**EMHA MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday July 9, 2020– 7pm**

**ONLINE**

1. Call to order

2. Executive Introductions

3. Review and Motion to accept May 2019 AGM meeting minutes

Motion:

Second:

Result:

4. Presidents address and reporting on activities of the Association from 2019-2020

**President Report (Tina Robertson)**

I would like to start by saying welcome and thank you all for joining our first virtual EMHA AGM. Our current situation is new for all of us and your attendance here shows your dedication to this organization. I know last season ended abruptly but prior to COVID-19 I believe most of us were enjoying a great season. As I have said many times before without your input Elmvale Minor Hockey would not be possible. From your dedication in getting kids to games and practices and volunteering in all our different fundraisers and tournaments your input and assistance is greatly valued and appreciated. I would also like to specifically thank all our coaching staff members, from coaches to managers and trainers, you all put in so much extra time and effort to help our kids learn both hockey and life skills, all while enjoy the game. I would also like to thank the executive members, they put in countless hours running this organization and always go above and beyond to get things done. There are many positions up for election this year and I for one am excited to see what new ideas will arise. We started the season last May with some new faces on the executive and lots of new ideas for our future season. Because we have such a great organization the season flows by very quickly. With registrations, golf tournament, and the coaching selection process, the months of May and June passed by quickly and the new season had begun. As the summer break drew to a close we were back on the ice at the end of August with pre skates for all the players to get ready for the start of tryouts and the new season. September brought tryouts for our Rep players and the first skates of the season for our LL kids and youngest players in preschool, IP and tyke, some of these young players on the ice for the very first time. After the thanksgiving break and another well attended KICX dance, EMHA hosted 2 successful tournaments. Over the course of the season the kids enjoyed playing many games with some wins and some losses. But overall most teams had a successful season and knowledge was gained in one way or another. Unfortunately with the abrupt ending of our season in March we were unable to present our Awards night in April but are still holding out to announce our winners and celebrate our season when it’s possible to do face to face again. We were also forced to cancel our final Hockey Tournament as well as our Golf Tournament, both profitable fundraisers for our organization.

I know many of you have questions about our 2020-21 season, with new guidelines to protect us all from COVID-19 the executive is working hard to stay on top of the news shared with us from OMHA and OHF. I will share what I know with everyone in the New Business section of this meeting but at this time I am excited to hear the other Executive reports. I am hopeful that we will all be able to see each other soon and assemble some form of hockey for our community in the 2020-21 season. I have enjoyed my time so far as President of EMHA and hope that I will be up for the challenges that are to come in the next season.

**OMHA Rep Convenor Report (Cullen Fay)**

I would like to start by thanking all of our Representative teams for their

sportsmanship and work ethic throughout the season – a job well representing Elmvale Minor Hockey. Spanning from Novice to Midget, with AE teams in Atom, PeeWee and Bantam divisions, we should be proud of the effort and performance put forth by these young men and women our organization is helping to shape.

Despite the season being cut short, we did have several Rep teams who saw success on the scoreboard: The Novice Rep team was one the top teams in the league and was to be competing for the league championship at the year end tourney. Our Bantam Rep and Midget Rep teams both made it to the OMHA quarter finals, and the Peewee Rep team lost yo Parry Sound who went on to the Finals. In Georgian Bay Playoffs congratulations should go out to the Peewee Rep team who made it to the A Championship, and the Atom Rep and Bantam Rep team who were scheduled to play in the A Consolation. Considering the wide range of teams we face in the GB area these are considerable accomplishments.

As OMHA Rep Convenor I have had the opportunity to continue to learn from and discuss thoughts on minor hockey with some very experience members from EMHA and the surrounding GB associations. I continue to have a great appreciation for what it takes to make an organization like Elmvale Minor Hockey run: it takes a lot of time and energy from coaching staffs, our volunteer crew, our ice scheduler and all members of the executive – thanks for all of your contributions both big and small.

**LOCAL LEAGUE CONVENOR - JOHN SENEY**

Hello everyone.  First off my apologies for not being in attendance as I am currently dealing with a personal matter and was unable to make this meeting.  I hope all of you are doing well and thank you for attending this year's AGM virtually.  
  
As Local League Convenor, I would personally like to thank all the local league coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, managers and parent volunteers that stepped forward and worked with our amazing kids this past year.  Although the season ended abruptly with some teams well into the playoffs, I consistently heard lots of positives from parents and players during the season with respect to how much fun they were having and the enjoyment of coming to the rink to play.  Local league coaches and bench staff are a vital part of why our kids learn, progress and develop as hockey players.  Again, thank you to everyone who took part and played a role teaching the great game of hockey this past year.  
  
Although there lies some uncertainty as to how or what this season will look like, I am confident that as a hockey community we will navigate through it the best we can while keeping the safety and well being of everyone at the forefront.  I look forward to seeing everyone at the rink and as always, am available anytime for discussion or to answer any questions you may have surrounding hockey.  From my family to yours, I hope you have a safe and enjoyable

**Secretary Report (Lorrianne Dutton)**

The following is a list of the activities I participated in as the EMHA Secretary:

* Recorded the proceedings of all executive meetings
* Compiled all the Award Winners for the Annual Banquet and was responsible forpurchasing the trophies and ordering the Esso Awards
* Revised and updated the EMHA Bylaws as recommended by the executive members to be voted on at the AGM

This is my 6th year as Secretary and it has been another exciting and eventful year. Our executive meetings were held the fourth Thursday of each month and each meeting ran on average for 3-4 hour.

**Equipment Manager Report (James Elliot)**

As equipment manager of Elmvale Minor Hockey it is been my  
 pleasure to exercise the duties this job entails. As equipment manager it was my job to  
maintain and equip the locker room. This involves organization of the jerseys, distribution of socks and equipping of trainers kits. It also involves stocking of pucks and training equipment. I have enjoyed working with the many trainers, coach’s managers and especially the executive of this organization. Thank you for your many hours of service. I would highly recommend this job to someone who enjoys hands on participation. Good luck to anyone willing to take on this position.

**Sponsorship and Publicity Manager Report (Angela Birch)**

Elmvale Minor Hockey could not operate without the generous support of our local

sponsors. We appreciate all that they contribute to our organization. This year, we

had a total of 19 community sponsors. Many of these sponsors contribute above

and beyond what is asked. We recognize our sponsors through banners at the

arena, placement on our website, advertisement on our Facebook page, team

plaques, admission passes and dance passes. We ask that you please support them

in any way you can and let them know that you are thankful for their loyal

contributions.

Major Organization and Team Sponsors:

Elmvale Foodland

Orr Lake Golf Club

Elmvale Home Building Centre

Ritchie’s Feeds and Needs

Gold Team Sponsors

McNamara Powerline Contruction

Whitfield’s Guardian Pharmacy

Hardship Acres Landscaping Inc.

Elmvale Lions Club

C&amp;C Renovations

Brampton Brick

CEC Services Ltd.

Silver Team Sponsors

Tim Hortons

Bourgeois Motors

Elmvale Legion

Key Mortgage Partners

DDA Trucking

Solly Family Dentistry

Telequip Wireless Communications

Lynn-Stone Funeral Home

**Volunteer manger Report (Jenny Coughlin)**

The Volunteer Committee Manager position works closely with the Fundraising Committee Manager to ensure that the approved initiatives have assigned volunteers.

As the volunteer platform of EMHA continues to evolve from booth duty to calendar sales, and now through COVID, this position will continue to develop and flex as we work together to ensure that the efforts of our volunteers are optimized.

This position will work with our registrar to ensure that the online portal captures the needs of the organization. Currently there is an excel spreadsheet that can be utilized to assign, monitor and track the completion of volunteer hours as well as the purchase of/cashing of bond hours.

The current approved events are altered due to COVID restrictions, however typically this position would work with executive members and committee leads to ensure that the following events had assigned volunteers:

            Awards Banquet

            Calendar Sales

            Colts Night

            Golf Tournament

            IP Festival

            Kicx Dance

            Picture Night

            Tournaments

I am happy to assist in any capacity,

Jenny Coughlin

*Volunteer Committee Manager (Director): The Volunteer Committee Manager shall*

*i. Coordinate the volunteer hours required by the association and the members to efficiently operate the organization.*

*ii. In conjunction with the EMHA President and secretary, be responsible for year-end awards and banquet.*

*iii. Carryout other duties as assigned by the Board, Executive Committee or the President.*

**Game Day Operations (Mike Kelly)**

**Ice Time**

2019/2020 Ice Scheduler - Michael Kelly

2020/2021 Ice Scheduler - TBD

Most of the ice time remains consistent from year to year.  This current year we needed to accommodate an additional Midget team, and less pre-season ice time (with the timing of the holidays).

In 2018, in order to create fairness between teams, we added a priority list to the acquisition of additional practice time.  This year we took it a step further and added 2nd priority list that replaced practices that were cancelled for reasons such as holidays (Christmas, New Years, etc), and our home tournaments.  Note:  Coaches are responsible for switching practice times with others for most other circumstances where they can't practice.  The combination of the 2 priority lists have made the allocation as fair and transparent as it ever has been.

The biggest frustration with next season is the unknown.  Rest assured, we are going to work directly with the governing hockey associations (OMHA/OHF/HC) and our municipal government to ensure members can return safely, and we can provide value for our membership.

**Timekeepers & Gatekeepers**

2019/2020 Gate Scheduler - Denine Dempster

2020/2021 Gate Scheduler - Denine Dempster

2019/2020 Timekeeper Scheduler - Denine Dempster

2020/2021 Timekeeper Scheduler - Denine Dempster

Status quo on both these fronts. Denine Dempster continues to do an excellent job of

maintaining adequate & competent staff to ensure games are covered.  A new fee schedule will be adopted for the 2020/2021 season.

**Referees**

2019/2020 Referee Scheduler - Derek Prescott

2020/2021 Referee Scheduler - Derek Prescott

3 New Officials in the 2019/2020 season.  A new fee schedule will be adopted for the 2020/2021 season.  Currently, we don't know what our needs will be for 2020/2021 season.  If there is anybody interested in officiating next season, please get in contact with Derek or myself.

**Financial**

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|  | **19/20** | **18/19** | **17/18** |
| **Referee** | 13574 | 16234 | 16819 |
| **Timekeeper** | 3965 | 4752 | 4998 |
| **Gatekeeper** | 3226 | 3822 | 3688 |

**Technical Director Report (Brian Anderson)**

As Technical Director my main focus was finding qualified head coaches for each of 2019-2020 Local League and Rep teams and organizing development clinics for our players. I would like to thank all of our coaches and team volunteers for a great season.  With out you we simply wouldn’t have hockey .

Prior to tryouts with the assistance of South SImcoe Hockey School, we ran a hitting clinic for our Bantam players that were attending Rep tryouts. This clinic was well attended and ran very well.

Our Mid-Season development clinics for skaters and goalies was advertised and filled up very quick.  However due to an extra team and demand for ice due to cancelled playoff games these clinics did not play out as planned.

For year end Coach evaluations, I put together one for parents and guardians to complete and one for players for complete. As we know this was done using Survey monkey which allowed us to track stats with nice graphs or so we thought.  We had 100 parent/guardian surveys ad 35 players surveys completed, however with out a very expensive membership, we were only able to review the first 40 submitted.  This was very disappointing and I will fall on the sword for this mistake.  I will be looking into a different way for parents and players to evaluate their coaches for the upcoming season.

We recently completed our Rep coaching interviews for the upcoming 2020-2021 season. Due to the current situation this was done on a video conference call online. Our Rep Coaches for the upcoming season are as follows;

* Novice Rep - Darryl VanLoosen
* Atom Rep - Mike Kelly
* Peewee Rep - Brian Anderson
* Bantam Rep - Brian Murphy
* Midget Rep - Derick Robertson

Our AE coaches will be announced once the Rep tryouts are completed.

Applications for all local league teams will remain open on our EMHA web page.  If you have an interest in coaching one of our local league teams please go online and apply.  If you have any questions in regards to the positions or qualifications, please reach out to me.

My main focus for the upcoming season, will be to work with our Scheduler and ensure our players receive some development ice time.

Have a safe summer and we will see you at the rink.

**Registrar Report (Colleen Mcginnis)**

Thank you for registering your children to play hockey with EMHA this year. I hope they had fun and continued to develop their skills while providing you with some exciting hockey to watch.

Registration fees for the 2019 – 2020 saw some changes from the previous year based on programming changes Preschool to Novice remained the same and Atom to Midget had an $25 increase.

In 2018 we registered 282 players. 9 more players than the season before.

We continue to complete Registration with OMHA and rosters through the Hockey Canada Registry.

The Registration Fee Structure for the 2020 – 2021 season were to remain the same however will be reevaluated when it is determined what the season will look like.

We will be following the OMHA age guidelines and will have programs available from Preschool to Midget. Hockey Canada and OMHA are introducing the next stage of the development changes which will affect Atom Programming this season.

Due to COVID-19 we are waiting on information from Hockey Canada and OMHA with regards to what the 2020 – 2021 season will look like.

During the past season the Executive discussed moving to an on-line registration process. Based on the benefits of this process it was decided to utilize the Hockey Canada Registry System to do so. We began on-line registration in June and to date have 208 players registered for the upcoming season. Due to the uncertainty of what the season will look like and fees that will be charged these will be collected at a later date. The on-line registration process will be tweaked next season to allow for on-line payments.

Finally, as I leave the role of Registrar with EMHA I would like to extend a huge thank you to the members of EMHA. First off to the members of the Executive, new and old, thank you for your time and efforts to give the kids in our communities an opportunity to play this great sport, no one knows the true dedication you give unless they have sat at this table – I want you to know I appreciate it and have enjoyed my years of sitting with you. Secondly, to the parents who have been instrumental in helping their kids enjoy the sport – you have given us lots of fun to watch and have assisted with creating life-long connections for both our players and our parents, I will treasures those made in my home. Lastly, to our coaches –thank you for helping not only develop hockey skill but helping the players with learning such valuable life skills –they have gained so much from doing something they love. I will miss being directly involved with EMHA but will be available should you need assistance and hope to have many more years of watching the great game in the Elmvale Arena.

**Tournament Director Report (Ryen Oakes)**

First off a big thank you to the long list of volunteers for all of your help overseeing the

registration desk and diligently checking game sheets. I apologize in advance for next year if any of you

are subjected to the audit process. It can be a stressful experience.

A special thank you goes out to Brian Murphy. Murph helped with all of the

set up and tear down for all events, and worked every Friday in

Elmvale while I was in Midland. Murph was also instrumental in having the booth open up to sell coffee

and muffins on Saturday mornings of the events. Thanks Murph. I could not do this job without you.

In October we hosted the Brian English memorial tournament, proudly sponsored by

George Begley of Elmvale Home Hardware. This is a tournament for Midget rep,

Bantam Rep , and Midget Local League with eight teams in each Midget division and six in

the Bantam division. The Bantam and Midget Rep teams made it into Sunday and the

Elmvale Midget Rep team made the finals but lost 2-0 to a strong Newcastle team. The Bantam Rep

team won the tournament beating a tough Mooretown team 1-0.

In November we held the Orr Lake Hat Trick tournament, thank you to Jason Harris of

Orr lake golf and country club for sponsoring. The Peewee, Atom and Novice divisions

all had eight teams in each division. All of the ELMVALE teams battled hard, and enjoyed a fun weekend.

Unfortunately, the Maple Syrup tournament had to be cancelled this past year due to the Corona Virus.

The positive side of this of course is that the ELMVALE teams went undefeated!

All in, tournament revenue was a little over $11,000.00 not including the money we saved by

offering a home tournament to eight teams.

A special thank you to our very generous sponsors

Jason Schell of Steelers

Jason Harris of Orr Lake Golf and Country Club

George Begley of Elmvale Home Hardware

**Fundraising Manager Report (Trista Anderson)**

This was my first year as Fundraising Manager and I am thankful for all of the help that I received from the Executive, as well as the Volunteers.  As all of you are aware, this year was the first year that we introduced the Gift Card Calendar as one of our main fundraisers.  Obviously, because we needed to replace the Booth that was no longer an option.  I would like to thank everyone for working so hard at making this a success.  I know that we had some hurdles and Covid-19 definitely affected the distribution of some of the Gift Cards.  We are still working on getting everyone the last of the Gift Cards, in a safe manner.  Please know you have not been forgotten.

Our fundraisers were as follows:

* Gift Card Calendar
* 50/50 Draw; Raffle Basket
* Colts Night
* Kicx Dance

Unfortunately due to Covid-19 we were unable to go forward with the Golf Tournament that we run every year.  We are hoping that things will go back to normal by the end of the hockey season next year and we will be able to see you on the Golf Course.

The Gift Card Calendar was a success and as we worked out our kinks, it proved to be well worth our efforts.  We couldn’t have done this without our volunteers, it made things much easier on the day to day operations of this undertaking.  We look forward to smoothing out the process this year even more.

We tried the 50/50 draw/Raffle Basket for the first time this year, but after going through the process, we soon discovered that it was not profiting enough money to make this worth while.  We as an executive have decided to put this one off for this year.

The Colts Night was a lot of fun, as it is every year.  Whether we choose to do this again this year, will depend on the rules that will be enforced by the OHL due to Covid-19.

As usual Melissa Petersen does an amazing job organizing and running the Kicx Dance.  I am very grateful that she continued this year and of course it was a huge success.  Unfortunately, it does appear that this will not be an option as usual for the Fall Fair timeframe.  Again, due to the restrictions of Covid-19, it may make it impossible to have this year.  Although, we will not know until closer too.

With all of the restrictions put forth due to Covid-19, this year will definitely be a challenge in terms of fundraising.  We as an organization will need to work together to make this coming season a success.

5. Financial report from 2019-2020 season and projected financial position for 2020-2021





6. General Discussions and New Business

7. Election of new Elmvale Minor Hockey Executive positions

8. Closing remarks

9. Motion to adjourn