

Steinbach Minor Hockey Association

AGM Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2019

7:30pm Smittys

Type of Meeting: Annual General Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Jon Sawatzky

Attendees: See Sign in Sheet for Members (11 present + Jon & Board)

Board Attendees: Michelle King, Dennis Brewster, Henry Kasdorf, Tim Friesen
Anne Barkman, Rob Wilcox, Christina Ackland, Laura Oswald

I. Call to order

Jon called to order the AGM of SHMA at 7:30pm.

II. Approval of Minutes - June 18, 2018 (posted on website)

Motion made by Anne and seconded by Henry. Approved.

III. Finance 2019 / Budget 2020

Jon reviewed details. Income down 145000 to 114000, gave explanations. Variance was predominantly registration. Income budget for 2020 is close to current 2019 actuals. Hometown Hockey and Telus added income this year.

Expenses - Ice/Refs close but lower due to lower numbers. Hockey equipment less spent b/c jerseys not required. Water bottle stations paid for by SMH.

Net profit \$1612. SMH likes \$20K to start season. Some ARs still outstanding.

2020 Budget says (\$14325) but could use jersey reserve rather than 20,000 cash

Motion to approve 2020 Budget made by Kevin and seconded by Michelle. Approved.

Comment – need bigger jersey sizes for Novice, Atom, Bantam, Midget

IV. Fees – Bd will use HH funds rather than increase fees to cover City of Steinbach increased ice costs. Novice will be tiered again this year, so fees will differ from last year.

V. Reports

- a) President (Kevin) – good financial year. Player development is changing – feedback informed us to remove testify and spend our money elsewhere. Tryouts – changes include earlier communication of dates and shorter period. Encourage volunteer participation.

Comment – transparency of evaluations. Use HC guide for evaluations. Can we have better explanation of what is evaluated and how. No elite jerseys allowed. No parent coaches involved. Deliver rankings (some concern from the board with this recommendation). Can you remove outliers quickly? Kids understand that they are bubble “fighting” for spot. (some concern from the board with this recommendation as young children, might have a bad day. Rather consider more scrimmage. On ice leaders are already grouping by ability during current process.)

Kevin - Process and feedback needs to be better communicated. Other associations spend \$10k to run evaluations.

Comment - Only request input from parents if not pre-decided by board (Miller Day issue).

Comment - Consider parent meeting before evaluations.

Comment – use of trained individuals for software and evaluations. (Kevin) Software will be used again. Evaluators is a challenge every year, try to get good “hockey sense” individuals to volunteer.

- b) Registrar – numbers were reviewed above in financials/budget.
- c) Tournaments – 5 successful tournaments. Will split Bantam and Midget next year b/c popular. Hosted 2 provincials. Positive reviews on volunteers.

Comment – are more teams positive? (Christina) Positive response, just requires more volunteer hours.

VI. Constitution (changes circulated) – intent to reflect current practices. Smaller governing board with subcommittee structure. 11 now – change 7 or 9. Terms – no more than 2 consecutive terms.

Comment – would like AGM earlier. (Reply) Fiscal year end is a challenge. Tried alternatives, not much more success. Trying to move Miller Day to get more engagement.

Motion to amend Constitution as presented made by Anne and seconded by Tim. Approved.

VII. Nominations – Registrar

5 members leaving. 6 remain. Open spot is Registrar. Nomination is Jacqui Plett. No other nominations, approved by acclamation.

VIII. Election – no need.

IX. Comments – PW Eastman development will occur again. We will adjust use of the Rink accordingly. Consider body contact training. (Ice availability, insurance and early tryouts will make this difficult). Maybe consider body contact training in the late spring with ice and insurance.

X. Adjournment

Jon adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm.

Minutes submitted by: Anne K Barkman

Minutes approved by: _____

President – Kevin Penner