARRIED

Equipment Manager (2 year term)

NOMINEE: Jon Wight
NOMINATOR: Taylor Cole
SECONDER: Steve Prinzen
CARRIED

Senior House League Co-ordinator (2 year term)

There was an election. Taylor Cole and Jason Parks were candidates. Each provided a written statement. Votes were tallied by Heather Zantingh and Becky Carter. Results were:

NOMINEE: Jason Parks
NOMINATOR: Heather Zantingh
SECONDER: Steve Payne
Vote: Parks Wins.

Other Business

OMHA - AGM / ADDITIONAL PLAYER MOVEMENT

There was a motion last year, that proposes that BB and lower centres would be eligible to sign up to 3 players from neighbouring A and AA Centres. It was explained on a question from Cynthia Knock that a player in Belleville or Quinte West must attend and be cut from all A/AA and all AE tryouts there before they can opt to tryout for a PECMHA Team.

COMMITMENT TO LOCAL LEAGUE versus AE

A question was raised. The decision is based on the turnout at BB tryouts and whether there is a league for the AE team to play in. PECMHA is firmly against having a second entry team play in the BB loop. Both PECMHA and others have had very very bad experiences with this and will not knowingly let it happen again.

Given no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Appendix A

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

Jane Vader – parent

Jason Parks – LL Coach and parent

Taylor Cole – LL Coach

Becky Carter – parent

Cynthia Knock – parent

Jessica Ivanic – parent

Jennifer Broad - parent

Appendix B

President's Opening Remarks and Report

Opening Remarks,

Good evening everyone, thank you for attending tonight and welcome to the 2018 Annual General meeting for the Prince Edward County minor hockey association. This is the last phase of the minor hockey season. Yes, the play on the ice has been done for quite some time, but there is still plenty of closing activities that occur between the final buzzer of the last game and tonight's AGM. Tonight, we will go over the year that was in Prince Edward County Minor hockey. Later, our Treasurer Tod Lavender will outline our budget lines and the current financial position that the Association sees itself in. During my President's report, I will outline some highlights of the past season and discuss other aspects of the Association. This evening also calls upon changing of the Executive. Certain positions terms on the board have come to expire as of this evening and tonight we'll appoint new Executive members to join and lead this Association for the upcoming hockey year. To close out the meeting, there will a report given by Steve Payne our OMHA Convenor that outlines a possible realignment within the OMHA that is being proposed and will be voted on tomorrow night at the EOMHL AGM in Trenton, and also any walk in points that need to be discussed.

I would like to thank everyone that is sitting up here at this head table. The time and effort that these individuals put forth throughout the year is invaluable and they should be commended for their volunteered time. Some Executive members that will not be returning to the board next season will be Kim Stacey who has filled the Registrar role the past two seasons and the OMHA contact before that. Scott Lavender, who has held such positions as President, Past President and the past two seasons as Senior LL Convenor will also be leaving the board this evening. Bob McGrayne, who for the past two years has been our Equipment manager will also not be returning. I speak for all of the exiting Executive members tonight that even though we won't be on the board, doesn't mean we're disappearing. There is much to do for each of these jobs and many questions will arise from the replacement Members. We'll be there to support you 100%. We will continue to want the best for this association and want it to run as smoothly as it did while we served on the board. On behalf of the Membership, I want to thank Kim, Scott and Bob for your time and effort to make PECMH an enjoyable experience for the kids of Prince Edward County. Along with Registrar and, SR LL Convenor positions and Equipment manager positions, there will also be a new Banquet & Fundraising Coordinator, OMHA Convenor, and last but not least, a new President after 4 long years of putting up with me. All these position will be announced this evening, or I hope they are.

Presidents Report

This will be my fourth AGM as President. I can truly say my time as President has gone very quickly. Many challengers throughout the 4 years were faced, and as a team we approached each of them and made what we thought were the best decisions for the association. One thing that has been very similar in each of these AGM that I've

chaired is the attendance number. Always a very low number of people come out and listen to the information that the Executive has to share. I sometimes wonder if the reason for the low attendance is that minor hockey is far from people's minds in May, but then I try and convince myself that the reason people don't attend, is the fact that they know the Association is in good hands. The PECMHA still battle many elements to keep ourselves financially sound and competitive on the ice, but most importantly ensuring the kids are having fun, playing the best sport in the world.

The 2017-18 season seen a total registration of 285 kids with Prince Edward County Minor hockey. This is a slight drop from the previous year, but very minimal. As I mentioned last year in my Presidents report, I believe the drop in registration year after year is not a factor of kids not wanting to play the game, but rather the demographic changes that we see happening around us in Prince Edward County. Our schools continue to shrink, less families are moving here to raise children due to various issues, but mainly the lack of jobs and the current cost of real estate. There simply is less kids in Prince Edward County. Yes, there is an expense to playing the sport of hockey, but is comparable to others. The Executive continues to try and find ways to keep our registration costs as low as possible. This year seen the introduction of the inaugural fundraising hockey pool, which allowed families to recoup up to \$50 of their registration costs by selling hockey pool sheets to friends or family. This fundraiser turned out to be extremely successful and a large part of our revenues this past season. The Executive have a tall task to continue to find ways to keep our registration one of the lowest in the surrounding area. We have experienced a 5% ice rental increase from the County of Prince Edward in each of my 4 years as President. This is a very large expense to offset right of the top as you will see when Tod goes through our financials.

At this time, I'd like to talk about our specific programming and the success that I saw this past year. Darren and Debbie Yuill once again were our all-stars and led the Preschool Programming. We were able to obtain a sponsorship this year and suited up all the kids in their first ever hockey jersey. We would like to thank Little Dipper Excavating for stepping up and sponsoring the program. At the beginning of the year, we had roughly 20 kids registered, however as the year went on, we seen more and more kids signing up and I believe we were close to 35 by the final week. A special thanks to Darren and Debbie for leading the Preschool program again this past year. Our Initiation Program or otherwise known as Timbits also a very successful developmental year. Lead by a special group of parents, our youngest Kings were normally separated in stations each practice week and learned various skills to take them to the next level of their minor hockey experience. Saturday mornings for the Timbits consisted of half ice games to let them show off their skills and learn even more of the game. This age group continues to be the future of the Association and I know that Ben Cowan has some exciting things in store for next year to ensure that further development is taking place.

This past season was our second year that our Local League teams participated in the Inter Community Hockey League. We had a total of 9 local league teams this year

competing from Novice to Midget. This season brought our first ICHL championship to Prince Edward County. Our two Bantam teams were very successful throughout the entire year and had excellent playoff runs, which ended with them meeting each other in the ICHL Gold Medal game. There will be plans to recognize our first LL Championship with a banner that will be hopefully hang in the Picton Arena. From my perspective, along with feedback from coaches and parents, the ICHL season was a successful one. Very close games throughout the year, with good organization by all associations to make the season a success. Joining the ICHL and improving our HL/LL programming will be one of the top things I take away from my Presidency. A special thank you to all the coaches, trainers and especially our two convenors that helped make the season an enjoyable one for all our Local League players.

Our Rep program continued to be a dominate force in Regular season play in the EOMHL. All our teams showed great strides in their development throughout the season. Once again this year, our Association did not ice AE teams. None of the divisions had enough players try out for us to consider putting together an AE team and also there wasn't a fair league for them to play in. Some of the other associations did have AE teams and they were forced to play in the first entry loop and the majority of these teams had very little success and I can only assume, very long seasons. We continue to see declining teams in the AE loop across the province with more focus being put toward the organization of a successful and competitive Local League programs that we have seen.

Our 8th annual Milk tournament was once again a main contributors to our Revenue stream. Led by Jefferson Gilbert and his family, they were able to put together another class A event for BB or lower hockey teams across the province. The competition was fierce and it allowed our Kings teams to play against opponents they would not normally see throughout the hockey season. The Milk tournament is as big as it can possibly be without splitting some of the divisions over multiple weekends. It continues to sell out very early in September. I'm sure Jefferson can touch on it later, but I have little doubt, teams have already booked their spot for next year's event. This year's Milk weekend was even more special than the previous 7 years with a record 3 Kings teams winning their division Championship. The Terpstra Equipment Atoms defeating Gananoque, our Terra Vista Peewees beating the Lindsay Muskies and our Lehigh Cement Bantam Kings taking their Milk crown by winning a close battle over the Ayr Flames in a shootout if I'm not mistaken. Both our Novice and Midget teams also experienced success at their home tournament, but couldn't capture the crown.

Playoffs this year once again provided much excitement across the Association. Our Novice team got to experience a two month long round robin against some very strong opponents and did not qualify to move on to the Semi Final round. Our Atom BB team faced off against a tough Lindsay team and were eliminated in the opening round, but went on to win the second season championship which all the kids took great pride in. Our Peewee team was able to knock off Lindsay in the first round, but then were eliminated by Napanee who went on to win an OMHA title. Our Bantam

team showed the most success in this year's playoffs. Getting through Stirling and then Napanee, they faced off against Collingwood in the OMHA Semi finals and took them to a 6th game before losing. That 6th game in Wellington that night will be one I'll remember for a very long time. The amount of fans that came out to support our Kings team was unbelievable and the game was very close too. A great season overall by the Bantam squad. Our Midget team also had great playoff success, defeating Stirling, then Napanee before facing a tough Collingwood team. The Midgets, like our Bantam team were also defeated by Collingwood in the Semi Final Round. Seeing the success and from all our teams is directly related to the volunteers that year after year step up and lead these teams. Coaches, Trainers and Managers dedicate hours of their time to ensure these kids have successful and enjoyable seasons. I can't thank them enough. They don't get nearly the credit that they should. Whether it's Rep or Local League, it doesn't matter. These volunteers are crucial to minor hockey and we should all applaud them.

As I mentioned in my opening remarks, this is my fourth and final AGM as President. Leading this Association has been a very challenging and rewarding experience. I have crossed paths with some great people within our organization and also with other associations that we work with to try and make minor hockey a more enjoyable experience for everyone involved. I've said many times at our banquets to our players to look around the room at your teammates..... they will become friends you will have for life. I can honestly say it works the same for me with Executive members that I've got to work with over my four years as President. Many people that I have met will be friends for life. This is exactly what minor hockey is all about. I would like to think that I've been a President that has put the kids first, fair in any decisions that I've had to make, however continued to be approachable to anyone that had questions and / or concerns. I would like to hope that whom ever takes over and leads this Association takes as much pride in the job as I have and continues to make the Association a successful and enjoyable one to volunteer and play for.

Respectfully submitted,
Darren Marshall
PECMHA President, 2014-2018

APPENDIX C

Otonabee proposal

At the April EOMHL meeting Otonabee Minor hockey made a proposal to the OMHA Contacts of participating centres about changing the layout of hockey within the Eastern region of OMHA. The proposal reads:

Please find attached a proposal to improve the competitiveness of the regular season for the 40-50 teams we have in Rep and Local leagues in each age group. Teams first team would have to enter Rep teams whereas today centres are sometimes choosing to just go into Local League. Also, if a centre has 3 teams they would have to enter an AE team versus splitting into 2 LL teams.

The result would be 4 different levels of hockey in 5 leagues (NE DIVISIONS) across both Rep and LL. Each League (Division) would have 8-10 teams.

Rep – Division 1 (BB, B, Strong lower centres)

Rep – Division 2 (C, DD, Weak higher centres, Strong AE teams)

Rep – Division 3 (AE teams and Weak centres)

LL – (Leo League West), LL – (ICHL East)

A presentation was given showing some statistics on the percent of games within EOMHL, Leo League LL and ICHL LL with games at a difference of 6 or more goals. Leo League showing 41% of their games having that difference or more, EOMHL with 29% and ICHL with 16% (majority of games with difference greater than 6 in Novice which we feel is to be expected)

They noted that standings from 2 years ago could be used as an informational item in making up fair divisions.

The Prince Edward County Minor Hockey association does not support this proposal in its entirety.

We do believe that tiering first entry teams into divisions is a good idea. We feel that would increase the level of competition amongst first entry teams with similar team skills.

We do not however feel we can force parents to enroll their players into representative hockey. Currently we gage the appetite for AE teams based on our enrollment in first entry tryouts. The past 3 years has indicated to PECMHA that the appetite is low due to low player turnout. We have been able to field one first entry team and only make minimal cuts based on the number of players trying out. We do however feel that the proposed model would make available a place for AE hockey if our numbers at tryouts were to increase and warrant a second entry (AE) team. PECMHA has participated for the past 2 years in the ICHL LL. We feel that the organization and competition within that Local League has been strong and equitable. As the stats presented for ICHL prove in our opinion regarding number of games with

a difference of 6 or more goals. We feel we are on the right track by presenting one first entry BB team, gaging the interest in a second entry AE team and if the numbers aren't there providing 2 equally skilled LL teams in the ICHL.

In short. We feel that if the line in the proposal saying if a centre has: 3 teams they would be required to ice a Rep, AE and LL team were removed we could support this proposal.