

**Alberni Valley Minor Hockey Association  
Executive/Management Meeting Minutes**

January 29, 2020  
7:00 pm

Type of Meeting: Regular Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Best Western Barclay

I. Call to order

Time: 1900

In attendance: Mike Doucette, Vesna Dorn, Amber Lamb, Marilyn Gibson, Kord Kozocari, Roxanne Leyland, Karen Kozocari, Sarah Bielert, Dan Cheetham, Sam Barrowcliff, Andrea Massop, Francois Warren

II. Adoption of Agenda

(M/S) Sam Barrowcliff/Amber Lamb

All in favour.

**CARRIED**

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

(M/S) Kord Kozocari/Vesna Dorn

All in favour.

**CARRIED**

IV. Reports

a) President – Mike Doucette

Went to VIAHA meeting in January. Mike specifically asked VIAHA Executive if we should be offering refunds for rink closure and Executive felt that we should not be offering refunds as we only lost approximately 8% of ice time and the effort involved in doing a refund would not be worth it. There will be a report in the Executive Minutes when the money is spent to explain to the membership how the money that wasn't spent on ice was injected back in to AVMHA.

Conference call with VIAHA and BC Hockey regarding players who are participating in "outlaw" leagues. Originally, VIAHA had said that they would suspend any players who were participating. BC Hockey has decided that they will say that they do not recommend players being part of these unsanctioned leagues but there is no action they will take against players who do participate.

Met with Atom House team regarding behavior. Behavior did not improve and the head coach resigned. Player that was suspended for behavior problems then AP'd for PeeWee House team. Permission was not granted from Atom coaches so PeeWee coaches did not know that player was suspended. There are enough coaches to move forward without replacing the head coach who has resigned.

Skating Club has requested donations from AVMHA for their upcoming carnival. Skating Club has donated to us many times so we would like to donate \$225.

(M/S) Sam Barrowcliff/Kord Kozocari to donate \$150 for sponsorship in program and \$75 in the form of a gift card for their raffle.

All in favour.

**CARRIED**

b) Vice President – Kord Kozocari

Nothing to report

c) Secretary – Andrea Massop

Nothing to report

d) Treasurer – Vesna Dorn

Report submitted.

(M/S) Mike Doucette/Andrea Massop to change bank for AVMHA to Coastal Community Credit Union.

All in favour.

**CARRIED**

(M/S) Sam Barrowcliff/Kord Kozocari to accept Treasurer Report.

All in favour.

**CARRIED**

e) Director at Large – Dave Porter

Nothing to report

f) Director at Large – Amber Lamb

Nothing to report

g) Registrar – Samantha Barrowcliff

Ongoing conversation about rostering First Shift players in both First Shift and a MHA. It is not permitted to dual roster them to both. They must complete First Shift before they can be on a HCR for a team.

Thank you to Roxanne for all her years of work on the website and all around AVMHA. Roxanne is resigning in April from her positions in AVMHA. She will be greatly missed for her wisdom and insight that she always brings to the table.

(M/S) Sam Barrowcliff/Mike Doucette to adopt Team Snap as online platform for AVMHA moving forward.

All in favour.

**CARRIED**

(M/S) Sam Barrowcliff/Vesna Dorn to bring on Dan Cheetham as web master for the Team Snap platform.

All in favour.

**CARRIED**

Continued work on Policy and Procedure Manual and copy of manual to go to Executive for review within the week. Hoping to have approval for posting by February or March 2020 meeting.

#### V. Reports by Management Committee

##### a) Initiation Program Coordinator – Dan Cheetham

Sam and Sarah and Amber have made transition into role easy for Dan.

Novice's are getting set to do Atom Transition.

Query on if Bulldogs participating in school activities could be resumed. Mike Doucette reports that he spoke to head coach about participating in minor hockey practices but Bulldogs coach felt that the evenings should be free for the players and they should not have commitments. Not sure if Bulldogs will be amenable but we can inquire.

##### b) Recreation Team Coordinator – Karen Kozocari

Nothing to report

##### c) Competitive/Development Team Coordinator – Stefanie Weber

Congratulations to the Midget team on winning the Island League Division 3 Banner!

Peewee, Bantam and Midget Rep started playoffs this weekend, all hoping to win the Island berth at the BC Hockey Championships March 14 - 19

Championships are held this year as follows:

Midget - Summerland; Bantam – West Vancouver; PeeWee - Quesnel

Any team that is successful in earning a berth are provided with travel support by VIAHA and our Association

Midgets opened their playoff run with a win over Kerry Park and the PeeWees split their weekend games with a loss to Powell River and a win over Oceanside to stay in the hunt to a semi-final spot. The Bantams lost to a stronger North Island team.

Playoffs continue over the next two weekends with semi's slated the weekend of Feb 15/16 followed by best of 3 Island Finals.

Atom Development is considered recreation level play and does not have Provincial competition. League play continues until the end of February with playoffs in early March.

The midget rep team did well on their beer and burger night and were able to make up the funding shortfall from their tournament. It was a fun night, thanks to the executive group that came out and supported the team.\

There is an outstanding update to the rep manual. Andrea and Stef will work on that over the next few months so that it is ready for the AGM and the next season.

d) Tournament Coordinator – Sarah Bielert

Novice tournament went well.

Four more tournaments upcoming. PeeWee tourney happening this coming weekend will be our first recreational tournament to be using electronic score sheets. Bantam will be doing the same the following weekend.

Bryan Mason's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday would have been on the Saturday of the PeeWee tournament. Opening ceremonies at 6:30 and much of Bryan's family will be there.

e) Female Player Coordinator – Angela Cole

Not in attendance but report sent in by Angela saying nothing to report.

f) Risk Management Coordinator – Vacant

Mike Doucette has a few people in mind to approach regarding the position. Asked Executive for any suggestions. Would like position filled in the next month or so.

g) Gaming and Licensing Coordinator – Sarah Bielert

Raffle tickets are in. Raffle winners will be drawn on April 1, 2020 on FaceBook Live, not at the banquet as it has been done in past years.

h) Public Relations Coordinator – Andrea Massop

Nothing to report

i) Recreation Sponsorship Coordinator – Marilyn Gibson

Roxanne doing photographs for sponsors.

j) Ice Allocator – Sarah Bielert

Handing back a lot of ice right now. Leafs Alumni team looking for ice times to practice. Sarah will be in touch with them to give some of that ice to them.

k) Referee in Chief – Francois Warren

All good.

l) Coach Coordinator – Dave Porter

Feb 5, 2020 is last goalie ice for the season. 11-16 goalies per session.

Budget needs to be established for development ice for the 2020/21 season. Will require consistent ice times.

m) Equipment Manager – Amber Lamb

Cart update: Coaches that were polled were not interested in the cart idea.

Amber is going to go to each division manager and get them to talk to coaches and make requests for what they would need.

We may need to establish a set among of pucks per team for season that AVMHA will supply and then team will have to buy their own pucks after that.

(M/S) Mike Doucette/Andrea Massop that moving forward, each team will be allowed 100 pucks to be supplied by AVMHA. Any pucks they need after that will be the responsibility of the team to purchase, either on their own or through the Equipment Manager.

All in favour.

**CARRIED**

Inquiry about whether Atom Development has to remain in suits for travel. With Atom Development coming into more of Recreation slant, consideration maybe should be made that dress code is relaxed for Atom Development. Mike Doucette suggests that with the Atom Pathway coming into play in Fall 2020, we can look at the issue more closely.

n) Tag Day Coordinator – Carrie Johanneson

Not in attendance. Letter received from City of Port Alberni approving dates for Tag Day in Fall 2020. October 7-10, 2020 are dates we were given. Concern that with it approaching the Thanksgiving weekend, many Rep players will be leaving town for tournaments. Suggestion that Rep players get to sign up for the Oct 7&8 dates and House players get the Oct 9&10 dates.

VI. Reports by Division Managers

a) Initiation/Novice Manager – Vacant

b) Atom Division Manager – Heather Newton

Not in attendance

- c) PeeWee Division Manager – Sabrina Saran

Not in attendance

- d) Bantam Division Manager – Sam Barrowcliff

TV has been requested for showing drills. Problem solving and solutions to come

- e) Midget Division Manager – Kord Kozocari

Nothing to report

## VII. Old/Unfinished Business

- a) Review of Policy and Procedure Manual changes

- b) Status of mail boxes – Vesna Dorn

Mail box will be established in the equipment room for Vesna to drop off cheques that can be picked up by coaches/managers

- c) Status of equipment room changes and equipment purchases

- d) Change of banks to Coastal Community Credit Union (motion and vote required) – Vesna Dorn

Discussed above

Letter required and minutes from meeting required. Vesna will coordinate with voting Executive members to get signing and transition completed.

- e) Development Ice – Vesna Dorn

Discussed above

- f) First Shift changes – Sam Barrowcliff

Discussed above

Need better incentive to keep kids going instead of waiting until the start of the next season. Right now, many families are waiting for the following season so they get their \$100 new player discount to apply to a full season. Suggestion made that we create a First Shift rate of \$50 (or whatever it costs us to insure them) to try to retain the First Shift players and get them on the ice. Their next season would be \$100. Decision made to not have First Shift players who join do the raffle tickets either.

- g) New player costs – Sam Barrowcliff

Tabled for February.

- h) Risk Manager position – Sam Barrowcliff/Mike Doucette

Discussed above

- i) 2020 AGM Date – Wednesday, May 20, 2020

- j) Year-end Banquet – Karen Kozocari

Parents and Guests \$10, Kids 12 and Under \$5 is what has been charged in past years. Keep ticket costs the same for 2020 banquet.

Food to remain the same.

Available dates to be investigated. Ideally, either April 1 or 8.

Kat Dwolinsky to handle Grad Jerseys. Thank you so much Kat.

Query about Jessica States award location. Sam believes it has been handed in and is in the office.

Require volunteers

- k) Outstanding Tag Day Fees – Andrea Massop

Still chasing about 5 families for Tag Day fees. Many have been contacted and paid.

#### VIII. New Business

Inquiry to VIAHA on ability of AVMHA to have alcohol as a fundraiser – Mike Doucette

Change of date of next meeting to February 19, 2020 as many voting members are not available on February 26, 2020.

#### IX. Tabled Business/Action Items

Team accounts for next year.

#### X. Move to Adjourn

(M/S) Sam Barrowcliff/Mike Doucette to adjourn meeting.

All in favour.

**CARRIED**

Time: 2035

(M/S) Mike Doucette/Kord Kozocari motion to move to in-camera

*In-camera meeting.*