RIVERS MINOR HOCKEY
Spring Meeting
Thursday, April 11, 2024

Meeting called to order by Gerald Lepp at 7:00 pm

Minutes from the fall meeting have been circulated and supplied with the agenda.

Treasurer report presented by Aaron Tycoles.

- Current balance $65,638.78 as of April 11. Still have some outstanding receivables. Bulk is money owed by Yellowhead Minor Hockey for Playins. Still waiting on operating grant from Hockey Manitoba for provincials. Sponsors have some cheques and hotel rebates. Term deposit – auto renewed December 24. Has gone back in with the interest and still making some money.
- Income statement – up $6400, Tournaments were successful. Net proceeds $5000 from provincials. Rink made $5000. Skills camp made some extra money but we allocated that into player development.
- Operating expenses – ice rental and referees were below budget. Under budget on new uniforms. IT expenses down because we bought a refurbished iPad and no charge for gamesheets

Motion by Aaron Tycoles to accept the treasurer report. Seconded by Carson Smith. Accepted.

- BUDGET: projecting low for tournaments based on average, sponsorships – need to keep it higher. $3000 for equipment – includes purchasing 2 new sets of goalie equipment for U9. Left player development money as is. Part of that money was WCHA for evaluations. May not need for next year. $10,000 donation – this boards plan to donate towards Raise the Glass project. Senior team is also running a hockey school and instead of minor hockey competing with that we will support the hockey school. Deficit budget of $28397
- Reinvesting our surplus back into minor hockey so we do not have to raise fees

Motion to accept by Aaron. Second by Rachel

- 6-month short term GIC $30,000 – Motion to accept by Deanne Stevenson. Second by Cam Anderson

President Report

- 101 kids registered in Minor Hockey this year. A lot of skill development this year – more than previous years.
- Yellowhead Meeting – scheduled for next week April 17, 42 motions from Hockey Manitoba that are required. Regional AA program needs to be approved for a lot of motions to go through.
- Parkissimo –

- U13 tiering project was received well. Would have been nice to have the Brandon tiered teams.
- U9 tournament – worked well, a large gap between the end of the season and the tournament. Gaps in the A loop were huge. No reward for the winners.
- U11 and U13 – Hockey Manitoba motion is to have tournament style playoffs
- Looking for a more structured playoff schedule
- More games

Old Business

- Jersey Collection
    - Waiting on U18 girls
    - U15 jerseys
- Website – place to share RMH info
    - Website is a necessary – Andrew Stevenson will contact Jeremy and look into
    - Volunteer to be a webmaster or find a better alternative.
        - Was nice to see when other teams were playing
        - Jeremy Bray?
        - Link to gamesheets to see team schedules on website
        - Can it be linked through the rink?
- Any other
    - None

NEW BUSINESS

- Rates and fees for 2024/25
    - Hold rates for the season
- Practice start dates – October 7, 2024
- Team Pictures
    - Team or RMH responsibility
        - Sharla George has offered to come do our pictures
        - Will do a “full team picture” on the ice
        - Scheduled for a Monday night early in the season.
- RMH Initiatives
    - Player development – power skating / flow hockey / checking
        - Try to get them earlier in the year instead of later in the season.
        - 3 on 3 – does anyone want to take over running it? If anyone would like to run it let Gerald know.
        - Need better goalie development, we need to do better at developing our goalies
        - Goalie mentorship program? Chiefs volunteer hours?
    - Jersey purchases
        - We do not really need jerseys this year so will spend the money on the U9 goalie equipment which is needed.
    - Fundraising – coordinator? –
        - Not required
    - U17

        - Rivers Minor Hockey is going to host the AAA Bandits program
        - Will this take away our week night game ice
        - Still up to the rec board and council
        - RMH has said we would give up weeknight ice to make this work
    - Option to practice in Oak River/Forrest so we would still have our weeknight game slot
    - Concern raised regarding the missing weeknight ice game slot.
    - Registration starts Aug 1
    - Membership Concerns
        - U7 Enrollment – Chris Anderson
            - Cost is a factor for enrollment
                - Can we cut 1st time player fee in half?
                - "cancellation" policy
                - First Shift program?
                - Equipment Night at the beginning of the season with board members there for questions / assistance with registration – September 8th – Chris Anderson
                - $75 non refundable deposit to play hockey for 1st time U7 players – balance due November 1.
                - U7 "swag bag?"
        - Managers Handbook
            - Volunteer to update with gamesheets – Rachel Waldner / Chris Anderson
            - Committee back together to re-look at it and then have it ready at the fall meeting
        - Tournament Policy – funds for the teams?
            - Tournaments is where we generate a lot of our income. Each team will continue to receive $250 from this but we will change the 50/50 revenue will go to the team now.
        - Canteen
            - Unsure what the plan is here. Their current contract is up with a mutual 3rd year option.
            - If CJ's chooses to not come back – the rec board will re-tender
            - The canteen issues have been brought to the attention of the rec board and council
        - Goalie equipment
- Tournament Dates: need to put these in the calendar
    - U7 – January 25
    - U9 – January 4/5
    - U11 – December 7/8
    - U13 – Nov 2/3
    - U15 - ??
- Fall Meeting – September 12th Redferns Hall
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Constitutional Amendments

- Corporate Sponsorships need to go through RMH board only going forward
  - Corporate community expressed concerns over being approached twice – once by the board and once by a team individually.
  - Teams are allowed to fundraise but not approach businesses
- Add signing authority to VP role in constitution
  - Motion by Cam Anderson, Second by Steve Marvin
- Add in a Sponsorship and Advertising
  - All corporate sponsorship or advertising requests must come from the Executive of Rivers Minor Hockey and can not come from any one team or individual.
    - Motion by Carson Smith, Second by Cam Anderson

Openings on RMH Board

- Vice President (4-year term – 2 as VP, 2 as President)
- Treasurer (2 year term)
- Tabled until fall – if anyone steps up to volunteer between now and then the 3 remaining board members can approve it and it will be ratified at the fall meeting.
- **Registration cannot open without a treasurer.**

- Remove Gerald Lepp as signing authority on the bank account and replace with Lance Henderson as president with signing authority
  - Motion by Chris Anderson, second Andrea Munz.
- Aaron will stay on until registration
- Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm.