



**Portage Minor Hockey Association Inc
Annual General Meeting
May 19, 2020
Virtual Meeting due to COVID-19 Pandemic
7:00pm**

Attendance: Crystal Pritchett, Lesley Anne McLaughlin, Breanne Galston, Stephanie Northrup, Kelly Funk, Darcy Davis, Natasha Ross, Travis Foster, Tori Nadeau, Raegan O'Ray, Chris Tornato

Regrets: Breanne Galston

Members Present: Crystal Kasprowich, Cory Dowd, Jamie Lee Gale, Bryan Dion, Jennifer Askin, Tammy Pierrepoint, Jason Henderson, Anette Aquin, Jeff Breakey, Chad Gillis, Mitch Brennan

- 1) Call to order at 7:00pm.
- 2) Approval of agenda. Motion by Chris Tornato, seconded by Tori Nadeau
- 3) Adoption of April 15th, 2019 minutes – Motion by Stephanie Northrup, seconded by Travis Foster
- 4) Business arising from minutes: None

5) Board of Director Reports:

President: The 2019-20 season was an eventful one. Our board has worked hard to provide minor hockey for the kids within our catchment area.

This year saw a change in instruction for power skating. We charged a small fee, and also brought Blaine Boyle on board to organize and instruct each week. This was well received by our membership.

Another change was the return of our peewee gold team to the Winnipeg Peewee AA league. While it is an extremely tough league to play in, the focus was on developing the players for the long term. I would strongly recommend staying in this league moving forward if possible, to provide the highest level of competition for our members.

At the atom level, we returned to having house league teams for all and then double rostering for gold and silver. Our house league teams played in Central Plains league.

Our initiation level was bursting at the seams with registration numbers. We had 6 teams at that level for the first time in many years. We need to work to maintain those numbers and encourage those players to stay in the game and continue playing right through to U18. We had a high level of participation from parents and volunteers to make that age group run smoothly which hopefully will translate into lots of potential coaches as they progress through the ages.

PMHA has seen an increase in the number of females registered in our hockey program and as such is taking steps to provide options for female hockey. We look forward to seeing this start and hopefully successfully continue so we can be a feeder program for the Central Plains U15 and U18 teams down the road.

Thanks, but no thanks to COVID-19, some of our PMHA teams did not get an opportunity to participate in provincials this year and had their playoffs or year end tournaments cancelled. Of course, this is very disappointing as they worked so

- hard to get to that point. It was an abrupt end to the season for all of the kids, coaches and parents. We hope September brings about good news and on ice competition for our membership.

The season was not without its challenges, and I wish to thank the board members who assisted in trouble shooting, handling issues, and helping with conversations along the way. This season was my last as president of PMHA, and I appreciate the time and effort of all of our board members, coaches, parents and other volunteers who have made it a priority to make our hockey programs run as smoothly as possible for the many kids who rely on us. To the players, keep working hard, shooting pucks and having fun. I hope everyone has a great summer and that we are back on the ice in the fall.

Registrar Report

This year we had 206 players registered on rosters to play with PMHA. This is down by 2 players from last year. The 206 players are broken down into the following age groups:

Initiation (Squirt) - 60 players making up 5 teams (up 2 players from last year)

Novice - 42 players making up 3 teams (up 5 players from last year)

Atom - 39 players making up 3 house teams, a double rostered Gold team and a double rostered on the Silver team (down 6 players from last year)

Peewee - 45 players making up 3 teams, two house teams, a double rostered Silver and Gold team. the Peewee house teams played out of Central Plains and the Gold team played out of Winnipeg (down 1 player from last year)

Bantam - 19 players making up 1 team (down 3 from last year)

Midget - 0 players (matches previous year)

Power Skating - 78 registered this year (down 6 from last year)

Squirts Power Skating - 53 Registered, a new program offered this year.

Goalie Development was offered with 12 goalies participating (down 3 from last year). This pro-gram was capped at 6 goalies per instruction level to help increase one on one instruction.

Breakfast Club was cancelled and money was refunded again this year due to not enough participants registering.

We are offering spring online registration this year, it will run from June 1st to June 28th. It will be closed for a few weeks and will reopen later in the summer. Once again, there will be no cheque or cash payments accepted. All members will be expected to register online, including Chance to Play registrations.

Treasurer: Please see attached report

Equipment Manager:

- Two sets of peewee jerseys were purchased.
- equipment was handed out and collected for 19 teams
- Atom Jerseys were ordered for next season.
- Pucks were replenished at both rinks throughout the year
- older goalie equipment was replaced as needed

Risk Manager

This year PMHA dealt with an average amount of complains and/or suspensions. I would like to thank the coaches, assistant coaches, managers and my fellow board members for all of their volunteer hours this year.

PR Director:

Social Media

- Another increase in followers on Facebook
- Posts are mostly informational and repetitive of what is emailed out to the membership and posted on the website.

6) New Business

- 6.1 **Delaying Registration:** Registration date will be put on hold until we know what is happening during this pandemic. Email will be sent to say registration will be pushed back and further details to follow in early June.
- 6.2 **Nominations:**
- a. President (2-year term): Board nominates Travis Foster. Elected by acclamation.
 - b. Secretary (2-year term): Currently not filled.
 - c. Tournament Coordinator (2-year term): Board nominates Crystal Pritchett. Elected by acclamation
 - d. PR Director (2-year term): Tori Nadeau nominated Jamie Lee Gale. Jamie Accepted. Elected by acclamation.
 - e. Risk Management (2-year term): Chris Tornato nominated Cory Dowd. Cory accepted. Elected by acclamation.
 - f. Fundraising (2-year term): Board nominated Tori Nadeau. Elected by acclamation.
 - g. Female Hockey Rep: Currently not filled.

7) Meeting Adjourned: 730pm