**Powassan Minor Hockey Association**

**Minutes**

March 7, 2018

Present: Annette Szczygiel, Darin Szczygiel, Shawn Essery, Heather Rueck, Teryn Booth, Amanda Stewart, Derek Rueck, Nathan Stewart, Heather Rueck, Della Oshell

Regrets: none

1. Standing Items:

* Additions to Agenda: None
* Review/Approval of previous meeting minutes (February 7, 2018): Motion to approve Heather, Second Darin
* Financial Update (Heather): Regular Account $38,405.07 still need to pay remainder of season ice bills and dividers. 50/50: Less than $100 just paid ice bill. Cash flow report shared.
* Correspondence: none

2. Business Arising: (deferred from last meeting and/or follow up needed)

* Family Hockey Tournament Review: Profit $16,160.12 (still have change to roll and deposit). Reviewed expenses/income and comparisons.

3. New Business:

* 3 man referee system - Shawn Essery presented his proposal re: interest in running a pilot program using an officiating system that mirrors the high school system. (2 refs, 1 linesman) at the levels where there is currently a 3 official system. PMHA is in support.

"With complaints that have been lodged about lack of experience of our officials, the thought is that there is opportunity for on-ice mentoring and support from a senior official to a less experienced counterpart. The transition from 2 man to this three man system is an easier step, for most, as it is simply adding a linesman to the current system most referees are training on (2 man). The step to a 4 man system is a again a small one.

From a competition standpoint, having 2 sets of eyes with the ability to call penalties during the games, helps keep the behind the play BS to a minimum.

When employed correctly, all areas of the ice have better coverage- Front official takes the line on zone entry, then covers the zone, the linesman takes the line on zone exits/re-entries and drops all pucks. It is a very simple transition from the 2 man system to this system.

The cost for an additional referee per game would increase, based on the current rates. Midget Rep would be +$10, Midget HL would be  +$10, Bantam Rep would be +$9, Bantam HL would be +$8, Peewee Rep would be +$7.

For Powassan to have this system for this past season the additional cost for the regular season would have been $264 for the NDHL season (home games only). For East Nip- the additional cost would have been $472. For West Ferris the additional cost would have been $1384. We can discuss a reduced rate that would reflect the shared responsibility of the officials, if that would be of interest, but an extra $1/game per player seems like a small cost for an additional layer of protection and control"

* Next year's numbers: Projections: Initiation 13, Novice 16, Atom 27, PeeWee 26, Bantam 14, Midget 13 - possibly more if it's a rep team (this includes the Almaguin players). Action: Go through names and project house/rep teams and potential collaborations with East Nipissing/Almaguin.
* Possibility of buying a tutor shooter: Approximately $400. Explore pricing and warranty and then make a decision via email or at the next meeting.
* Tryouts - will have the tryouts in the Fall as always. Determine at what levels we will be offering rep teams. Meet with Bantam and Midget teams/parents re: next year.
* IP survey results - NOHA.
* Coaches survey/evaluations - Darin to send out the IP team, the IP survey. Coaches evaluations to be sent out by Della over March Break.
* planning for AGM - Friday May 11th. Drinks 5, Dinner 5:30, AGM 6:30, Executive Meeting to follow. Combine Volunteer Appreciation and May Executive Meeting. Details TBA. Focus of next meeting.
* NOHA AGM - May 4-6 - TBD who is attending.
* Harassment and Abuse Official - Tom McVey, would like his position to be up for appointment at AGM.

4. Next Meeting? April 15, 6pm, Curling Club

5. Meeting Adjourned: 8:12pm.

**Special Meeting:**

Present: Darin Szczygiel, Heather Rueck, Della Oshell, Derek Rueck, Teryn Booth.

In Camera discussion re: Complaint. Email correspondence to teams involved. Derek and Teryn to have a discussion with PMHA member.