

Blackburn Minor Hockey Association (B.M.H.A.)
Minutes of the meeting
Held in the Blackburn Library
May 12, 2009

In Attendance

Randy Arnott, Derek Purcell, Wally Montpetit, Paul Graham, Tammy Lynch, Bev McKeown, Eric Giguere, Chris Hilton, Laura Weber, Ben Bolan, Joseph Thomas, Sarah Croll, Ken Mason

1. Call to Order

1.1 The meeting was called at 7:08 p.m. with Wally welcoming everyone and introducing the new members of the Board.

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes

2.1 Not available therefore deferred to next meeting.

3. Business arising from previous minutes

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4. New Business

4.1 Sarah Croll is interested in the vacant Public Relations position on the Board. The group had a general discussion surrounding the PR job description.

4.2 The idea of planning one Photo Day for all teams was presented. Paul agreed to look into the possibility of organizing this event

4.3 Fair Ice in the BMHA. Wally presented the R & R of the GHA and the BMHA By-Law on Equal Ice Time. It was noted that the GHA is changing its wording to include HOUSE LEAGUE therefore not mentioning Rep B level. The BMHA Bylaw No. 18 will include both House League and Rep B teams assigned to the BMHA. See attachment 1.

MOTION: That Sarah Croll be appointed Acting Public Relations Director.

1st Laura

2nd Derek

Approved

5. President (Wally)

5.1 Peewee tournament - application for hours is in with the city, three weekends in Blackburn

Fridays - 6 round robin games from 3:00 -9:00

Saturdays - 12 round robin games from 7:00 -7:00

Sundays - 2 Semi-final games in the morning from 9:00 -11:00

Finals on Sunday Afternoon 4:00

Each of these sessions has an extra hour of ice at the end - practice (with notice)

5.2 37th Annual Roger Senecal Tournament - Blackhawks are going to host this year

December 4, 5, 6 2009

Starts Friday Dec 4, 10:00am at Blackburn, Potvin and 2 Barretts (and some Armstrong)

Blackburn arena hosts 22 out of the total 129 hours

Looking for an energetic Tournament Chair

5.3 Blackhawks - GCMHA pairing up with Orleans for both Atom levels this season will result in changes to which Blackhawks teams will host this season.

5.4 GHA AGM is Wednesday May 27th

Many (small) changes to the GHA Rules & Regs and By-Laws

5.5 Rangers Information session at 7pm on Tues 26 May - upstairs hall at Barrett Arena.

Rangers are planning to go ahead with 2 new teams at minor Atom

5.6 The meeting BMHA meeting schedule was circulated. Appendix 2

6. V.P. Operations (Tammy)

6.1 John O Brian (Bantam) was given the Coach of the Year Award this year. He has coached many years and has had great success with his player.

6.2 Jeff Courtice, one of our House League Coaches, will be awarded a volunteer recognition pin by the City of Ottawa this evening.

6.3 The volunteer recognition party was a success. The Navan event was well attended. The feedback was favourable with the larger room with and improved acoustics. A suggestion for next year would be more food. The function appears to be on budget \$3500.00.

7. V.P. Finance (Joe)

7.1 The change in signing authority is now complete and cheques are being issued.

7.2 Registration for next year is arriving with YTD revenues around 12k.

- 7.3 A comprehensive financial overview will be ready for next meeting.
8. Registrar (Fiona) Regrets
- 8.1 Tammy gave the update, 72 players have registered for next year, 47 have used the online method.
9. Risk and Safety (Paul)
- 9.1 The idea of having the BMHA represented in the Fun Fair parade was discussed. Any participant must be aware that the BMHA would not be covered by Hockey Canada Insurance.
- 9.2 Wally confirmed that the 4 on 4 hockey organized by the BMHA has obtained independent insurance coverage and is not using Hockey Canada.
10. Ways and Means (Paul H) Regrets
11. Public Relations (Sarah)
- 11.1 Several ideas were shared on the topic of PR. We need to get the word out that 4 year olds can now participate in the IP program. The idea of having a booth at Fun Fair was discussed. Signs advertising hockey registration should be placed at the entrances to the Hamlet and in Chapel Hill South.
- 12 Ice Scheduler (Greg) Regrets
- 13 Equipment (Maurice)
- 12.1 The last night for teams to return sweaters and first aid kits will this Wednesday. Teams that have outstanding items will be individually contacted.
- 14 Discipline (Bev)
- 14.1 No new information
- 15 Initiation Program (Ben):
- 15.1 Discussion took place on the history behind last years time slots for this age group and the concerns parents had with the early practice times. Ben was told of rationale used. Better times will be considered for next year.
- 15.2 Plans are to have a parents meeting before the season begins.
- 16 Novice Convenor (Chris)
- 15.1 The idea of having dedicated goalies at this level was reviewed. The general consensus was to keep the philosophy of rotating players as goalies.

- 17 Atom Convenor (Laura)
17.1 Several questions on evaluations were asked: Are goalies evaluated separately and how evaluators are recruited. Tammy offered information and indicated that a convenor's meetings will be held prior to try-outs.
- 18 Pee Wee Convenor (Cathy) Regrets
- 19 Bantam Convenor (Karen): Regrets
- 20 Midget Convenor/Juvenile (Randy):
20.1 The schedule for next year will see 2 less games being played at this level. Other Associations have expressed interest in exhibition games to make up for the lost games.
20.2 Midget hockey has three age groups 15-18. Consideration should be given to mixing 15 y/o with 18 y/o on the same team.
- 21 Coach Mentor (Eric)
22.1 No new information
- 22 GHA, Pee Wee Convenor (Derek)
23.1 Again the Volunteer party was a success
- 23 Canteen (Ken Mason)
24.1 The canteen will be open in the summer for Ball Hockey but does a very small amount of business.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:25

1st: Tammy

2nd: Laura

Approved

Next Meeting June 9, 2009

Appendix 1

GHA R&R
26 -
PLAYING
RULES

In all divisions and categories/levels of hockey each player shall play a regular shift on his team during each game. The Convenor will not interfere with coaching strategy but he will not tolerate players sitting on the bench and not being given a chance to develop. Coaching strategy should not include speciality teams or double rotation of strong players that could upset regular rotations over a game and allow some players to play more than others. Any player on a roster whom the coach feels is not good enough to play a regular shift must be moved to a lower classification except as noted in R&R 16.

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to be Changed to

In all divisions and categories/levels of **HOUSE LEAGUE** hockey each player shall play a regular shift on his team during each game. The Convenor will not interfere with coaching strategy but he will not tolerate players sitting on the bench and not being given a chance to develop. Coaching strategy should not include speciality teams or double rotation of strong players that could upset regular rotations over a game and allow some players to play more than others. Any player on a roster whom the coach feels is not good enough to play a regular shift must be moved to a lower classification except as noted in R&R 16.

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BMHA

BY-LAW NO. 18 - EQUAL

ICE-TIME

It is recognized that the nature of the game of hockey makes it difficult to guarantee that absolute equal ice-time is dispensed to all players. However, team officials are to ensure equal ice-time to the extent possible by using game tactics/strategies, which will not interfere with regular shift rotations. Extra shifts or the use of specialty teams is not permitted. This By-law applies to all BMHA teams (House League and Rep B). Convenors are responsible for ensuring that all teams at their level(s) adhere to this By-law.

BMHA Meeting Schedule for 2009

All meetings at Blackburn Library, 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise indicated

Tues. May 12 th	regular BOD meeting, introduction of new board
Tues. June 9 th	regular BOD meeting and approval of Rep coaches
Tues. August 25 th	regular BOD meeting, preparation for H/L evaluations
Tues. Sept. 22 nd	approve BMHA house league teams/vote on coaches
Sun. Sept. 27 th (tentative)	Coaches/Managers Information Meeting (BLK Community Centre) (not all board required)
Tues. Oct. 6 th (tentative)	IP Info Night (Blackburn Community Centre)
Tues. Oct. 13 th	regular BOD meeting
Tues. Nov. 10 th	regular BOD meeting
Tues. Dec. 8 th	regular BOD meeting

Appendix 2