



Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association

AGM 2024

Minutes

May 23rd, 2024

Call to Order: 7:04 pm (Mike Kelly)

Roll Call of Voting Members:

Tracy Young read the list of voting members present

1. Mike Kelly
2. Tracy Young
3. Karen Barnes
4. Dave Burry
5. John Bennett
6. Trent Squires
7. Darren Randell
8. Julie Randell
9. Trevor Budgell
10. Tanna Clarke
11. Carla Boyd
12. Baxter Boyd
13. Kim Pelley
14. Mandy Jones
15. Brent Sullivan
16. Shane Porter
17. Chris Morris
18. Andrew Young

19. Krista Power
20. Christine Anderson
21. Scott Sleep
22. Desare Newman
23. Sara Upshall
24. Mike O'Keefe
25. Dennis Power
26. Karen Lucas-Power
27. Sherri Fogwill
28. Crista Ivany
29. Jeff Ivany
30. Ron Power
31. Jacqueline Murphy
32. Aaron Murphy
33. Dave Jones
34. Joe Cardolous
35. Cheryl White
36. Robyn King
37. Ashley Heath
38. Stephanie Billard
39. Dave Goose
40. Dave Leonard
41. Gillian Pearson
42. Steve Pearson
43. Graham Jones
44. Serenity Hiltz
45. Sujay Pande
46. Tara Liberi
47. Melissa Skanes
48. Bobby Sullivan
49. Kim Kelly
50. Carol Snelgrove
51. Lori Balan
52. David Janes
53. Andrew Morrissey
54. Alison Fitzgerald
55. Dwayne Russell
56. Aimee Walsh
57. Greg Angelopolous
58. Ryan Boland
59. Jeff Brown
60. Kent Green
61. Jackie Welsh

62. Susan Hollaway
63. Ashley Hammond
64. Dwayne Young
65. Scott Hurley
66. Joanne Moores
67. Andrew Manuell
68. Lori Manuell
69. Lyndon Ludlow
70. Terri Lee Peddle
71. Lynn Sparkes
72. Dave Brewer
73. Nate Balan
74. Brett Dalton
75. Bryan Soper
76. Jeff Ivany
77. Paul Penney
78. Barb Russell
79. Melissa Aiello
80. Jamie Cross
81. Ashley Baker
82. Krista Mulrooney
83. Kayla Janes
84. Dave White
85. Jennifer Macintyre
86. Jason Kenny
87. Jarrod Thomas
88. Brad Jones
89. Shane Taylor
90. Katie Mulcahy

VOTING MEMBERS WHO ARRIVED AFTER ROLL CALL

91. Angela Edwards
92. Terri Stack
93. Denise O'Keefe
94. Lori Fitzgerald
95. Todd Fitzgerald
96. Rodney Smith
97. Kirk Simms
98. Shannon Smith
99. Dawn Walsh
100. Andrew Goodwin
101. Karl St. Croix

102. Maggie Reddy
103. Melissa Sleep
104. Jim Stowe
105. Maurice Tuff
106. Chris Holden
107. Jaime Brown
108. Cheryl Sturge
109. Adam Brown
110. Matt Flight
111. Terry Cole
112. Jeanine Tuff
113. Krista Joy
114. James Blair
115. Heidi House

U18 scholarships: Presentation by Mandy Jones

Isaac Manuel

Eamon Fogwill

Logan Holloway

Motion: "to adopt agenda AGM": by Tracy Young

Seconded by: Mandy Jones

Motion: Carried unanimously

Presentation of previous AGM minutes from 2023: by Tracy Young

Seconded by: John Bennett

Motion: Carried unanimously

Business Arising from 2023 Minutes - None at this time

Yearly Reports

President's Report - Mike Kelly

-Thank you to all our members for a great season, and a big thanks to our volunteers, please keep giving back to our community

-Thanks to our staff Karen Barnes, Dave Burry, Trevor Budgell, Lynn Sparkes, and Matthew Hart. Thanks to Carla Boyd for her amazing volunteer social media work this season

-Thanks to head Ref, Ashley Hammond and all Refs for their professionalism and development of new officials this season

Highlights of the season:

- Our Hockey with Heart and Shave for the Brave were outstanding successes, raising thousands of dollars for our community.
- MPMHA annual CEC Stoyles all-star Christmas tournament was a huge success again this year with 87 games being played over the Christmas break. Thanks to our all-star director Scott Hurley, our staff, all the volunteers from our board, and the participating Blades teams who helped make this tournament a huge success
- Mount Pearl hosted many house league invitational tournaments and jamborees throughout the year, including the Clark Howell Memorial Tournament which not only honors Clark's memory but raises money for the Jack Hand Legacy Foundation. That Tournament remains one of the highlights of each season. Thank you to all the volunteers and coordinators who helped make these tournaments fun and successful
- Our association successfully won medals at the Provincial and MCHL year-end Tournaments. Congratulations to all teams.
- MPMHA played host to both U15 and U18 MCHL year-end tournaments, both tournaments went very well, and we would like to thank our U15/U18 director and her team of volunteers for putting off successful season-ending tournaments.
- MPMHA was pleased to play host to two year-end Provincial Tournaments. Our U13C and U11B/C were the hosts and the organizing committees did a wonderful job hosting these events.
- We continue to see a large number of our players and coaches competing at the AAA and AA levels. We are also seeing products of our association being recognized for provincial team programming.
- From a development perspective we held a large number of preseason skates in all divisions, held two separate 8-week U9 development sessions in the fall and winter, and held a free 8-week goalie development session in the fall and a girls' development session for U9-U13 girls in the winter. All these sessions received rave reviews and we would like to thank our TD Trevor Budgell and his group of coaches/volunteers who make these sessions great for our players.
- We continued with the rollout of our new logo and jerseys this season adding the new look to additional teams so that our players are representing the most current Blades look. Our new jerseys and logo continue to get rave reviews

Next season is our 50th anniversary year- We are looking forward to the best season yet. We are very proud of our organization and we are excited to plan a fun season for our players and Blades families.

Treasurer's Report - Trent Squires

-The total number of players registered for the 2023-24 season was 677, up 7 members from last season. At the beginning of the season, for the first time in 4 years, we increased our registration fees by \$25 per member to account solely for an increase in Hockey NL registration and insurance fees. Fees were also increased for any all-star team that previously played 1-hour games but moved to 1.5-hour games this season.

-Please contact Tracy Young tracympmha@gmail.com for specific financial statements. This is readily available to all MPMHA members.

MPRA President's Report - Ashley Hammond

-Thanks to board members for their support this season

-775 games reffed this season

-10 official supervisions this season

- 4 no shows, but got refs there quickly to have 3rd official on the ice

-next season a goal is to focus on the development of younger officials

Motion: "To Accept the Yearly Reports" by Tracy Young

Seconded by: Mandy Jones

Motion: Carried unanimously

Constitution/By-Law Changes:

Greg Barton from HNL as an impartial representative led this part of the meeting so that all members in attendance could have an opportunity to speak to the amendments.

1. Constitution Article **3.3 Terms of Office 3.3.2 vi.**

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2. Constitution Article **Meeting Structure 4.1.3 ii**

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These proposed changes were discussed by Sunjay Pande who put forth both changes and a discussion ensued among members and board members. Greg conducted a vote using a show of hands. Both proposed amendments were defeated

Ron Power asked the chair for a point of order, the link below is his statement.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jS.JhAj9WXx81PSZ0HxC-qDMchStLzxdN/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=106501342613404054493&rtpof=true&sd=true

Board members and other members discussed this. Our president explained that, at a recent board meeting, it was brought forth by a director that members were unhappy that we hadn't released a slate of candidates for the elections in the past. During that discussion, it was brought forth as to why we call from the floor for positions that have nominees following the open nomination period. We looked into this further, by doing a thorough review of our constitution by talking with members of Hockey NL, past presidents of MPMHA and other associations, and a past volunteer who was involved in writing the constitution. It was determined that we could release a slate of candidates ahead of the election and that any position where there was only one nominee that person could be acclaimed as per article 5.4 of the MPMHA constitution. It was suggested that our previous way of conducting the election (calling from the floor for all positions) was not the best practice and that the process we followed for this election was more in line with our constitution. Furthermore, every member had an opportunity to submit a nomination as we had an open nomination from May 1st -15th. Thus, MPMHA chose to follow its constitution for this election.

Election of Officers:

VICE PRESIDENT – 2-year term:

By Acclamation: John Bennett

SECRETARY - 2 - year term:

Gillian Pearson & Tracy Young

Tracy Young was voted in by a majority vote

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EVENTS - 2-year term

By Acclamation: Tanna Clarke

FEMALE - 2 year term

By Acclamation: Melissa Skanes

DIRECTOR OF U15/U18 - 2-year term

By Acclamation: Mandy Jones

DIRECTOR OF U9 - 2-year term

no nominations were received during the nomination period

-call from the floor (Mike Kelly)

Nominees: Krista Quann
Steve Pearson
Dwayne Heath

Steve Pearson was voted in by a majority vote

All votes were counted by an impartial person, Greg Barton from HNL. All votes were counted in the room with members present.

Motion: "to adjourn" Mike Kelly

Seconded: John Bennett

Motion: Carried unanimously

Closing Remarks from the President:

Thank you all for attending this evening and participating in the business of our association. I wish everyone a terrific summer and look forward to seeing everyone this fall for our 50th anniversary season.

Town Hall Meeting:

Members were invited to stay to ask any questions after the meeting was over.

1. Girls' hockey and double carding:

-A parent was worried about girls being able to play high-level hockey, what will next year look like? Jeff Brown our outgoing director talked about this and how girls will have full opportunities to try out for minor hockey at the highest level or they can play

girls AAA in U13. The girl's metro league has to decide what the next season will look like. In the metro area, double carding is no longer permitted for players U15 and below and not just girls' hockey. The female council will meet in Gander at the Hockey NL meetings which should hopefully provide better clarity for the 2024/25 season.

2. Question about only having A, B, and C All-Stars teams next year, what about D teams?

-Since double carding is no longer for minor hockey age groups, the DJHL will take over scheduling a full-year season for A, B, and C.

3. A comment about goalie development this year, the member was happy with the focus this year and noticed the improvement in this area. Moving forward suggests focusing on specific goalie skills during practice besides just shooting at the goalie.

4. Suggestion from a member that directors be encouraged to take coaching courses such as C2, Goalie course, and HP coaching. Our TD, Trevor Budgell spoke to this and said he feels it is his job to assist and lead coaches. Trevor is a high-level coach and one of the best in our province as stated by Greg Barton from HNL and coaches have many opportunities to get support, coaching, and on-ice training from him. Other board members spoke up saying directors are there to run the division and be administrators and organizers. Directors are not there for on-ice training. The member continued to say they should have hockey experience and while many do have hockey knowledge and knowledge of the behind-the-scenes, they have never been on ice support.

5. Member spoke to say she was passionate about governance and Roberts's Rules of Order in meetings. Says the decision to not nominate from the floor should be a decision made by a by-law asking what the membership will want. Does not agree with our decision.

6. Member stated the board should do a better job of communicating decision-making to everyone. The board responded by saying we are basically an open book and while we are unable to write the membership daily or weekly with decisions made, we are fully following our rules, by-laws, and constitution. If anyone has a question, concern, or issue it should be immediately brought to the board via email and we will deal with it as soon as possible. We are all volunteers with full-time jobs and work hard to do our best. If we do not know a member has an issue, concern, or question, we cannot fix this, so please reach out.

7. Member asked how to deal with negative parents in the stands. Our response was to come to us immediately and we will address this issue. If there is an issue on the ice the refs can deal with the issue. The Member asked if members should be in "good standing" if their behavior was unacceptable throughout the hockey season.

8. Member talked about being a first-time coach and what a great experience it was for her. She felt welcomed and supported, She does recommend a document that would help new coaches with basic information to help them get started. She offered to help with this.

9. Member requested the website be updated and old documents be erased. Documents need to be easily accessible.

10. Member said MPMHA wasn't transparent and meeting summary of minutes should be sent to the membership. We discussed we cannot send out minutes of each meeting as sometimes we discuss both private and sensitive information that is not for the public. It was suggested to send a summary. Unfortunately, time constraints don't allow us to do that, but again, if you have a question, please reach out via email and we can directly address any concerns. Directors can also answer any questions and communicate information to each division.