

Approved
Blackburn Minor Hockey Association (B.M.H.A.)
Minutes of the meeting
Held in the Blackburn Library
Dec 18, 2007

In Attendance

Jim Shepherd, Fiona Daigle, Paul Hayes, Wally Montpetit, Paul Graham, Randy Arnott, Tammy Lynch, Louise Lee, Bev McKeown, Greg Smallwood, Stew Shonfield

1. Call to Order

1.1 The meeting was called at 7.12 p.m.

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Motion: That the Minutes November 13, 2007 meeting be approved as amended.

1st Wally 2nd Bev Approved

3. Business arising from previous minutes

3.1 Trainer list with expiration date to be created. Convenors to action

3.2 Table the signed 2007/8 Rep B agreement. Paul G. tasked to obtain a signed copy.

3.3 Banners recognizing last years winning teams to be made. Paul H to have banners made.

3.4 Inappropriate use of internet by team members.

4. New Business

4.1 The GHA meeting on the suspension of our President was attended by Jim and Greg. Jim was suspended and required to serve a two week suspension and send a letter of apology to the GHA and BMHA Board members. This was done and Jim is now reinstated.

Committee Member Reports

5. President

5.1 Jim offered his apologizes for creating any hardship during his suspension and noted the extra work that Greg did during is absence.

5.2 Once the convenors reports were complete, Jim read a statement and tendered his resignation as President of the BMHA. Discussion took place with Board members thanking Jim for his dedication to our hockey community.

Motion: That the BMHA Board of Directors accept the resignation letter of Jim Shepherd as President effective Dec 31, 2007.

1st Paul G 2nd Wally Passed

6. V.P. Administration

6.1 Regrets

7. V.P. Operations

7.1 Greg filled in as President during Jim's suspension.

7.2 The rearranging of the midget teams was completed by adding a second A level team and keeping the three B level teams. This was not the original suggestion by the GHA however this option was accepted. Discussion took place on the impact of adding a new team, team photos, tournaments and additional costs to the Association and teams. The financial impact will be tracked and used as reference in the future.

7.3 The issue of approving what goes on the web site was discussed. Greg suggested Board members and coaches should submit information to the web master directly, Robin Lynch. Robin will use his judgment to determine what is appropriate. Should he need advice he is to contact Greg.

7.4 ODMHA handbooks are available and will be distributed to coaches.

7.5 Greg indicated that he would perform the duties of President starting in January. He stated that he will not be standing for President or VP of Operations next year.

Motion: That the BMHA Board of Directors appoint Greg Smallwood as Interim President effective January 1, 2008.

1st Tammy

2nd Bev

Passed

8. V.P. Finance

8.1 GHA ice bill payment is up-to-date and balance is in the \$66,000 range.

8.2 The canteen and tournament profits were deposited.

8.3 A full accounting of the finances will be created for the January meeting.

9. Registrar

9.1 Regrets

10. Ways and Means

10.1. Banners are being created for last years playoff winners.

10.2. The trophy case in the arena is full and can no longer accept new trophies. The general rule of thumb is trophies greater than 10 years are removed to make room for new ones.

Action Item: Wally and Paul G inventory all trophies and remove any trophy older than 10 years.

10.3 A new arena bulletin board is being worked on with help from the arena staff.

11 Ice Scheduler

11.1 Wally attended the GHA monthly meeting as a guest with Maurice our official representative. The following information was given.

- All GHA board positions are filled
- Minutes of the special meeting to reorganize House League teams should have only been circulated to the special meeting members. Our concerns that the minutes have the children's names removed will not occur.
- Maurice asked that the late fees of \$200.00 being charged to the BMHA for the creation of the new Midget A team be waved, denied.
- The rearranged midget A will receive 3 pts for every win
- Rep B teams must submit game sheets to the GHA.
- The motion to have two goalies on all Rep B teams did not pass
- Association Registrars will need to track 8 year olds better, IP/Novice
- The referees were concerned with the amount of intentional checking going on in house league. The GHA will be making intentional checking a 5 minute major penalty.
- President annual meeting to take place Jan 19th.

11.2 Midget Ice for the reorganized and new team was successfully done.

11.3 Wally requested that the Web master create a space for coaches to exchange ice time. This site would be for the exclusive use of the BMHA and no ice is to be offered to other Associations.

Action Item: Robin Lynch create a space for ice exchange on our Web Site

11.4 Credit is not expected for ice expenses as a result of the snow day.

11.5 Jan schedule is posted

11.6 Feb schedule is being worked on and will be posted shortly.

12 Equipment

12.1 IP socks are to be stinger socks next year

12.2 The new Midget team needed the purchase of a sweater bag.

12.3 A BMHA member asked if their fees could be reduced if they provided their own player goalie equipment. This was discussed and it was decided to stay with the existing policy, no credit for equipment.

13 Discipline

13.1 Midget teams are having suspensions as a result of fighting.

13.2 All complaints with officials are to be channeled via Bev. Our Association should have one voice with the district head official.

14 Novice Convenor:

14.1 All teams doing well with the A team in 1st., B1 in 7th, B2 in 5th, B3 4th and C in 3rd.

14.2 Teams and parents happy.

15 Atom Convenor

15.1 Team update: A's 4th out of 11, and will be attending the Bell Cup
B1 is 11th and B2 7th, both will be attending the Bell Cup. The
C is 9th with one win and one tie. Several players are not attending practice.
The manager was asked to speak with the parent.

15.2 Board approved minutes will be sent to our web site for posting.

16 Pee Wee Convenor

16.1 Teams Update: A are in 1st, B1 in 3rd, B2 in 7th and C in 1st. C also won the
West End tournament.

17 Bantam Convenor

17.1 A is middle of the pack with winning ½ their games, B1 is 9-0-1

18 Midget Convenor

18.1 The new teams are being balanced with the hope of limited disruptions.

18.2 The additional A team will be coached by Ken Dimock.

18.3 The additional cost for the new team is expected to be \$3,200.

Motion: That we accept the expenditure of funds and coach nominee Ken Dimock
for the creation of a fifth team at the Midget level.

1st Paul Hayes 2nd Fiona passed

19 Rep B

19.1 Regrets

19.2 Discussion on Rep B agreement deferred

Motion to Adjourn at 10:08: First: Greg Second: Tammy
Next Meeting January 8, 2008

