

Winkler Minor Hockey AGM Minutes  
April 15, 2013  
Winkler Arena

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Adoption of agenda: Jeremy motioned Wally seconded
3. Scrutineers: Jeremy and Wally
4. Presidents report: Chris presented. Questions, comments. None
5. Registrars report: Lisa presented. Questions, comments. None
6. Treasurers report: Chad presented.  
Question from the floor: why is the ice costs so much higher then the year before?  
Answer: there was more teams this year and we tried to have 2 practices per team for the first half of the season.
7. Fundraising report: Lori presented. Question, comments. None
8. Booth Liason report: Lori presented.
  - James questioned what had been decided about the home teams not working the booth shifts during their home tournament, if the booth list would keep running right through.
  - Lori answered that when the question had come up it had been voted against by the people at the meeting but he could put it up for the constitution if he would like.
9. Coach's Committee Report: Phil presented. Questions, comments. None
10. Referee in Chief report: Chris presented.
  - James brought up the fact that a lot of the game sheets hadn't been filled out the way they should have been, that we should look into training them so we don't loose bonds. Not all the facts were correct and it wasn't always legible.
  - Jeremy said that the officials are supposed to check the game sheet before signing off on it but this doesn't always happen, sometimes due to the age of the officials.
  - Chris mentioned that we may be looking at having parents do the game sheets in the future and that most of the complaints from Pembina Valley were about the legibility of the sheets more so than the facts being incorrect. Minor hockey exec would still like to see the kids have the opportunity to earn a little money and possibly they could run the clock while a parent would do the game sheet.
  - Greg said that he wouldn't mind taking an evening of his time to train people on the proper way to fill out a game sheet so that everyone would know.
  - Carrie brought up that she felt the reffing this year was questionable at times and parents were frustrated. She would like to see a senior and a junior official work together so that there would be less stress on the junior officials and that the senior official could back up the junior officials calls so that he could build his confidence with calling penalties.

- Jeremy mentioned that he knew of some senior officials that were thinking about possibly not reffing next season due to the abuse coming from the stands and bench.
- Phil mentioned that we had some teams that were quite loud and negative with the refs which is one of the reasons we are having a hard time keeping refs.
- Rob mentioned that it is everyones responsibility to stop the abuse of the refs. We need to help out our team to be more positive.
- Jeremy questioned if we could pay the senior refs a bit more to ref the younger years so that they would be more willing to mentor the junior refs. Merlin added that Altona does currently do this.
- Joe asked if Winkler could host a reffing clinic so that maybe some more people would become interested in reffing if they didn't have to travel to take the course. It was mentioned that Shane Froebe is in charge of this.
- This will be looked into for next year.
- Jeremy mentioned that if we could get more local refs that's it would save us money, refs get paid mileage and this would help to cut costs.
- Wally asked why our refs were going elsewhere to ref instead of staying local. Chris mentioned that the first person to call them will likely get the ref it would depend on who has asked them first.
- Milt mentioned that the refs that are being verbally abused should make it known to the exec so that something could be done right away in order to minimize what seems to be a growing problem. Jeremy added that we could put up signs at each door to the ice surface stating no abuse tolerated. Then the refs should stick to that and kick out those that are getting out of hand. It was mentioned that they had seen coaches getting kicked out but not parents as much, parents should be held accountable.
- Jody mentioned that the exec would look into getting a reffing clinic in Winkler for next season and that the debate on calls made should be handled by the coaches never by the parents.

11. Equipment report: Bob presented. Questions, comments. None

12. Tournament reports: Jody presented.

- Jake mentioned that for our home tournaments we should make sure that we have home teams playing in Plum Coulee and that we should make sure that we don't have one team play all their games in Coulee. Also mentined that the Pee wee team practiced in Coulee almost every time. Would like to see it mixed up a bit. He asked if the Xpress were going to be playing more games in Winkler next year and what the exec could do about this.
- Chris mentioned that we have no control over who rents the ice we are users just like anyone else paying for the ice slots. Yes the xpress are looking to play some games but that it would be during time slots that we do not occupy. Mentioned that the revenue from the booth would be a big help.

- Merlin suggested that the exec as well as parents should voice these concerns to the Council rep.

13. Election of new board members: nominations from the floor were:

- Ed Penner - accepted, Cornie Geortzen - declined, Jason Enns - declined, Brian Giesbrecht - accepted, Ryan Dyck - declined
- We had 3 people let their names stand before the meeting and they were: Rob Toews, Jared Froese and Wil Montgomery.
- Since we had 5 positions open and 5 people willing to let their name stand we did not have to vote.

14. Tv. Raffle - winner is Betty Dyck of Reinfeld

15. Meeting adjourned at 8:05