

Approved Oct 9, 2007
Blackburn Minor Hockey Association (B.M.H.A.)
Minutes of the meeting
Held in the Blackburn Library
Aug 21, 2007

In Attendance

Jim Shepherd, Maurice Archambault, Randy Arnott,
Paul Hayes, Wally Montpetit, Paul Graham
Bev McKeown, Tammy Lynch, Louise Lee, Chris Fraser

1. Call to Order

1.1 The meeting was called by Jim Shepherd at 7.05 p.m.

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes

MOTION: That the BMHA minutes of May 29, 2007 be accepted as amended. First: **Jim** Seconded: **Tammy** Passed

3. Business arising from previous minutes

- 3.1 Jim stated he presented the issue of a refund from the insurance surplus to the ODMHA, resolution will need to wait until their next annual general meeting.
- 3.2 All three Association Presidents signed the Tri-City Rep B agreement.
- 3.3 Maurice purchased the cabinets and shredder for the arena office upgrade, \$553.37
- 3.4 Registration night took place on June 21st at Good Shepherds elementary school.

4. New Business

4.1. Nil

Committee Member Reports

5. President

- 5.1 Jim acknowledged how well the new web site looks and operates. Kudos to our new web site manager Robin Lynch.
- 5.2 Members were asked to decide how emails could be forwarded from our BMHA web site. Discussion determined that each Board position would have mail address. The web master would add a link to the appropriate members home email. An email home email list was generated for the web master.

Action Item: Jim to arrange for the BMHA web site addresses link to the appropriate member's home emails.

5.3 South Ottawa has requested permission to enter a team(s) in the GHA. Issues related to the pros and cons took place. Experienced Board members were concerned with the caliber of players historically on these teams. They field very strong teams. The group decided to support the addition of team(s) from this area with a condition that they make special efforts to balance the teams in the spirit of fair competition.

Action Item: Jim to advise GHA that the BMHA supports adding juvenile team(s) to our league with the condition of the concept of fair play balancing.

6. V.P. Administration

6.1 Maurice informed the Board that the office would be ready next Thursday. He encouraged all members to use this facility to store BMHA files and memorabilia.

6.2 Discussion took place on the topic of our \$100.00 late registration fee. It was noted that this does not apply to IP or new players to the association. Maurice noted the Juveniles aged players often do not register early as they await fall school schedules therefore are also exempt from the late registration fee. This fact needs to be made clearer on our web site.

Action Item: Maurice to clarify information on late fee as they apply to IP and Juveniles on our BMHA Web Site.

6.3 The manager's manual and constitution updates will be completed for the next meeting.

6.4 A BMHA meeting schedule was circulated, the dates are:

Sept 4, 25

Oct 9

Nov 13

Dec 11

6.5 Maurice was contacted by the Arena staff asking if the BMHA would like to have our Blackburn Stinger logo painted at center ice. The cost to the Association is limited to purchasing the paint. All agreed that this is a good idea and Maurice will notify the City staff and arrange for the purchase of paint.

6.6

Action Item: Maurice to advise City to paint logo and buy the necessary paint.

7. V.P. Operations: Regrets from Greg

8. V.P. Finance: Regrets from Fiona

9. Registrar

9.1 Regrets from Dave

Dave sent via email a Registration listing. To date 402 players have registered.

The age breakdown is as follows:

Novice	61
Atom	73
Pee Wee	75
Bantam	60
Midget	91
IP	42

Several of the registrants will play at the competitive Ranger or Rep B level, it is therefore expected that numbers should see 20-22 teams in our house league.

9.2 The sign in front of the Arena still advertises the June registration. The city will be asked to change the sign to encourage additional registrations.

Action Item: Maurice to arrange to change wording on sign in front of our Arena to suggest registration is still on going.

9.3 Many of our BMHA players will earn a spot at the competitive level. Convenors would like to know as quickly as possible the names of players that will not be playing at the house league level.

Action Item: Dave to liaise with both Ranger and Rep B teams and determine names of players not playing in House League this year. These names are to be forwarded to the convenors.

10. Ways and Means

10.1 Paul H has looked into offering coaching and trainer clinics for the BMHA. He feels other Associations are offering sufficient courses and our members should be directed to these. Cumberland especially has a large number of clinics. Paul suggested our web site include a link to the ODMHA clinic web site.

Action Item: Paul H. to arrange for web site link to the ODMHA clinic site

10.2 A list with the dates of certification of coaches and trainers would help the planning of future clinics and assist our volunteers recertify.

Action Item: Paul H. to ask Greg to generate a certification expiration list of volunteers.

11 Ice Scheduler

11.1 Wally circulated his first draft for Rep B and house league Try-outs. Time was spent reviewing the specifics of this handout. The detailed document did assign time to all age groups but still needed fine-tuning, as the GHA had not officially released the time slots.

11.2 Teams should be selected no later than Sept 25th.

12 Novice Convenor

12.1 Louise asked if an IP convenor had been found. Jim indicated this position is still open.

12.2 The group talked about the upcoming evaluations and it was stated that assessors needed to be 14 or older and high school volunteer hours could be credited. On ice help should number 3-5 volunteers.

12.3 The evaluation sheet was discussed and Chris F offered to circulate the definitions of skills that are being assessed.

12.4 No free skate before evaluations will take place this year.

12.5 The ordering of pinnies was discussed. Maurice agreed to talk with Stew and determine the status of the order.

Action Item: Maurice to contact Stew S for an update on the piney order.

12.6 The issue of player and parent conduct was discussed. A Code of Conduct is in writing and must be signed by all players prior to the season beginning. Jim also noted that the BMHA has adopted the True Sport philosophy of athletic participation.

12.7 A number of coach applications have been received for Novice.

13. Atom Convenor

13.2 Paul G asked about coach applications since none have been received at this level. Discussion around getting info of the web site took place. Information should flow better once the home link is made on the BMHA web site.

13.3 Does an electronic assessment tally sheet exist? Members suggested that Greg S may have one and will make it available to all.

13.4 Hockey Canada has a very detailed spreadsheet that could possibly be altered to conform to the BMHA assessment data.

13.5 The status of the Pee Wee tournament was determined to be an Ad Hoc committee. The organizers of the 2007 tournament provided a report to Jim. This report has not been tabled at a BMHA Board meeting.

Action Item: Jim to submit the final report of the 2007 Pee Wee Tournament.

14 Pee Wee Convenor

14.1 Tammy asked if a chair for the 2008 Pee Wee tournament has stepped forward. Jim indicated this position is still vacant.

14.2 The purpose of the September 4, 2007 meeting discussed. This time slot could be used to brief the new convenors on the details of the assessment process. It was noted Greg S would still be away. Jim agreed to gather material and put a workshop for all concerned.

Action: Jim to organized convenors workshop on Sept 4th

15 Bantam Convenor

15.1 Randy indicated he is ready for the evaluations and is awaiting coach applications.

16 Rep B.

16.1 Chris F. updated the Board on the Blackhawk coaching selection. He advised everyone that our Association has three Blackhawk coaches this year. Mike Way, Sean Murray and Chris were selected to be head coaches for Blackhawk teams.

16.2 The try-out process and dates were layout in detail.

16.3 Our Board was reminded that we are financially responsible for two Blackhawk teams, Minor Midget and Minor Pee Wee. This group decided that Chris should be the liaison person for our Board with these teams.

Action Item: Chris to be the main contact for our Blackhawk teams

16.4 Jim explained the sharing of costs for the entire Blackhawk organization by the three Associations. He pledged to insure that the reconciliation of expenses is much faster this season.

16.5 The issue of who is paying for the Blackhawk web site is an issue that needs to be resolved.

Action Item: Chris to determine who is paying for Blackhawk's web site.

17 Discipline

17.1 Bev M. indicated that to her knowledge not new rules were being implemented this year.

17.2 A review basic overview of the discipline process took place. Detailed information will be available at the September coaches meeting.

17.3 Team Pictures are to be done by Nov 30th. Ross McQuin provides a free picture for the BMHA bulletin board. Teams are able to use any photographer but must provide a team photo to Paul Hayes on or before Nov 30th.

17.4 The disrepair of the BMHA bulletin boards was noted. Paul H agreed to work with the Arena staff to create more robust bulletin boards.

Action Item: Paul H to fix bulletin boards and post team pictures.

Motion to Adjourn at 9.30: First: Wally Second: Chris
Passed

Next Convenors meeting Sept 4, 2007

Next Board meeting Sept 25, 2007