



PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

May 18, 2011 @ 7:00pm
Bloomfield United Church Hall

APPROVED MINUTES

Attendance: J. Stacey, T. Clark, C. Kuipers, A. Ferguson, L. Gibson, R. Doornbos, D. Goodman, M. Allison, J. Lindsay, J. Kelly and S. Wells

Approval of Minutes from AGM 2010

Motion to accept Minutes by S. Roth

Second by K. Stacey

APPROVED (by show of hands)

Opening Remarks *Mark Allison*

Welcome to the 2011 Prince Edward County Minor Hockey Association Annual General Meeting and thank you for coming. This past year PECMHA has been exciting both on and off the ice.

We started off the year with brand new colour scheme, jerseys' and outerwear. It was a long process but in the end worth it. The new look kings look sharp and are unique to all other organizations. The colour change brought a new spark to our association and was a buzz not only here in the county but also in the centres we played.

If that wasn't enough we also moved into our new spectacular rink in Wellington. Our players have enjoyed the extra room in the dressings, bigger ice surface and clean facility. Our parents have enjoyed the use of the walking track during practices. Minor Hockey has a new office and a more user friendly storage space. It has been a great experience for all of us to be apart of.

The new changes brought success not only to PECMHA and their OHMA Championship, but also to our hockey cousins the Dukes and Pirates. The Novice Kings brought PECMHA their first OMHA Championship in 10 years.

The success of that team was in part due to the development of these young players a year earlier with the Additional Entry team they played on and developed with. It was a year ago at this Annual Meeting we had a lengthy discussion about second entry teams and our house league program. We made the decision to stay the course and run our A/E teams based on our projections for the following year. We could not have forecast that we would have 15 non-returning Bantam registrations, thus reducing our Bantam house league substantially. Despite the loss in registration we worked though it, reviewed our options and were able to run a successful Bantam HL program at reduced numbers and teams. We will again discuss numbers and additional entry teams again tonight. I ask that we keep our comments to the topic at hand and stay away from any personal comments. This is your time to express your opinion, this is your Constitution and Bi-Laws, not the executives.

Last year marked the fourth year of on line registration. Our member's use of the online process has grown at a successful rate! Four years ago we started at 48% compliance and now we are over 78%. **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.. 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.

PECMHA remains to be in a strong financial situation. Two years ago PECMHA made a financial commitment to the new Wellington Arena of \$25,000 over five years. Last year we made our second \$10000 donation, leaving us with only \$5000 more towards our commitment, which we intend to pay the upcoming year. After spending over \$26000 in new Jerseys we remain with a large surplus of over \$70000. Our budget projections were bang on for the year, John Kelly did an amazing job at keeping our ice usage to an exact science. I thank Chera for jumping in at the last minute to run our mandatory fundraiser making it our most successful fundraiser ever and then went on to fulfill her own role as Banquet Chair giving the kids another fun and exciting banquet in both HL and Rep. For the first time in several years we did not have to miss or re-schedule any games due to a lack of referees. Louise did a grab job of scheduling the refs and keeping them local as much as possible keeping our cost down again.

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 – The tournament made a profit of over \$12000.

As I mentioned above, although we have not completed a budget for next year, we do not anticipate an increase in registration fees. That being said ice rental is going up 5% plus a further \$4000 in HST for a total increase of over \$9000 next year. This will cut into some of our surplus but this is a surplus you have paid for and you deserve to have it go towards your registration.

As I said last year 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.

I also want to thank Ron, Todd, Angela and Suellen who all will be moving on from the executive. Angela has been with us for four years and Ron another 4. This was Ron's second time around on the executive and I hope it will not be his last. Ron you bring a lot of experience and it is very much appreciated. I hope if we come calling you will help us out again. Thank you to the Executive for all of your hard work each one is 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*

Open floor discussion...

Motion to accept report by A. Abrams

Second by J. Kelly

CARRIED

Proposed Amendments

1) Proposed amendment by Mark Allison – **Constitution: Article II, Section 4A**

Proposal: *Add the position of Junior House League Convener and rename the House League Convener as Senior House League Convener*

Open floor discussion...

Second by D. Goodman

CARRIED

2) Proposed amendment by Angela Ferguson – **Constitution: Article II, Section 4A**

Proposal: *The Executive positions of Director of Fundraising/Publicity and Director of Trophies/Awards/Banquet shall merge into one position as the Director of Fundraising/Publicity/Trophies/Awards/Banquet*

Open floor discussion...

Second by J. Lindsay

CARRIED

3) Proposed addition by Todd Clark – **Constitution: Article II, Section 6 (Defining a Conflict of Interest)**

Proposal: *A conflict of interest will be recognized as any executive member(s) that has/have personal interests in the outcome of a motion or committee. The affected member(s) will be asked to remove themselves from voting and/or from their seat on a committee. The discretion of this conflict of interest with regards to participation will lie with the executive vote and/or with the committee chair.*

Open floor discussion...

Second by R. Doornbos

CARRIED

4) Proposed amendment by Joe Stacey – **By-law 9, Section A, Item 4**

Current By-law:

4. 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 40 players in each house league division, the executive may approve the A/E team before the completion of registration.

Proposal:

4. *Two representative teams (A and A/E) will be offered for each division. If, in the opinion of the Executive, a limited roster must be set for a team so as to not adversely affect the remaining teams in that division, they will do so and inform the affected*

coach prior to tryouts. The executive of PECMHA reserves the right to deny approval of an A/E team for any division where registration numbers are such that a sustainable House League formation for that division will be adversely affected to no less than 3 teams. Number of teams per division to be determined by the numbers at 1st entry tryouts.

Open floor discussion...

Second by D. Davies

CARRIED

5) Proposed addition by Todd Clark - By-law 9, Section A, Item 4

Proposed addition: *As of September 1st, if the projected registration numbers are not sufficient to support a second Rep team and maintain the House League minimum, then the second entry team (A/E) will be dissolved in favor of a sustainable House League.*

After open discussion, T. Clark withdrew his proposed amendment and blended it with proposed amendment #4 (above).

Election of Officers

Vice President – Nominee: Obie VanVlack (accepts), second by M. Hopper

Yes – 19

No – 8

Obie VanVlack is our Vice President

Junior House League Convener – Nominee: Scott Lavender (accepts), second by M. Hopper

Yes – 26

No – 1

Scott Lavender is our Junior HL Convener

Senior House League Convener – No Nominees: OPEN

Executive members may make the decision to fill at a later date

House League Tournament Coordinator – Nominee: Justin Lavender (accepts), second by C.

Kuipers

Yes – 27

No – 0

Justin Lavender will continue as our HL Tournament Coordinator

Secretary – Nominee: Jefferson Gilbert (accepts), second by R. Doornbos

Yes – 27

No – 0

Jefferson Gilbert is our Secretary

Treasurer – Nominee: Todd Lavender (accepts), second by J. Kelly

Yes – 22

No - 5

Todd Lavender is our Treasurer

Referee-in-Chief – Nominee: Louise Gibson (accepts), second by S. Terpstra
Yes – 27
No – 0
Louise Gibson will continue as our Referee-in-Chief

Director of Fundraising/Publicity/Trophies/Awards/Banquet (1 year term)
Nominee: None
Chera Kuipers will continue to do this role

Ice Convener – Nominee: John Kelly (accepted), second by K. Stacey
Yes – 27
No – 0
John Kelly will continue to be our Ice Convener

New Business

John McFarland – expressed concern over the younger kids playing on the larger ice surface in Wellington and the older kids playing on the smaller ice surface in Picton; Mark Allison explained that this is an issue regarding ice time/availability.

Stephanie Roth inquired as to whether Power Skating would continue; Mark Allison explained that Power Skating is not run through the PECMHA rather it is offered through PEC Parks & Recreation.

Mark Hopper inquired as to whether PECMHA could formally offer a program directed at developing our HL and Rep goalies; Mark encouraged the parents of the PECMHA to put forth a proposal.

Kevin Algar inquired about Spring Rep try-outs; Mark Allison explained that normally, we do not have ice at this time of year and many PEC kids attend Belleville AAA try-outs at this time.

Jim Young inquired about a “4 on 4” program in PEC, since many kids enjoy playing; Wendy Lane (Parks & Recreation) informed members that PEC is looking at running a 4 on 4 program, but we won’t have ice until August 14th.

Closing of AGM

Motion to adjourn the meeting by S. Roth
Second by K. Stacey
ADJOURNED at 8:30 pm