

PECMHA Annual General Meeting 2019

Tuesday May 7, 2019

Bloomfield, United Church

DRAFT MINUTES – Will be approved at the 2020 AGM (for information only)

PEC Executive Attendance: Steve Payne, Tod Lavender, Obie VanVlack, Heather Zantingh, Becky Carter, Jane Vader, Jason Parks, John Kelly, Steve Prinzen,

Absent: Ben Cowan, Jon White, Jefferson Gilbert

PEC Membership in Attendance: See Appendix A

Quorum was established at 16. Therefore 10 votes (not including Chair) necessary for any business to pass. Meeting called to order at 7:03.

Opening Remarks – President, Steve Payne – 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:

Tod Lavender – Treasurer, Coach

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION 2019 – AGM – 001

To approve the Agenda as printed.

Moved by Tod Lavender

Seconded by Eric Martin

CARRIED

Approval of the 2018 AGM Minutes from May 8, 2018

MOTION 2019 – AGM – 002

To approve the Minutes as delivered.

Moved by Steve Prinzen

Seconded by Tod Lavender

CARRIED

Approval of the President's Report – See Appendix B

MOTION 2019 – AGM – 003

To approve the 2019 Presidents Report as delivered.

Moved by Jason Parks

Seconded by Chris Rice

CARRIED

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer, Tod Lavender

The Treasurer took the membership through the Financial Statements as provided by the Treasurer.

Approval of the 2018 Treasurer's Report

MOTION 2019 – AGM – 004

To approve the Treasurer's Report as delivered.

Moved by Becky Carter

Seconded by Jane Vander

CARRIED

Business Arising:

No Motions were brought forward

Election of Directors and Officers

The President conducted the 2019 Executive Elections. The President of the Association (Steve Payne) does not vote unless there is a tie vote. The two chosen to conduct elections are Jane Vader (Exec Member) and Dan Kempers (Voting Member)

It has been determined that there are 16 Eligible votes.

Therefore, at least 10 are necessary to carry.

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

Motion 2019 – AGM 005 through 2019 – AGM – 010

Two Year Terms – Ending May 2021

Vice President (2 Year Term)

Nominee: Obie VanVlack

Nominator: John Kelly

Seconder: Tod Lavender

CARRIED

Secretary (2 Year Term)

Nominee: Kristina Kelly

Nominator: Ben Cowan

Seconder: Jason Parks

CARRIED

Treasurer (2 Year Term)

Nominee: Justine Bucknell

Nominator: Ben Cowan

Seconder: Jason Parks

CARRIED

Ice Scheduler (2 Year Term)

Nominee: John Kelly

Nominator: Jim Philip

Seconder: Obie VanVlack

CARRIED

Referee in Chief (2 Year Term)

Nominee: Steve Prinzen

Nominator: Obie VanVlack

Seconder: John Kelly

CARRIED

Tournament Coordinator (2 Year Term)

Nominee: Jefferson Gilbert

Nominator: Jason Parks

Seconder: Steve Prinzen

CARRIED (Position was later declined and remained empty for the 2019/20 hockey season)

Other Business

David Fisher a Bantam Parent, wanted to extend his appreciation and thanks to everyone on the exec for all their work. He would like to see full ice practices for bantam level.

Jim Philip brought forth a discussion on the AED's in the rinks. He would like to make sure we have all our bench staff know where the AED is in each rink. We are looking at offering the training course in the fall to all bench staff. We also are looking at adding the location of the AED machine in each rink to our website. It is important that each team recognize the need to be properly trained and if they have parents that travel with them to know which ones can help should a problem occur.

With the new changes to the Novice division our association is purchasing hard boards for the wellington rink for the ½ ice sessions. The cost of the new boards is \$8500. We are looking into recouping some of these costs from some other organizations ie sponsors signs on them. Chris Rice has offered to host a tire pickup which we can explore.

Jane Vader, Fundraising coordinator, will be changing up the mandatory fundraising. We are looking at changing this to cash calendars and eliminating the raffle and the hockey pools. You will just be selling one thing instead of two There will be at least 25 draws. Each player will sell so many to get their \$100 back and we will have some additional ones for teams to sell.

Given no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 7:45

Appendix A

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

Kristina Kelly, Parent

Mike Kelly, Parent

Eric Martin, Parent

Chris Rice, Parent/Coach

Dan Kempers, Parent/Coach

Jim Philip, Parent

David Fisher, Parent

Appendix B

Presidents Opening remarks and Report

Opening Remarks

Good evening everyone, thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to attend the 2019 Prince Edward County Minor Hockey Association Annual General meeting. This is the closing phase of our 2018/2019 minor hockey season and yes we do know that the Local League and Representative Hockey seasons have been done for quite some time now, however there has still been plenty of activity going on with closing activities done by your hockey executive between then and now.

Tonight we will go over a recap on the season. Tod Lavender our treasurer will outline our budget lines and the current financial position of the association. During my Presidents report, I will outline some highlights of the past season. Tell you about some upcoming costs of operation and inform you of some exciting things to look forward to in the 2019/20 season. This evening also calls upon changing of the executive. Certain position terms on the board have come to expire as of this evening and tonight we will appoint new Executive members to join and lead this association for the upcoming hockey season.

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone that is sitting up here at this head table and introduce your minor hockey executive for this past season:

Obie VanVlack - Vice President

Tod Lavender - Treasurer

Heather Zantingh - Registrar

John Kelly - Ice Scheduler

Becky Carter - OMHA Contact

Jane Vader - Fundraising and Sponsorships

Steve Prinzen - Referee in Chief
Jon Wight - Equipment Manager
Ben Cowan - Jr Local League Coordinator
Jason Parks - Sr Local League Coordinator
Jefferson Gilbert - Tournament Coordinator

The time and effort that each of these individuals put forth from Last May after the AGM right through to today is invaluable and they should always be commended and recognized for the many hours of Volunteer time it takes to run even a small minor hockey association such as ours.

I would like to take a moment to put the spot light for a moment on Tod Lavender who has been the associations treasurer for the past 10 seasons. Tonight Tod will be handing the torch and associations finances over to someone else's capable hands. Tod described his years of service as our Treasurer as a "small spoke in the big wheel". On behalf of the PECMHA membership I want to thank Tod for his commitment to minor hockey in Prince Edward County at the executive level over the past 10 years. I know we will continue to see Tod involved at the rink and on our associations benches into the very distant future.

Presidents Report

This was my first season as the President of the association and I can attest that the season has flown by and has been both rewarding and was not without a few challenges.

The 2018-19 season saw a total registration of 289 players with Prince Edward County Minor Hockey. This is a slight increase from the previous year which is mainly due to a very successful First Shift Program that I will touch on the details of that program later. Running any organized kid sports association or activity in Prince Edward County these days is a daunting task. I think we can all agree there just aren't the same number of children in the county there used to be. If the recent school closures and conversion of our Secondary School to Kindergarten to grade 12 isn't proof of this declining player base, I don't know what is. It's no surprise to also mention that our community is tourism and retirement oriented. A lack of 4 season jobs and the cost of real estate could very well be what is keeping young families from moving into our hockey catchment area. Yes, there is also an expense to playing the sport of hockey, but the price to play in Prince Edward County is very comparable to and competitive with other associations. Your executive continues to try and find new ways to keep our registration costs as low as possible.

In a typical year we see a 5% raise of costs associated to rent the ice facilities from the County of Prince Edward. The cost of ice is and will continue to be our largest budgetary expense line item from year to year. We go to great lengths to ensure that the ice we do rent is utilized fully. This season we strived to book ice times for practices and schedule games during appropriate evenings and times taking into account many different factors. Everyone needs to be aware that yes PECMHA is the largest user of the ice facilities in Prince Edward

County but we are constantly competing with other ice users for primetime slots during evenings and weekends.

This year saw the continuation of the fundraising hockey pool and our blue ticket raffle, which allowed families to recoup up to \$100 of their registration costs by selling hockey pool sheets and raffle tickets to friends and families. We do recognize the raffle fundraiser has become stale and are looking to change things up for the 2019-20 season. Jane Vader our fundraising and sponsorship coordinator can maybe speak about what to look forward to next season.

Other Fundraising efforts that went on this season were:

Our 9th annual Milk Rep Tournament was once again a main contributor to our Revenue stream. Led once again by Jefferson Gilbert and a lot of hard work and many hours were given from everyone on the hockey executive, team managers and player parents. With all hands on deck were able to put together another first class event for BB or lower representative hockey teams across the province. The competition was fierce and it allowed our Kings Rep teams to play against opponents they would not normally see throughout the hockey season. This year's tournament saw teams from as far away as Penetanguishene, Ingersoll, Dorchester, Petawawa and Muskrat Lake. This tournament sold out quickly last season and I know there are already inquiries from teams about when registration will be open for next year's tournament.

On March 2 we also hosted the first annual PECMHA March Classic Tyke Jamboree. Jamborees are meant to be fun special events where 8 teams participated from across the region. This year our tyke managers and parents took the lead on this event. It was very successful and had a waiting list. We hope to continue with this event for the upcoming season as the executive sees our Jamborees as a worthwhile activity that needs consistent coordination. For next season we have decided to create a non voting position of Jamboree Committee Chair. This volunteer will oversee the organization of our Associations Jamborees and work closely with the elected Tournament Coordinator during the planning and organizing phases of the Milk Rep Tournament as Milk will now be required to have a Jamboree aspect to include Novice Rep teams. This person will also be a key organizer of our spring hockey programming 4 on 4 and 3 on 3.

Saying that. This season we also saw the return of 4 on 4 and 3 on 3 to Prince Edward County. After a couple year hiatus PECMHA brought back the exciting fast paced high scoring play that sees the merger of IP/Tyke, Novice/Atom and Peewee/Bantam Players from all levels of teams. We were successful in placing 8 or more players on 4 teams in each division. This offered an extension of ice use into the spring for 4 additional weeks. I think everyone who participated agreed this was a fun way for our players to get a little more ice and blow off some much needed energy in a season that typically boasts dreary rainy days.

At this time, I would like to talk about our specific programming and the successes that I saw this past year.

Darren and Debbie Yuill once again ran an amazing program for our youngest players. A special thanks goes out to Darren and Debbie for your continued support and giving our preschool players such an amazing, inclusive and positive beginning experience to hockey.

This season we introduced the Canadian Tire First Shift program to Prince Edward County Minor Hockey Association. This program is a partnership between Canadian Tire, Bauer Hockey and the local hockey organization. PECMHA hosted both a fall and winter session. The program was directed towards players who had never played hockey before in an organized fashion and were ages 6-10. It consisted of a welcome event where each player was dressed head to toe with brand new Bauer prodigy hockey equipment. There were 6 weeks of on ice sessions that were well organized by PECMHA volunteer Danielle Skirrow. Communications to parents who had registered for the program began 2 months prior to a player had even stepping on the ice. Ben Cowan our Jr Local League Coordinator spear headed this program during the season and saw both sessions very successful with 63 players participate. We also created a transition program for players wishing to move into their respective divisions based on age group. A majority of the players took advantage of this transition and are now well prepared to participate in a full capacity at their age level next season. Our intentions are to host another fall session next season. Thank you again Ben and all the volunteers involved for all your hard work this season making this program what it was.

Our Initiation Program also known as "Timbits" and our Tyke program were also very successful as developmental programming. Lead by a special group of devoted parents, these young Kings were normally separated into stations each practice week and learned various skills to take them to the next level of their minor hockey experience. Under the umbrella of the OMHA Development Guide, Saturday mornings for these age groups consisted of half ice games to let them show off their skills on a size appropriate ice surface, which allowed for more puck touches and ultimately more involvement in the game for each individual player. These age groups and the development of hockey based skills at a young age will continue to be the focus of hockey in our association and across Canada for many years to come.

This past season was the third year that our Local League teams participated in the Inter Community Hockey League. Local League hockey continues to be the foundational roots that hockey in Prince Edward County is based upon and a large focus of the organization. This season saw many of our Local League teams place very highly in Regular Season play and although no A division Gold metals were won many accomplishments were made large or small across all 9 Local League teams from Novice to Midget. From my perspective, along with feedback from coaches and parents, this ICHL season was a successful one and players travelling from centre to centre each week playing different teams in a local league creates stronger team bonds and a better experience of the sport. Our Local League teams also attended a record number of Tournaments this season and were successful in being competitive at each and every one.

Our Rep program continued to be a consistent force in Regular season play in the Eastern Ontario Minor Hockey League. Each team placed 7th or better. All our teams showed great

strides in their development throughout the season. Each team this season from Atom up had a large number of Minor aged players which likely accounted to some of the stumbling blocks encountered this season as other BB sized centres that we faced in playoffs would be made up of major aged players. Our novice team got to experience a two month long round robin against some very strong opponents and only missed moving on to the Semi Final round by a few points. All 4 of our teams Atom to Midget drew the Lindsay Muskies in the First round with our only Bantam team moving on to play 5 games against the Napanee Stars. The PECMHA executive has acknowledged that we can no longer put the number of players to tryouts to compete with other BB Centres. When Centers like Napanee or Lindsay are seeing 40 players show up for a first entry BB team and have enough players left after cuts to form a second entry team it is difficult to compete. PECMHA has applied to the OMHA to reduce our Base Category from a base "BB" centre down to a base "B" Centre. I will speak specifically to our application in a moment.

Seeing the success and growth from all our teams Local League to Rep 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.

A few new things to look forward to this upcoming hockey season

OMHA Decision on Base Category Change:

As I had mentioned earlier the PECMHA Executive has applied to OMHA to have our base category changed from a "BB" base to a "B" base. We as an executive would like to see our children being competitive and having success at all levels of hockey and we feel that our representative teams are competitive during regular season play when mixed with BB to DD centres however when OMHA Playdowns begin they are placed with centres that are not comparable in membership size. Currently we play against Napanee, Stirling and Lindsay during OMHA Playdowns. 2 of these 3 centres are much larger in membership bolstering enough players to field both a first entry and Alternate Entry and 2 or more Local league teams in every division. We can just not compete against those types of odds when we typically only have enough players come to tryouts to make one or two cuts before the team is made and just enough players to barely field 2 full local league teams in each division. In our application we spoke about the declining user base I mentioned earlier, the local school boards closure of 3 and a half elementary schools in the past 5 years, what our association is doing to try to attract new players, the limitations we have with the borders between us, Belleville and Trenton and what we are doing for player development to keep players playing hockey in Prince Edward County. A change to a base B centre would mean we would be playing centres like Gananoque, Ennismore and Newcastle during OMHA Rep Playoffs and we feel those centres are more similar to size and demographic as us. The decision now lies with the OMHA Base Category review committee. We hope to announce their decision for or against in June.

New Jerseys for Local League

The PECMHA Executive is excited to announce that for the 2019-20 season all Local League Divisions will be sporting shiny new Jerseys. One exciting part to note is that we are standardizing on the colour Purple as our association colour. Every team from Novice to Midget will be in purple jerseys next season. Yes, you heard that correctly even both teams in the same division will be Purple. This falls in line with our association branding and colouring. The idea is that each PECMHA team in Local League will have a primary jersey that is the colour purple. A secondary "practice" quality light jersey will be purchased by each player as a second option in the event a second jersey is required during Local League play (for example both County teams play each other) or when a second jersey is required at a tournament. There will also be matching socks for purchase as part of the new county uniform. This decision was as a result of consultation from various parent groups and coaches during this past season. Going with all purple also makes the PECMHA Kings merchandise more attractive to all levels of hockey players. PECMHA has partnered with Force Sports the same company that manufactures our Atom AtoMc jerseys to provide our Local League jerseys for next season. We will not be purchasing new representative jerseys at this time and will continue to augment our rep jerseys with the cache of old AE jerseys for this upcoming season.

Hard Board Purchase for Hockey Programming Novice and Below.

Effective the 2019-20 hockey season OMHA has mandated that Game play for the Novice age-group (8 year olds) will be at half-ice during the first half of the season and transition to Full-ice during the second half of the season. Minor Novice (formerly the Tyke) division and below will be half-ice for the entire season. This is part of their Long-Term Player Development Model. This new requirement and increase in number of players playing hockey at half-ice has created the requirement for associations to adapt their playing surfaces using a variety of techniques. Over the past few years we have used soft foam dividers to break the ice into sections. With the increase in "modified ice surface" programming the PECMHA Executive will be investing in hard board dividers that will be placed on the ice surface during these groups on ice play. These boards are made of the same material as the boards surrounding the ice surface and are the same height. They are lighter and easier to put up and take down. These boards will be kept at the Wellington Lehigh arena and the County has graciously offered to put up and take down the boards before and after required programming provided we can book multiple groups requiring them back to back so they don't have to be put up and taken down every 50 minutes. The PECMHA Executive is looking for ways to recoup the cost of this required infrastructure over the next season and do not plan on offloading this cost to registration fees in the fall.

As you can see there are some exciting things and new changes coming up this season for Prince Edward County Minor Hockey. As your Associations president it is my mandate to ensure we are giving all our kids a product on the ice that gives them enjoyment, a feeling of inclusion, lasting memories and friendships and a place to play the great sport of hockey (the best sport in my opinion) at the level they are capable of succeeding in. Throw in a few life lessons along the way that they can take with them like how to be teachable/coachable and how to be a good teammate and we have done our job. I will also say that if you are here tonight, you care about how your association is run and your input is valuable. Please take a minute to have a respectful conversation with any of your elected executive at any time. If

you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to approach us. We all invest our time in PECMHA because we cared too and wanted to help to continue to make our association great using the individual skills we were gifted with. We look forward to the upcoming hockey season. Please look for registration to be open in July. I want to say thank you for supporting me as your President and enjoy your summer break from hockey.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Payne, President, PECMHA