

Ripley Minor Hockey Annual General Meeting, June 7,2011

Members of Ripley Minor Hockey Executive in Attendance

Grant Murray, Dianne Simpson, Brent Chatham, Dave Charette, Gary Rutledge, Mike Fair (Rec Dept), absent with regrets Dan Wilken

Others Present: Larry Leppington, Murray Lotton, Kerry Richardson.

- 1. Call to Order:** Dianne Simpson
- 2. Approval of Agenda,** motion made by Brent, 2nd by Grant, carried.
- 3. Approval of Previous Annual General Meeting,** read by Gary Rutledge. Dianne made a motion to approve Annual General Meeting Minutes from June 8,2010, 2nd by Grant, carried.
- 4. Review of Hockey Season.** Submitted by Dan, read by Dianne

Please accept my apologies for being unable to attend the Annual General Meeting this evening. Unfortunately I have a work commitment that prevents me from attending tonight's meeting.

The 2010-2011 season was very successful. At times we tend to measure success by the number of wins and losses, or victories and defeats. We need to remember the real purpose of our organization. In my opinion, the objective of our organization is to provide a meaningful hockey experience for participants, best suited to their age, ability and desire. This can be extremely challenging given the limited number of registrants in any given age category.

The sport of hockey also contributes to the positive development of life skills from youth to young adults. It provides an opportunity for youth in developing memorable friendships and experiences that will last a lifetime! To this day I still play Old Timer Hockey (although I am under age for such activities) against the same players I played against in Minor Hockey. (...and we still lose to some of those ^% ^\$#)

Few realize how fortunate Ripley Minor Hockey is to have the full support of the municipality. Access to participation is never a concern in Ripley, and one needs only to ask and the support is there. We often take this support for granted allowing us to keep registration fees low while providing an abundance of ice time for our organization. One only needs to compare registration rates and hours of ice time with other organizations to realize this. (Tuesday at 8:00 pm would be nice though)

The last two seasons as president have been challenging yet rewarding at the same time. Each year we are presented with challenges, not always new, but with a different twist.

They say that “behind every challenge is an opportunity”. I believe our executive embraced this theory with each decision, making our organization even stronger. These decisions were not always easy however at the end of the day; we tried to do what was right for our organization.

I would like to thank Dianne Simpson for her role as Vice President and Ladies hockey contact. I commend Dianne for her perseverance and efforts in keeping ladies hockey in Ripley as long as possible. As vice president Dianne was always there to bounce ideas off, or cover for me at the last minute. (This was often). Going forward Dianne will be a great leader over the next couple of years.

I would also like to thank Gary Rutledge who over the past few seasons who has taken the bull by horns, and wrestled it to the ground. In terms of Minor Hockey though, as the boys’ hockey contact and registrar for Ripley, Gary accepted the role and adapted quickly, learning all the OMHA rules and regulations, while at the same time ensuring our teams were registered and paper work complete. Thank you Gary for your hard work and generosity!!

Thank you also to Heather Card who was an excellent secretary, keeping us on track, and reminding us of what we needed to do next. Heather was instrumental in starting the newsletter and offering assistance with the web page.

Also thanks to Brent Chatham for his efforts in getting sponsors and keeping track of equipment. This is another task that is taken for granted by many, especially those who can’t carry a sweater bag!

Thanks also to Dave Charette for organizing Power skating the last two seasons, securing the Power Workers Grant for the girls change room and offering his assistance with the winter carnival. Unfortunately, Dave’s contributions will only be remembered by some, as the guy who introduced the “Golden haired power Skating Instructor” to Ripley! Way to go Dave!

Thanks also to Grant Murray who provided the experience and expertise of past president. Grant’s generosity and commitment to hockey is second to none

Thanks to Fiona for organizing all the clinics and pictures. A lot of time and effort was put into hosting these clinics for the betterment of our local volunteers. This is another task that unless you have experienced it, one can’t really appreciate the time and effort it takes. Fiona was also very efficient in keeping first aid supplies stocked.

Thanks also to Carolyn Harris. Carolyn was very cooperative while we attempted to introduce a treasurer’s position to the executive.

The thank you list would not be complete with out acknowledging the efforts of Mike Fair, Kim Reid and the arena staff. Without their support, Ripley Minor Hockey would not be the organization we are today. The support from the Municipality and Recreation department is exceptional! Great job Mike, Kim and staff! Thanks for everything you do.

I have very much enjoyed the last twenty years with Ripley Minor Hockey. There have been a lot of changes over the years, but having said that, some things have never changed. Issues that existed twenty years ago still exist today. Such things as team composition, player movement and pending amalgamations are still as contentious for smaller organizations today as they were twenty years ago. It is time to pass the torch to a younger generation to debate the future structure of Minor Hockey.

Most of all I will miss the coaches, players and many friends I have gained through my involvement minor hockey. There are few rewards as a volunteer, and you have the make

the most of the little things. Little things like Joe Scott asking me last year if I could carry him to the penalty box now! Little things like seeing Kenny MacDonald still enjoying the games, now from the warm upstairs. Little things like the honour of presenting the John Hawrylyshyn, and Joel Miller award. Little things like all those banquet smiles! Little things like the chills I get from hearing that fire truck after a victory! They say it is the little things in life that count.

In closing I would just like to thank the entire executive, volunteers and everyone I have had the pleasure of working with over the last 2 years with Ripley Minor Hockey.

Although it has not always been easy, and the challenges frequent at times, I thank everyone for your confidence and support in hopefully making a positive contribution to the betterment of the organization and all the participants.

A mentor once told me that “the responsibility of a leader is to define reality, and the last is to say thank you. In between the leader is a servant”.

Thank you to everyone who allowed me the privilege of being your servant over the last two years.

Respectfully
Dan Wilken

5. Ripley Girls Hockey Report: by Dianne Simpson

A combined Midget Girls team from Ripley and Lucknow made up our only girls team this season. Dianne thanked Kendra Clark for looking after paperwork for team. Grant thanked Dianne and Kendra for their efforts organizing the team and ultimately giving the girls the opportunity to continue playing hockey.

6. Equipment Report

Brent stated the equipment department is in good shape. Sweaters are needed for a Novice team this season.

7. Financial Report

Mike reported we ended last season in a surplus position.

8. New Members:

Kerry Richardson, Larry Leppington, Murray Lotton, Grant Murray were acclaimed by Dianne, 2nd by Gary, carried.

Ripley Minor Hockey Executive for 2011-12

President- Dianne Simpson

Vice President – Gary Rutledge
WOAA Town Contact

Registrar

Secretary – Kerry Richardson

Past President – Dan Wilken

Equipment Managers – Brent Chatham
Larry Leppington

At Large – Dave Charette
Murray Lotton

9. Next Annual General Meeting June 5, 2012.

10. Adjournment

Grant made a motion to adjourn 2011 AGM, 2nd by Dave, carried.