

Approved
Blackburn Minor Hockey Association (B.M.H.A.)
Minutes of the meeting
Held in the Blackburn Library
February 5, 2008

In Attendance

Paul Hayes, Wally Montpetit, Paul Graham, Randy Arnott, Tammy Lynch, Louise Lee, Bev McKeown, Greg Smallwood, Kim Shonfield, Tina Clarke, Chris Fraser, Maurice Archambault

1. Call to Order

1.1 The meeting was called at 7.08 p.m.

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Motion: That the Minutes from the January 8, 2008 meeting be approved as written.

1st Randy

2nd Tina

Approved

3. Business arising from previous minutes

3.1 Trainer list with expiration date is still outstanding.

3.2 The Board is still awaiting approved copies of the AGM Minutes from the 05/06 and draft minutes from the 06/07 meeting.

4. New Business

4.1 Kim updated the group on the operations of the Canteen. The performance is expected to be down this year. No revenues from the cancelled Rep tournament and sales during the Pee Wee tournament were less than expected. The fiscal year-end is the end of March. Kim indicated that recruiting volunteers is very difficult. She indicated 7 volunteers run the concession that is not enough. Without help from the Board to recruit more volunteers the option of not renewing the license should be considered. Members of the Board agreed to meet and discuss helping with recruitment. One suggestion was to add a statement on the registration form that indicates volunteers are needed and this is a method of paying off your hockey fees. Kim accepted the intent of help and agreed to move forward as manager and get the license for next year.

Committee Member Reports

5. President

5.1 The annual GHA Presidents meeting took place January 26, 2008. Wally attended and offered a detailed summary for our Board

- The 20-60-20 concept for creating teams was discussed and it was determined that the word “may” suggests this formula is simply a guideline and may not always work.

- Balancing of teams should be left to the Associations and the GHA helps balancing by scheduling Association team games early in the schedule. Wally stated this scheduling concept does not seem to be occurring.
- Balancing across the GHA is an ongoing issue. GHA convenors for each level existed at one time and talk suggested this would be a good idea however a lack of volunteers results in these positions not being filled.
- Two players from the BMHA have not had their fees transferred to the Rangers.
- The Rangers will be moving their tournament to December taking over the Rep B tournament slot. The Rep B tournament is having difficulty-attracting volunteers and was cancelled this year. This should allow for a better distribution of House League games in February, as more ice time will become available with the Rangers moving their date.
- The D9RA referee-in-chief thanked the BMHA for allowing their referees to use their tournament train in the 3-referee system.
- The Cumberland (D12RA) does not send a representative with guest status to the GHA meetings nor the Cumberland Association meetings. This appears to be a concern, as areas being focused on in the GHA are not being shared with Cumberland officials.
- To date 19% of the games were supervised, over 500 games. The goal of 600 will be reached this year.
- The handshake at the end of the game was discussed. The policy is now that handshakes will occur with gloves off and players are to demonstrate good sportsmanship
- Games are often running out of time therefore between period team meetings will not be allowed. Coaches can receive a delay of game penalty should their team not line up quickly.
- The rescheduling of games is becoming excessive and difficult for all concerned. Two weeks notice is now required for all game changes or cancellations. Should this not occur a \$100.00 fine could be charged.
- The VP of House League or the GHA President can only authorize weather cancellations. The GHA web site and telephone system will be used to advise all concerned.
- Tournament organizers are expected to allocate a minimum of 60% of team spots to the GHA. This is in place as teams often have difficulty finding non-checking tournaments.
- Hockey Canada states that at the novice level the whole player should be developed therefore dedicated goaltenders should not occur.
- The GHA has no guidelines for House League teams entering contact tournaments. It was suggested by other Associations within the GHA that players should prior to the tournament: watch an ODMHA movie on contact, have parents sign a permission form and take a hitting clinic offered by a certified instructor.
- Juvenile may be reduced to 19 y/o due to the new City of Ottawa price for adult ice time.

10. Ways and Means

10.1 The trophy case is reorganized with older trophies removed and newer trophies taking over the main showcase. A picture of the P.M. and a signed puck is also on display. The location of an expanded and more visible bulletin is being worked on.

10.2 Pictures of trophies older than 10 years old was circulated and it was decided that any coaches or players that recognize a trophy is welcome to take it.

11 Ice Scheduler

11.1 March Schedule will be released soon.

11.2 Rep B ice time obligations are complete, time will be held for these teams pending their performance in the playoffs, one hour per week for every week they are in playoffs.

12 Equipment

12.1 Regrets

13 Discipline

13.1 A hearing was held for a Bantam player. The player accepted his behavior needed to change.

13.2 The number of offences is in the range of 24, similar number as last year.

13.3 Two body contact majors were noted. This is the new rule on intentional body checking, it is now a major penalty that carries an automatic game suspension.

14 Public Relations

14.1 Information on the P.M. visiting our tournament was sent to the Banner, Orleans Star and the Ottawa Citizen. The Association web site also has pictures and an article.

14.2 The community hall is booked for our April 14th for our AGM.

14.3 The volunteer appreciation event will take place on Fri April 25th at the Notre Dame Dechamp Community Centre. The Lone Star will cater the event and a band is booked.

14.4 Nominations for volunteer of the year are being accepted.

The meeting was running late therefore brief convenors reports were given.

15 Novice Convenor:

15.1 All teams are doing well.

16 Atom Convenor

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16.2 A concussion handout was circulated.

17 Pee Wee Convenor

17.1 The Pee Wee tournament held over three weekends went well and was a financial success. Our own B2 team won the B tournament. The Prime Minister opened the A weekend with a ceremonial puck drop and the singing of O'Canada. The co-chairs of this event, Jennifer Phillips and Ken Mason, did a great job and the Board greatly appreciates their hard work.

17.2 All teams are doing well. The B teams are going to Kingston for a tournament.

18 Bantam Convenor

18.1 The A team is having problems. One B team assistant coach has stepped down. Generally the B's are doing fine.

19 Midget Convenor

19.1 Reorganization is doing well. All financial concerns were worked out.

20 Rep B

20.1 Chris indicated teams are doing well and only the Major Midgets will not earn a spot in the playoffs.

20.2 The three Association Rep B convenors are presently going over the Tri-City agreement and have scheduled a formal meeting for tomorrow night (Feb 6th). Wally and Chris have discussed possible changes to the existing agreement with the idea of being more detailed and specific on issues that have created confusion this year.

21.3 A discussion took place surrounding last years BMHA initiated Rep B meetings. Wally indicated a summary from the meetings and a written submission was created by Laurie Penthal. This document was circulated to only a few of last years Board members. Wally volunteered to review the document and draft a response to our Membership.

Action Item: *Wally draft a response to the last years Rep B meetings for our Membership*

Motion to Adjourn at 10:08: First: Greg Second: Tammy Passed

Next Meeting March 4, 2008

