

Approved
Blackburn Minor Hockey Association (B.M.H.A.)
Minutes of the meeting
Held in the Blackburn Library
October 9, 2007

In Attendance

Maurice Archambault, Greg Smallwood, Fiona Daigle
Dave Campbell, Paul Hayes, Wally Montpetit, Paul Graham, Chris Fraser,
Randy Arnott, Tammy Lynch, Louise Lee, Bev McKeown, Stew Shonfield,
Brenda Feely

1. Call to Order

1.1 The meeting was called by Greg Smallwood at 7.05 p.m. Greg stated our President will not be able to attend this meeting and he will chair the meeting.

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Motion: That the Minutes from Aug 27, 2007 meeting be approved as written.

1st Wally 2nd Paul H Approved

3. Business arising from previous minutes

- 3.1 Web site now links to Board Members
- 3.2 Blackburn Stingers Logo was painted on centre ice
- 3.3 GHA was notified of the Board approving the concept of adding additional balanced juvenile teams to the league.
- 3.4 Arena sign no longer advertises June registration dates
- 3.5 BMHA web site links local clinics
- 3.6 Convenors workshop took place Sept 4th
- 3.7 Two sets of pineys were ready for evaluations
- 3.8 Bulletin Boards were updated

Outstanding issues

- 3.9 Table last years Pee Wee Tournament Report
- 3.10 Trainer list with expiration date to be created

4. New Business

Pee Wee Tournament: Presently no volunteer has stepped forward to chair the Jan 3 weekend event. This is becoming critical as many teams are asking for information and time sensitive paperwork is not getting done. Members of the Board are asked to help find a chair and the web site is to advertise the urgency. This event is a significant fundraiser for the Association and helps reduce player fees.

Action Item: Recruit a chairperson for the Pee Wee tournament on Web Site

Committee Member Reports

5. **President**

5.1 Regrets

6. **V.P. Administration**

6.1 Signed Police Record Check forms and the accompanying Association letters were made available to all convenors. The police require these two documents plus two forms of I.D. when Association volunteers apply for required records check.

6.2 Letters to open team bank accounts were also made available.

6.3 A total of 12 trainer kits are being handed to teams.

7. **V.P. Operations**

7.1 Greg attended the GHA monthly meeting on behalf of the BMHA. and briefed the Board.

7.2 New game sheets are available, old style can still be used.

7.3 No volunteer chair has been found for the Roger Senecal Rep B tournament therefore the tournament is cancelled this year. The GHA will hold onto the ice and plans are to use this time for Rep Hockey make- up games and potentially ice time could be up for sale.

7.4 Sadly an official passed away during a Referee training session.

7.5 The game schedule for the season is out, coaches are to review and report any conflicts.

Action Item: All BMHA coaches are to check game schedule for conflicts

8. **V.P. Finance**

8.1 The GHA commended Fiona for paying bills promptly. No other Association is as efficient. Our Associations GHA bill is paid in full.

8.2 Balance in the account is approximately \$63,000.

8.3 Money has not been received from last years Pee Wee tournament or Canteen Proceeds.

Action Item: Fiona to get the funds from the Pee Wee Tournament and Canteen into the BMHA account.

9. **Registrar**

9.1 Dave indicated he has issued 7 refunds.

9.2 The IP program is expected to have 54-56 participants.

9.3 Teams are asked to submit their team officials lists ASAP

Action Item: Convenors to encourage the team official list be generated and sent to Registrar

9.4 Total Association registration will be around 450 players.

9.5 The first goalie clinic takes place on Oct 28th

10 Ways and Means

10.1 The bulletin boards at the arena are being updated and repaired

10.2 Last year several House League teams earned banners. Paul has agreed to look into identifying these teams and purchasing the appropriate banner to be hung in our arena.

Action Item: Paul H to purchase and install banners for 200/6/2007 season.

10.3 The issue of how sponsors relate to the team and the individual players took place. The concept of player team fees being waved for fund raising efforts was also reviewed. The Assoc. has no clear policy on this matter. The group agreed that clarification is needed and a policy is needed to help teams. Paul H has agreed to look into the development of a policy.

Motion: *That all funds raised are for the team and not the individual player, including sponsorships and donations. The implementation date is May 15, 2008.*

Originator: Paul Hayes

2nd: Dave Campbell

Passed

11 Ice Scheduler

11.1 Discussion took place on how late the Novice teams can be slotted for practice ice. It was agreed that as a guideline Novice would be assigned ice no later than 6pm.

11.2 Numerous requests to buy ice are being received. Generally no ice is for sale in the BMHA. Coaches are encouraged to swap or make other arrangements with BMHA teams. If assigned ice time comes available Wally should be contacted and he will email BMHA coaches with details.

11.3 The GHA game schedule and Nov practice ice came out late as more teams were added after the deadline. The BMHA ice scheduler has no control over the GHA game schedule and assures everyone a fast turn around once the GHA releases practice ice slots. Be advised short notice for practice ice may still occur.

11.4 Teams are asked to notify Wally of tournament and other team activities in an effort to reduce conflicts with practice ice time.

Action Item: Convenors ask teams to submit tournament times to the ice scheduler.

12 Novice Convenor:

12.1 A coach was injured during recreational hockey and will not be able to skate for several weeks. Louise discussed the options open as result of the accident. The group agreed that Wayne Gudbranson should continue as coach and assistant coaches that are certified will run the practices and the bench until Wayne can return.

13 Atom Convenor

13.1 The C team is having difficulty finding a volunteer to perform the trainer duties. Paul G advised the team that a trainer must be present on the bench during games and in the building during practices. Options were discussed and the manager of the team will make another plea for a volunteer next practice.

13.2 A brief summary of Convenor duties is being written to help future rookie volunteers.

13.3 Two seminars are happening at the same time on Nov 3rd, the Sens Annual Coaching Clinic and a presentation on Concussions in Hockey. Both take place at the Scotiabank Place and start at 7.45am.

13.4 The ODMHA is offering the Chev-Safe and Fun Hockey Program on Nov 10th, 10-4pm at their office. The specific component to be addressed is adult behaviour while at the rink. This is a "Train the Trainer" workshop intended for volunteers interested in taking this program back to their Associations. Morris indicated he would attend.

13.5 Several players have received Boundary releases to play elsewhere. Several members were interested in the guidelines used to grant such releases?

Action Item: Jim to explain the process on how players are released from the BMHA.

14 Pee Wee Convenor

14.1 The coach of the Pee Wee C team injured his knee during a practice and will be stepping down as coach. Tammy made a recommendation for a replacement that has 3 years experience with our Assoc.

Motion: *That Jason Smith take over the position of Head Coach for the Pee Wee C team.* 2nd Louise Lee. Passed

18 Discipline

18.1 Bev told the group that the season has had a good start; to date no suspensions.

19 Equipment

19.1 All teams have received their team jerseys. Stew noted that the jersey's have a special moisture coating therefore washing should only occur every 3-4 games.

19.2 Sufficient goalie equipment is available however Stew will look at purchasing a set as a back up.

Motion to Adjourn at 10.05: First: Tammy Second: Fiona Next Meeting
Next meeting Nov 13th, 2007