

EAST LAMBTON MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF AGM
Wednesday May 4, 2016
Watford, Ontario
7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm. Paul Moffatt welcomed the members to the Annual General Meeting of the East Lambton Minor Hockey Association.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Scott Cran to accept the agenda and seconded by Jackie Verstraten.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Tania Lassaline made a motion to accept the minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting held Wednesday May 6, 2015 as presented and seconded by Monique Wilson.

CARRIED

3. REPORTS FROM ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FROM THE PREVIOUS YEARS

3.1 TREASURERS REPORT

Paula Bates presented the financial report.

She began by telling everyone it is a Notice to Reader. The fiscal year of the East Lambton Minor Hockey Association according to the Bylaws is May 31.

Balance Sheet

Cash

At the start of the new fiscal year cash on hand was \$158910.00.

Guaranteed Investment

ELMHA currently holds \$126550.00 in GIC's.

Capital Assets

Computers, shirts etc is currently at \$490.00

Accounts Payable

\$2328 at time of balance sheet

Statement of Operations

Total Revenue is \$233426.

Total Expenses is \$2238084.

This brings ELMHA's for the year to (\$4658)

Net Assets at the end of the year were \$215394.

Paul Moffatt thanked Paula Bates for the presentation outlining the financial status of ELMHA.

Paul Moffatt continued by telling the members that registration was again decided to not be raised, but asked the members if they are ok with the current financial status of East Lambton. There has been a small loss for the past two years. Paul M asked the members to bring any concerns to the executive at

any time regarding the financial status. Paul did explain that East Lambton has not had many teams advance in OMHA for the past few years which will affect the finances of the association some.

Jackie Verstraten made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented and seconded by Karen Cook.

CARRIED

3.2 OMHA

Bob Taylor shared with the members that the novice, atom and bantam all went to the ¼ finals in OMHA. The teams represented well

3.3 SHAMROCK LEAGUE

Bob Taylor also gave a report for the Shamrock league. He stated that 6 teams competed in the shamrock league. The league is currently working on structure changes. The goal is to even out the divisions. Bob mentioned to the members that the league is also working on changes for the midget division. They are looking at removing the league play downs and having a tournament before OMHA. The goal is to try and eliminate suspensions. Bob also mentioned that gate fees will most likely be removed. It does need to be voted on still so it will not happen until the 2017/18 season to allow centers to adjust their registration fees.

3.4 LAMBTON MIDDLESEX REPORT

Mike VanGorp presented the report for the Lambton Middlesex League. He shared with the members that ELMHA had 6 teams compete. The Novice team lost in the finals, the Atom White team won their group as well as the Peewee team. The tykes played with full rules this past season and a 3 minute buzzer. It didn't go as planned and they are looking for changes at the AGM and will be looking at how they re categorized the A and B loop.

Mike thanked all the coaches as ELMHA had no fines for the year.

3.4 ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION REPORT

Phil Deschamps, the rep for OWHA shared with the members that ELMHA had 4 teams registered. The Peewee and Bantam teams qualified for provincials.

3.5 WESTERN ONTARIO GIRLS HOCKEY LEAGUE REPORT

Phil Deschamps presented his report for The Western Ontario Girls Hockey League. He reported that the peewee won silver and the bantams won gold as well as the midgets.

4. PLANNED ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

Paul Moffatt told everyone that ELMHA will be running the goalie clinics and TPH clinics again next season. He stated that ELMHA will again have the concussion baseline testing for the peewee and up divisions. Paul mentioned that the pre-novice program will move forward again next season.

There were some growing pains but it was felt that by the end it was a good program. Dan Davidson shared with the members the survey results. Paul Moffatt asked the members to share their ideas and encouraged suggestions.

Paul Moffatt cleared up a few misconceptions regarding the Armstrong foundation. It is a separate committee.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Girls Update – Phil Deschamps shared with the members that the girls tryouts were almost complete for all age groups. The 2nd team coach applications close May 17th. Look for a new website for the girls hockey soon. The Logo contest was complete and the results and colours will be announced shortly. OWHA requires the girls to commit to complete financial independence within 12 months as well as having a constitution and rules of operation. A discussion on how it will all work and questions regarding the finances took place. Paul Moffatt let everyone know it will not be something decided by the just the executive. It will require a lawyer to help work out the details and will be brought to the members.

Registration for the girls is set up through OWHA. The deadline for registration will be May 31, 2016.

5.2 Dance Tickets – Sue Thorne announced that the dance tickets are available for pick up for those registered. For those not registered there will be 3 dates set at different locations shortly that members can pick up their dance tickets. The dates and locations will be posted on the website. The volunteer sign up will be the same as the other volunteering this past season and will be on line. It was shared with the group that the Watford Optimist will be working with ELMHA to run the dance.

6. ELECTION OF THE BOARD

P. Moffatt announced those whose terms had expired.

WARD 1:

Dennis Meston

Bob Taylor

Phil Deschamps

WARD 2:

Rhonda Straatman

Mike VanGorp

Paul Moffatt announced that Jeff Sawyer from Ward 1 is stepping down before his term is up. Paul also stated that Rhonda Straatman from Ward 2 was standing for re-election.

Paul Moffatt motioned to re-elect Rhonda Straatman. The motion was seconded by Brad Smith.

CARRIED

Available executive positions, for Ward 1 is:

3 - 2 year terms

1 -1 year term.

The 1 year term will be decided at the first executive meeting.

Nominations

Paul Moffatt asked before nominations were given to have 2 scrutineers nominated.

Jillian Kinna nominated Martina Joris and Janet Denkers. Motion was seconded by Dan Davidson.

CARRIED

WARD 1: 4 Positions available

Bryan Thorne

Motion by Darrin Angus

2nd by Brad Smith

Marty Swan

Motion by Kristina Podolinsky

2nd by Brad Smith

Darrin Angus

Motion by Julie Hayter

2nd by Bob Taylor

Derek Holmes

Motion by Jim Rops

2nd by Julie Hayter

Steve McLaughlin motioned to close the nominations for Ward 1 and seconded by Brad Goss.

CARRIED

WARD 2: 1 Position Available

Pat Shanahan

Motion by Brad Mackenzie

2nd by Dan Davidson

Heather Letkeman

Motion by Dan Davidson

2nd by Rhonda Straatman

Brian Jubenville

Motion by Julie Hayter

2nd by Brad Smith

After the nominations Heather Letkeman declined.

Scott Cran made a motioned to close the nominations for Ward 2. Motion was seconded by Martina Joris.

CARRIED

After the voting:

WARD 2: Brian Jubenville

2016 new executive members:

Ward 1 – Bryan Thorne, Marty Swan, Darrin Angus and Derek Homles

Ward 2 – Brian Jubenville

Scott Cran motioned to accept the new executive as voted and elected. Motion was seconded by Brad Smith.

CARRIED

Steve Mclaughlin motioned to have ballots destroyed and seconded by Christina Podolinsky.

CARRIED

6.1 ADJOURNMENT

Before adjourning the meeting Paul Moffatt reminded everyone that coach applications were due this year by May 31, 2016

Paul opened the floor for any questions or concerns.

Watford Silver Stick Kitchen - Sue Thorne announced that the Watford Silver stick kitchen has been run for the past few years by Jackie Verstraten and this will be her final year, so ELMHA is looking for an individual or small group to take on this role. She mentioned if anyone was interested to contact her for more information.

Alvinston Silver Stick - Richelle Duncan from the Alvinston Silver Stick committee mentioned as well that they are looking for volunteers and committee members

Bantam Tryouts 2016/17 - A discussion on how bantam try outs will be run this upcoming season took place. Due to no body contact in Peewee or Bantam LL a checking clinic must be run and all players trying out must attend before tryouts or the tryout must be non-contact. Paul Moffatt shared with the group that ELMHA is currently looking into how ELMHA will run this.

Pre-Novice – It was questioned if ELMHA has considered purchasing dividers for the ice. Paul stated that Adam MacKellar is currently looking at the cost and the plan is to have the dividers for both arenas.

Refereeing – A few concerns regarding the younger referees came up. It was questioned if older referees can be paired with younger referees. Rhonda Straatman stated that they are currently trying to work that out for next season. Unfortunately there has to be willing higher level referees to referee

younger games. The plan is to have each younger referee set up with an experienced referee one or two times during the season to start. Rhonda also stated that she has questioned how to go about trying to set up some sort of mentoring program for the referees. She also reminded everyone that we wish to keep the young referees and that can be difficult if there is negativity coming from coaches and fans. It was stated sometimes teams were waiting for the referees to show up. Rhonda stated that was the first she had heard that and that needs to be brought to her attention during the season if it is a regular occurrence.

Registration Draw - The winner for the \$330 towards registration was Aaron Turner.

The meeting was motioned to be adjourned at 8:34pm by Brad Rombouts and seconded by Scott Cran.

Paul Moffatt, President

Rhonda Straatman, Secretary