

PRAIRIE STORM MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
Annual General Meeting
June 20, 2023
Held at Balgonie Multiplex and via Microsoft Teams

Call to Order: The Meeting was called to order at 7:02

Chairperson: Dustin Melnyk, President

Recording Secretary: Nicole Beaumont, Secretary, PSMHA

Call to Order Opening Remarks:

The 2023 Annual General Meeting was called to order by Dustin Melnyk. Dustin let everyone present know that the call will be recorded for the purpose of putting together the meeting minutes. Dustin Melnyk confirmed with our recording secretary that we have had enough attendees for quorum. Between those on the call and in person in the room, we had 32 eligible members, therefore as motions will be passed with a majority vote of 17 or more. By having a hybrid meeting, if votes are required, we would count those who are opposed and if necessary, introduce a voting app for everyone to utilize. Dustin indicated that if anyone chooses to abstain from a vote, they may do so, and their vote will not be counted. For voting, if you are making the motion or seconding the motion, it was asked that you unmute yourself on the call & state your name or raise your hand if you're in person in the room. Dustin let everyone know that if they have any questions during the meeting, they may do so at any time.

Dustin introduced board members that were in attendance at the AGM and thanked them for their work over the last year and those who are outgoing for their years of service and dedication to our association. Dustin also let it be known that we no longer have our Executive Director employed with PSMHA and have let him go for undisclosed reasons.

Special guest: Diana Leray - KPMG

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Dustin presented the agenda that was emailed prior to the meeting and posted to the PSMHA webpage

MOTION: Adopt the agenda as shown

Motioned by: Tyler F.

Second: Trevor Gelsing

Opposed: n/a

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the 2021 Meeting Minutes

Dustin asked if everyone had the opportunity to review the 2021 AGM Meeting minutes and if there were any questions or changes. There was no response.

Motion: Adopt the 2021 AGM Meeting minutes as emailed and posted on the PSMHA webpage

Motion by: Corey Petford

Second by: Dave Schmalenberg

Opposed: n/a

CARRIED

4. Adoption of the 2022 Meeting Minutes

Dustin asked if everyone had the opportunity to review the 2022 AGM Meeting minutes and if there were any questions or changes. There was no response.

Motion: Adopt the 2022 AGM Meeting minutes as emailed and posted on the PSMHA webpage

Motion by: Dave Schmalenberg

Second by: Brad Olynyk

Opposed: n/a

CARRIED

5. PSMHA Financials

Diana LeRay presented the audited financials as prepared by KPMG. An overview included the Statement of Operations and indicated that registration fees are stable, but numbers are slightly down from the year before. Expenses were reviewed by all of those in attendance. Notice was given that the cost of ice will be increasing but all other expenses are in line with last year. We have a loss of ~\$2500, but it should be noted that there was a positive cash flow from operations (19k) but amortization of equipment (\$24k), non-cash expense. Investing activities was approx. 140k in a GIC. There was also purchase of equipment, mainly jerseys for approx. 37k. We currently have 200k in the bank account. We were advised last year to have \$200k for emergencies.

Dave S – what would be an emergency? Nadine, if we needed to cease operation and be on the hook for ice, or expenses ie: ED. It has been recommended that we have 3-6 months of expenses available (recommended by our auditors).

Our auditor, Diana LeRay, from KPMG was present as well as our bookkeeper, Jackie Lazar to address any questions the membership had.

Motion: Approve the 2022 Financial Statements as presented

Motioned by: Chris Prohar

Second: Trevor Gelsing

Opposed:

CARRIED

Motion: To accept KPMG as auditors for the upcoming 2023-24 season

Motioned by: Tyler F

Second: Aaron Brocklehurst (SP)

Opposed: n/a

CARRIED

Question Greg R.: How much is KPMG? This is lumped into professional fees.

Nadine talked about the registration fees.

- These fees are increase of fees and ED
- The younger divisions are seeing an increase. We are charging the U9 the cost of the goalie equipment instead of the whole association
- U15/18 - we have less numbers in this division
- U13aa – larger increase, previously we weren't increasing the number of practice ice, this year we have done this, to be the same as other AA teams.
- Explanation of what factors into the registration fees was explained, this includes scheduling, ice, equipment, etc

- \$250/hour in September for ice, \$237 for the rest of the year.

Question - Brad Olynyk – could we do our registration earlier to get a better idea on numbers

Jody – we used to do it in May, but our projections are not far off. Although we lost the female teams, we have 2 extra teams in U11. We are trying to secure ice in other centers and may need to get creative in getting ice.

Jackie Lazaar – what is happening with the WC arena, will there be a new one? Dustin – we have not heard anything.

Chris Prohar – what is the average ice time per level? Jody - U7 is 45 minute ice slots (shared); U9 –U18 are one hour, unless go out of town, some AA teams may have 1.25;

Jody – we need to ensure we are picking up the right amount of ice and the right days

Trevor G – wanted to point out that parents need to be responsible for getting their kids to practice on time and prepared for practice, so the ice is utilized properly

Greg R.: Did ice rates go up across the board? Nadine – yes, all rinks, and pointed out that CityView skating club pays \$50

Kendi – with u18aa no longer in Lumsden, will there be opportunity to get that ice there? Dustin – no with the addition of the female teams (u15, u22). We are in constant talk with Lumsden on the female side.

What is PS going to do to advocate for new rinks? Dustin has talked to the RM and town about this, and we are on-board.

Greg R.: How much is the cost of the goalie equipment and why are the fees going up in U9 so much?

Nadine – jerseys is also included in these fees as well as medical kits, goalie equipment for 10 teams; Four sets of goalie equipment is amortized on a three year rotation

6. Highlights of 2022/2023 Season

Jody Nowoselski presented highlights over the past year, which included team, official and individual member successes . The highlights included:

- Financial review – this was to make sure everyone knew that we returned 750\$ per team in U13 and up due to our surplus. The younger age groups get Powerskating, and this is the offset for that. U7 saw a credit because there were more players per team than we projected.
- Board review – there was a subcommittee set up to do a review of the board and to see if we had the appropriate directors and this committee made a recommendation based on this. The key outcome was the player development director. When we get an ED and get them up to speed, we would like to eliminate board roles ie: registrar if we can. The ED would take this on
- Try Goalie Sessions – Chance let everyone know that we had Increase Performance out. The little ones had a more difficult time, and we are going to take a different approach this year. We had 4 sessions for U11- U18. These were well attended.
- U9/U11 power skating – we get a small grant to assist this. We are looking to get someone in place to do this again. We had Bruce Thompson and Dave Schultz. Bruce volunteered his time for 10 sessions. Dave will not be back next year, but we are going to look at what we will do for the upcoming season.

- Adam Herold – recipient Cole Oswald, we had a large uptake of nominations this year. Russ Herold has a group of independent coaches, and they interview and select the winner.
- Camden spoke on the official of the month and development of our officials.

Kendi - With a full-time exec director, are any number of positions currently reduced (number of board positions)? And since work is being reduced for board members to the executive director, will that also reduce honorariums being paid out? Dustin - we don't anticipate reducing the number of board members, once we transfer duties to the ED, we will look at reducing the number of board members. We have not looked at the honorarium

Season in review – Divisional directors provided an update on each of their respective divisions.

U9 – Dustin added that we will no longer need sanctions for when PS plays other PS teams.

Chris Prohar – has there been any thought on having manager training session? We need a better guide for our managers. We do have our manager meeting at the beginning of the season, but we need to find mentors within the association.

7. Officer Position:

Dustin recognized our exiting coordinator positions – Travis Murray, Laura G & Manda Bray

We had a call for officer positions. These have been filled by the following:

- Referee In Chief & Assigner - Camden Harkness
- Tournament Coordinator - Jennifer Getz
- Bingo Coordinator - Lisa Sali

Staff Positions filled

- Bookkeeper - Jackie Lazar
- Officials Assignor – Camden Harkness

Open Staff Position

- Executive Director

Election of Directors

Dustin indicated that we have seven directors that are retiring or have resigned from their positions. They are:

- Jen Cordick-Stephen
- Nora Madill
- Katee Galandy
- Chad Corbin
- Corey Petford
- Nadine Witwicki
- Josh Bray

Nominations Received – Directors (two-year term) – Acclaimed:

- Aaron Brocklehurst
- Chad Corbin
- Katee Galandy
- Corey Petford
- Nadine Witwicki

Remaining on the board:

- Jody Nowoselski

- Nicole Beaumont
- Dustin Melnyk
- Chance Rogers
- Michael Didowycz
- Michael Flaman

Based on having two open board positions Dustin asked those on the call if there were any nominations to fulfill those positions:

Nominate Josh Bray for development director – Jen Getz
By acclamation – we welcome back Josh Bray

Nominate Brad Olynyk for director – Josh Bray
Welcome Brad Olynyk

Kristin Frombach – Has stepped up for the equipment coordinator

We have not received any bylaw amendments.

8. Review of 2023/2024 plans

Dustin presented the initiatives and plans for 2023/24 (as per presentation on website):

- Continued Focus on Development
- Organization of Duties at the Board/Administration Level
- Review of SportsEngine
- Look for improvements in Ice Utilization
- U7/U9 Year End Tournaments
- U11 Hosted Tournament – Nov. 17-19th
- Review and Update of our Policies
- Esso Try Hockey Days
- Wickfest Application for Female Teams

Coaching clinics – we are planning on hosting as many as we can this year. This year, the deadline is sooner than previous years, as per Sask Hockey.

There were no bi-law changes submitted.

Questions -

Trevor G – U13 draft was delayed due to waiting for the AA teams to be picked, can the draft be done sooner? Jody – these dates are based on Hockey Sask dates. Dustin – there is a larger non-local component this year, which delayed the draft for the other teams this year and would essentially push

Dave – female question – can we have one name for all the female teams? Ie: Ice red or Ice black

Brad O – any idea about changing the team sizes when playing with HRI? Jody will be meeting with HRI tomorrow. Jody let everyone know that we are going to ask if we can wait until kids evaluate before we say we are having 'x' A teams, 'x' B teams, 'x' C teams

Lisa Sali - Hears about player and coach development – we're going to develop the team as a whole. There isn't consistency at practices that there are goalie drills. She would like when coaches talk about the team, that there be acknowledgement of the goalies. She would like this emphasized to all coaches.

Jody also indicated that we needed that we also need to improve on our defensive side all together, including the defensemen. By having our Development director, that we may be able to accomplish some of these goals.

Tamra Boreen – She agrees with Lisa Sali. This was the first time she has witnessed having a goalie coach and saw the benefit of in the moment corrections.

Dwayne Klotz- not allowing U9 kids not develop as a goalie did not benefit. They didn't have one player on the team who wanted to play net. Nadine – we asked in the U9 registration whether kids want to play goalie so we can possibly split the kids who want to try goalie amongst all teams.

Suggestions to have the older kids come out to the younger teams to help the goalies.

Greg R. – can we ask the level of commitment for upfront to our coaches. Jody said we can add this to our registration form

Question – when it comes to evaluations is there a reason why coaches are not included in the evaluation process? Dustin – if there is a glaring error, the DD can take this under advisement. This also is to avoid politics.

Adjourn – 9:10

Motion to adjourn – Chris P

Second: Jody

Carried