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Blackburn Minor Hockey Association (B.M.H.A.)
Minutes of the meeting
Held in the Blackburn Library
April 8, 2008

In Attendance

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

Guest: Robin Lynch (BMHA Webmaster)

1. Call to Order
 - 1.1 The meeting was called at 7.08 p.m.
2. Approval of previous meeting minutes
Postponed to next meeting
3. Business arising from previous minutes
 - 3.1 Nil
4. New Business
 - 4.1 The issue of offering our membership the option of registering online was discussed. Robin offered his expert opinion by commenting on payment methods, extra fees and online security. Extensive discussion took place by the group exploring the: three-cheque payment option presently available, additional costs if Pay Pal was used and how other Associations are using the online option. The advantages suggest: volunteer timesavings, member convenience and keeping up with available technology. One negative surrounded the signature required on the medical form. This form is needed before try-outs begin. These forms will be available at the rink prior to evaluations starting. Tina agreed to investigate how other Associations handle online medical forms.

Action: Tina will investigate on line medical form submission

MOTION: That the BMHA adopt the option of using electronic web registration for the 2008/9 hockey season.

1st Greg Smallwood

2nd Randy Arnott Approved

4.2 The costs of using Pay Pal were outlined. Establishing an account is \$20.00. Pay Pal takes a graduated percentage of the amount paid. The suggested fee that would apply to BMHA users would be 3%.

Motion: That the Pay Pal option be made available to our membership and a 3% convenience fee be directly charged to the user.

1st Tina

2nd Maurice

Approved

4.3 Greg took time to acknowledge the great web site and the hard work Robin has put into upgrading the site this year.

Committee Member Reports

5. President

5.1 The GHA suggested boundaries might change; more details are expected at the next meeting.

5.2 Cumberland has requested that other Associations consider a 3rd official at the Pee Wee level. This issue will be discussed in more detail at the next GHA meeting. This may increase BMHA registration fees.

5.3. The GHA has its AGM on May 28th; a few Board positions are vacant.

5.4 The GHA convenor positions are expected to have a greater role next year. Our Association has the Atom GHA convenor position.

6. V.P. Administration

6.1 Nine candidates were nominated for the Volunteer Appreciation Award and the nine were narrowed to three. The criteria included those who had gone 'above and beyond the call of volunteer duty consistently through out the year'. The three candidates and their information were presented to the Board for a vote by show of hands. The winner by vote, was Gord Gray. Award to be presented at the April 25 volunteer appreciation dance. Board members were asked not to reveal the name of the winning candidate.

6.2 Ticket for the volunteer appreciation dance was not selling and only coaching staff that receives free tickets, had responded with interest. Tina suggested that free tickets be offered to all volunteers regardless of their volunteer role within the association (not just hockey team staff as in previous years), as well as to parents who are interested in attending. Also added that anyone holding a Volunteer ticket, as opposed to a Guest ticket, would be able to enter the door prize draws. Tina asked the Board if there were any concerns or opposing comments regarding the recommendation. None were tabled. Refunds will be given to the few that already purchased

7. V.P. Operations

7.1 The issue of developing a Policy on Personal Information was presented. Greg agreed to investigate how our Association could develop such a policy.

7.2 Eric Giguere has agreed to perform the duties of a Coach Mentor for next year and has already circulated a survey to coaches.

7.3 Coaches are completing player evaluations.

7.4 The key to the BMHA office appears to be missing.

Action: Greg to establish a Personal Information Policy

8. V.P. Finance

8.1 The account has around \$6534 remaining after the volunteer party expenses and ice fees. The reserve is \$2,629.

8. The four and four revenues are approximately \$10,200. The first ice installment of \$1,200 was paid as is the Insurance of \$1,140.

9. Registrar

9.1 Regrets

10. Ways and Means

10.1 The operation of the canteen is now a line item on the BMHA bank account.

10.2 Kim Shonfield operated the Canteen for over 9 years. Paul H recognized her as a dedicated volunteer.

10.3 Derek Purcell will stand for the position of PR Director

10.4 Banners recognizing winning teams will be ordered with the thought of hanging them during the pending arena maintenance.

11 Ice Scheduler

11.1 Great year, no significant issues

12 Equipment

12.1 Coaches advised of equipment and jersey return on the morning of April 27th.

12.2 A team asked if they could return \$100.00 worth of Stinger pins. No one disagreed with the return and giving a refund.

13 Discipline

13.1 Players have sat out a total of 56 games.

13.2 Coach imposed suspensions are up to 9 games.

13.3 No ODMHA hearings, 1 GHA hearing, 3 BMHA hearings.

13.4 Two athletes will have suspensions carried over to next season.

13.5 Greg thanked Bev for her efforts. She knows how to get the message across as very few repeat offenders happened

14 Public Relations

14.1 Vacant

15 Novice Convenor:

15.1 Final league standings A 2nd, B1 8th, B2 2nd and C 4th, no teams advanced to the finals.

15.2 The issue of using a player from another competitive league arose during a semi-final game. A girl that plays in the GHA also plays for a girl's competitive novice girl's team. Wally explained that this is allowed as the girl's league has very few teams and limited opportunities to play hockey.

- 16 Atom Convenor
16. No teams advanced out of the first round of the playoffs. In league play the A team finished 2nd, B1 5th, B2 7th and the C's 9th.
- 17 Pee Wee Convenor
17.1 Two teams earned spots in the playoff finals. The A's and B1 lost in the final games. The B2 and C team did not advance out of the first round of the playoffs.
17.2 Final league standings A's 2nd, B1 1st, B2 3rd and C's 1st.
- 18 Bantam Convenor
18.1 The A team did not advance out of the first round of the playoffs, with the two B teams playing in the final game of the playoffs. The B1 team won the playoffs in overtime.
- 19 Midget Convenor
19.1 Three of the 5 teams advanced to the finals. The B2 team won in their final game.
- 20 Juvenile Convenor
20.1 Teams did not advance out of first round of the playoffs
20.2 Stew suggested the GHA consider limiting registration or changing to a two tier system. The skill level is too wide with some players having played competitive hockey while others are relatively new to hockey.
- 21 Rep B
21.1 Coaching applications for next season will be on the Blackhawks website starting Apr 27th. The plan is to interview candidates during the first week of May.
21.2 The Tri-City Agreement is still not signed. Chris stated the outstanding issues should be resolved soon and expects a signed agreement before our meeting in May.

Motion to Adjourn at 9.39 First: Bev Second: Greg Passed

Next Meeting May 13, 2008

