

Blackburn Minor Hockey Association (B.M.H.A.)
Minutes of the meeting
Held in the Blackburn Library
May 29, 2007

In Attendance

Jim Shepherd, Maurice Archambault, Greg Smallwood, Fiona Daigle
Dave Campbell, Paul Hayes, Wally Montpetit, Paul Graham
Randy Arnott, Tammy Lynch, Louise Lee

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes

2.1 No minutes available at this time

3. Business arising from previous minutes

3.1 Nil

4. New Business

4.1. Jim welcomed new members to the Board and reviewed the Associations mandate. These aims and objectives include organizing, supervising and financing minor hockey in a spirit of fun, fair play and community building.

4.2. The Rep B agreement will be addressed this evening. The group delayed discussing this proposal awaiting the Rep B Convenor's arrival, Chris.

Committee Member Reports

5. President

5.1 Kingston is no longer a member of the O.D.M.H.A. This will mean all of our teams entering a tournament in Kingston will need travel permits.

Action Item: Greg to advise all coaches at first coaches meeting.

5.2 The ODMHA is self-insured and apparently has a surplus in this fund. The agreement suggests Associations should be entitled to a refund.

Action Item: Jim to address this issue at the ODMHA annual meeting.

6. V.P. Administration

6.1 Our Association was asked to help advertise the Referees Clinic. The Association web site now offers info on becoming a referee.

7. V.P. Operations

7.1 Greg talked about changing our Web Site to another supplier. The cost for our existing site is approximately \$510.00 per year. An offer from a Blackburn resident Robin Lynch includes, full web site hosting, design and, upkeep for the cost of one player hockey registration. Discussion took place around cancellation fees and ease of transition. No additional fees are anticipated and transition should be uneventful. Noted was the fact that the Lynch family has taken advantage of the early registration and a refund would be needed if offer were approved.

MOTION: That the BMHA have Robin Lynch run and host the BMHA web site for an annual stipend of one hockey registration fee.

First: Greg

Seconded: Dave

Passed

Action Item: Greg tell Robin Lynch of the Boards approved motion

Action Item: Fiona arrange to refund one players registration to the Lynch family

7.3 Three (3) teams have not returned hockey sweaters. Maurice stated he would pursue these teams and get the sweaters into storage. Maurice also stated he has worked with Stew Schonfield with all returned team jersey's, they were washed and put into the arena storage locker.

Action Item: Maurice to get all hockey jerseys into storage

8. V.P. Finance

8.1 Fiona presented her draft BMHA Budget 2007/2008 . The Total Revenue is estimated at \$173,597 with projected expenses of \$168,300. Reserve Fund is \$4,161. A surplus of \$5,297 is forecasted. Comment on the revenues from the canteen and Pee Wee tournament was discussed, as these numbers appeared high. Fiona also was asked to explain the rationale used to come up with several of the line items. Specifically the Reserve Fund, it is a sweater replacement fund. Her thought is the next round of jersey replacement will be in the \$27K range. It is to this end that she recommended that last year's surplus of \$1, 665 be assigned to the Reserve Fund.

MOTION: That the surplus from last year, \$1,665 be assigned to the Reserve

Fund. First: Louise

Seconded: Maurice

Passed

8.2 Maurice made a request to spend money on a shredder and filing cabinets from the Misc. Administration line. No objections were stated therefore purchase could go ahead.

Action Item: Maurice to buy a shredder and filling cabinets.

8.3 Jim indicated a desire to offer a Speak Out and Trainers Clinic as a way of reducing BMHA expenses. Other Associations are invited and often cover the costs allowing our members to attend for free. No further discussion took place.

9. Registrar

9.1 Dave indicated that 115 registrations were received by mail. This is apparently a little ahead of last year. The anticipated registration is 380.

9.2 The community registration night will be June 20th or 27th, date will be determined once the Community Hall is booked.

Action Item: Maurice to book community Hall for registration night.

9.3 Advertising will take place at this year's Fun Fair. Applications forms will be available at a display table. Advertising will also be in the form of sandwich boards to be placed near entries to Blackburn and Chapel Hill South. The sign outside of the arena will also be used.

Action Item: Dave to arrange for a table and applications for Fun Fair Display.

Action Item: Dave to construct and locate sandwich boards to advertise registration night.

Action Item: Maurice to arrange for Registration Night advertising on arena sign

9.4 The late fee of \$100.00 was discussed. It was clarified that this fee applies to returning players only, not new applicants to our Association. This fact is to be reinforced in all literature and on our Web Site.

Action Item: Greg to highlight on our web site that New Members do not pay the \$100.00 late fee.

10 Ways and Means

10.1 Paul H indicated he was getting up to speed with the duties of the position.

11 Ice Scheduler

11.1 Wally said that he had not been given advance warning of a schedulers meeting and therefore was not able to attend. Last years scheduler was able to attend and will be forwarding information, a delay has occurred as a result of her computer problems. Greg agreed to supply copies of info he has on file. Maurice also offered to attend any meeting Wally cannot attend.

Action Item: Greg to supply data on Ice Scheduling to Wally.

12 Novice Convenor: regrets

13 Atom Convenor

- 13.1 Paul G asked about the mystery behind the house league evaluation process and how players were evaluated. He suggested using the Hockey Canada skills program for a portion of the assessment. Members explained the process used in past years and indicated new to last year, coaches performed a year-end evaluation of all players.

14 Pee Wee Convenor

- 14.1 Tammy stated that she was the Atom Convenor last year and provided Paul G with two assessment forms used last year. She talked about the formation of the teams last year.

15 Bantam Convenor

16 Rep B agreement.

- 16.1 The discussion began by clarifying the three documents surrounding this topic. The formal document dated April 9, 2007, a comparison document and finally a Draft 2 document circulated by Chris Fraser. Unfortunately Chris was not present.
- 16.2 Jim discussed his point of view and how the Tri City Presidents had generated the original document. He stated that both other Associations have approved the document and the GHA is awaiting this Boards approval.
- 16.3 The members discussed the merits of all material. The philosophy of Fair Play was investigated as was coach selection and financial liability. The BMHA will be financially responsible for the two Rep B teams under this agreement.
- 16.4 Maurice questioned the coaching selection process, as individual Board members have no input. Jim agreed to circulate the names of all the applicants with the intention of allowing Board members to offer any red flags to the selection committee prior to the interviews taking place.
- Action Item:** Jim circulates the names of all Rep B coach candidates to the BMHA Executive and Directors prior to interviews taking place.

MOTION: That the BMHA Executive and Directors approve the nine page document titled, Agreement For Gloucester Blackhawks, dated April 9,2007

First: Tammy Seconded: Paul H **Passed**

Action Item: Jim signs the document on behalf of the BMHA and deliver to the GHA.

- 16.5 The group discussed the special meeting that took place with our members to discuss our Association going on its own for Rep B hockey. Jim indicated a lot of information was gathered and he would be able to offer feedback by the stated time frame, Sept 2007.

Motion to Adjourn at 10.00: First: Tammy Second: Fiona Next Meeting tentatively slated for Aug 7, 2007

