



PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

May 26, 2010 @ 7:00pm
Bloomfield United Church Hall

MINUTES

Attendance: J. Sedore, T. Clark, B. Lynd, A. Thompson, L. Gibson, R. Doornbos, J. Lavender, S. Terpstra, M. Allison, J. Kelly, J. Lindsay, T. Powers and S. Wells

Approval of Minutes from AGM 2009 – Approved (by show of hands)

Opening Remarks *Mark Allison*

Welcome to the 2010 Prince Edward County Minor Hockey Association Annual General Meeting and thank you for coming. The past year PECMHA has had another busy but strong year athletically, administratively and financially.

Last year marked the third year of on line registration. Our member's use of the online process has grown at a successful rate! In our first year we received approx 48% of our members using the process followed by approx 60% two years ago and a terrific rate of 74% last year with the hopes of obtaining over 80% this year. As we continue to move forward and allow ourselves the opportunity to have true numbers for determining the number of rep teams we ice, **Registration will again have to be completed by late August again this year** or members will miss the early bird cost of registration and savings of \$50/ child. Our cost of registration - \$310 + the \$40 mandatory fundraiser - continues to be one of, if not the lowest costs in the area. Although we have not prepared next year's budget, we do *not* anticipate a raise in the cost of registration. With the assistance of the Jump Start Program and generous donations made last year, we know of no child that wanted the opportunity to play hockey this year that did not play. If you know of such a child, please let us know, we do not want anyone left out.

The online process has saved many volunteer hours for our executive and especially our Registrar director, Jim Lindsay. The online process is faster and more efficient when it comes time to rostering our teams. I would like to thank Jim for his hard work and excellent organization skills as well as his outstanding development and updating of our website.

As the executive attempts to forecast our numbers for next year there will always be room for error. Anticipating a stronger registration in Novice last year the organization had to restructure into a three team league. This restructuring initially caused some concern amongst our members but as time moved on the benefits of extra ice time and opportunities for less skilled players develop became apparent. As seen by the motions brought forward tonight there are two different opinions of the structure. This is not a decision for the executive to make, this is **your** Association and only you can decide where we go from here. I thank you again for coming out tonight to give your opinions and having your say.

As a result of hard work and planning by this executive and past executives, PECMHA is in a strong financial situation. Two years ago this PECMHA made a financial commitment to the new

Wellington Arena of \$25,000 over five years. The new arena will along with Picton, project PECMHA in a positive manner and leader in minor hockey operations. PECMHA will have more and proper storage areas as well as its own Minor Hockey Office to run the organization. Last year PECMHA made its first instalment of \$10,000 to the new arena and this year anticipates making at least another \$10,000 instalment in meeting its goal. A large source of this money is coming from the proceeds from the March Break Hockey Tournament which is still being run with just a handful of volunteers and Executive members. I thank and congratulate Justin Lavender as head to the Tournament for another successful year - as well a big thank you to Suzanne, Ron, Angela and Louise for all their time an effort.

As we review the financial statements for the year, you will see our excellent financial situation. Please do not forget though, that the Organization has not purchased new Jerseys in 4 years and that was only one set. The Jersey account is currently sitting at \$16,000 for the purchase of replacement Jerseys. Over the past three years we have held off as the question has arisen among some members, "Why don't we change the name to the Dukes or Jr. Dukes, following in the footsteps of other minor hockey organizations?". So each year when it comes time to purchase new Jerseys we discuss, should we look into this, "we do not want to make an investment only to change next year."

This year it became time to either "Poop or get off the pot" as several of our team Jerseys are in poor condition. Our players do not represent confidence or PEC in a positive light. A survey was conducted on line to narrow the decision down to bring to a final vote so we can now move forward. This will be the first motion of the night. I know this is an emotional topic for some and **will require a 2/3 majority to change the name as prescribed by the Constitution.**

As part of forecasting and budgeting, PECMHA has paid \$50,000 for our ice up until December 31, 2010, thus saving the association approx \$4,000 as a result of avoiding the new HST tax.

Our REP teams performed well and we were respected by the centres we play in. Although we did not make it as far into the play downs as we hoped, we had five teams playing in the second season finals. Our relationship with OMHA is strong and has received thanks on numerous occasions by our Regional Executive Member of the OMHA for completing our administration, game sheets and keeping communications open at all times. I thank Suzanne Terpstra for all her many hours of work and constant vigilance to make us look good.

There are many centres out there that struggle from year to year. Executive members and general membership do not get along, argue, and fight. I am not saying we are perfect or we are not without our internal issues at times, but from where I stand, PECMHA is a strong and respected organization throughout Ontario.

Thank you to the Executive, this is one of the hardest working executive I have been a part of. Each one has spent countless hours for the betterment of each child.

Finally I again, want to thank our volunteers and coaching staff members. Without you are kids would never learn about leadership, camaraderie and how to work together in a team environment.

Respectfully,
Mark Allison (President, PECMHA)

Treasurer Report *Mark Allison*
Motion to accept report by S. Roth
Second by A. Abrams
CARRIED

Proposed Amendments

1) Proposed amendment by Mark Allison – **Article #1 Section 3 (Name of PECMHA teams)**...
...a vote to decide if the name of the PECMHA teams to be changed from the "Prince Edward County Kings" to the "Prince Edward County Jr. Dukes". The vote will read:

"I would like the name of the PECMHA team to be:"

- 1) Prince Edward County Kings
- 2) Prince Edward County Jr. Dukes

The vote was by written ballot and opened at 7:20 pm. Voting closed at 8:30 pm Eligibility to vote as per Constitution.

Second by S. Terpstra

Open floor discussion...

PEC Kings – 63

PEC Jr. Dukes – 16

****TEAM NAME WILL REMAIN THE SAME (PEC KINGS)**

2) Proposed Amendment by Ron Doornbos – **By-Law #5**...to change the name of the "Disciplinary Committee" to the "Dispute Resolution Committee"

Second by J. Kelly

Open floor discussion...

CARRIED

3) Proposed Amendment by Kim Stacey – **Constitution Article 9, Section 1**...add C) Minutes from all Executive meetings shall be made available to Association members within 10 days following approval at the next Executive meeting, via PECMHA website and arena boards

Second by S. Roth

Open floor discussion...

CARRIED

4) Proposed Amendment by Kim Stacey – **Constitution Article 9, Section 3**...add J) The agenda for the Annual General Meeting will be made available to Association members at least 7 days in advance of the meeting, and K) Draft Minutes from the Annual General Meeting will be made available to Association members within 10 days following the meeting, via PECMHA website

Second by W. Goodman

Open floor discussion...

CARRIED

5) Proposed Amendment by Terry Young – **By-Law #9, Part A Formation #4**...to increase the minimum players from 40 to 44...

"The executive of PECMHA will review projected numbers of players for the upcoming season. If the projected numbers indicate there is an adequate number of players to roster Two representative teams (A and A/E) in one division and still maintain **44** players in each house league division, the executive may approve the A/E team before the completion of registration."

Second by B. Young

Open floor discussion...

DEFEATED

6) Proposed Amendment by Dan Davies - **By-law #9, Part A Formation #4**...to reduce the minimum players from 40 to 36...
"The executive of PECMHA will review projected numbers of players for the upcoming season. If the projected numbers indicate there is an adequate number of players to roster Two representative teams (A and A/E) in one division and still maintain **36** players in each house league division, the executive may approve the A/E team before the completion of registration."

Second by S. Lavender
Open floor discussion...
DEFEATED

7) Proposed Amendment by Terry Young - **By-Law #9, Part D Player Movement #4**... No player being used as an (AP) Affiliate Player for a Rep team shall be entitled to play no more than 6 games as an AP player. This will include both regular season and playoff games. Anything greater will require PECMHA Executive approval. **No player being used as an (AP) Affiliate Player for a House League team shall be entitled to play no more than 6 games as an AP player. This will include all regular season games and not allowed for playoff games. Anything greater will require PECMHA Executive approval. These players must also be cleared by the House leagues Convenor and coaches to play in such games.**

Second by T. Powers
Open floor discussion...
CARRIED

8) Proposed Amendment by Scott Lavender - **Current Wording of Section G House League Playing Rules, Paragraph H**... **H) Any team below the numerical value of ELEVEN players at game time (including Goalkeeper) will be given the opportunity to use A.P. players so that the necessary number of players FROM BOTH TEAMS minimum 10 can be reached to play the game. A.P. PLAYERS SHOULD ONLY BE USED TO REACH A MAXIMUM OF 10 SKATERS. This must be approved by the OMHA Contact or House League Convenor (section F 2).**

Second by R. Doornbos
Open floor discussion...
CARRIED

9) Proposed Amendment by Scott Lavender - **Current Wording of By-Law 9 Regulation for Rep Teams, Section D, Player Movement, Paragraph 4**...No player being used as an (AP) Affiliate Player for a Rep Team shall be entitled to play no more than **10 REGULAR SEASON** games as an AP player. Anything greater will require PECMHA Executive approval. **THERE WILL BE NO LIMIT ON PLAYOFF GAMES.**

Second by J. Abrams
Open floor discussion...
CARRIED

Election of Officers

President – Mark Allison (accepts), Terry Young (declines)
Yes – 51
No – 15
Mark Allison is our President

OMHA Rep – Suzanne Terpstra (accepts), Dean Goodman (accepts)
Suzanne Terpstra – 30
Dean Goodman – 36
Dean Goodman is our new OMHA Rep

Banquet/Trophies – Chera Kuipers (accepts), Amy Mayhew (accepts)
Chera Kuipers – 37
Amy Mayhew – 22
Chera Kuipers is our new director of Banquet/Trophies

Fundraising and Publicity – Brad Lynd (accepts)
Yes – 60
No – 2
Brad Lynd is our director of Fundraising/Publicity

Equipment Manager – Joe Stacey (accepts)
Yes – 61
No – 0
Joe Stacey is our new Equipment Manager

Registrar – Jim Lindsay (accepts)
CARRIED (by a show of hands)
Jim Lindsay is our director of the Registrar

Tournament Coordinator - OPEN

Closing of AGM

Motion to adjourn the meeting by M. Harrison
Second by K. Stacey
ADJOURNED at 10:00 pm