

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

In Attendance

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

1. Call to Order

1.1 The meeting was called at 7.06 p.m.

1.2 Greg introduced Tina Clarke as a volunteer interested in our vacant, Public Relations Director position.

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes

**Motion:** That the Minutes from December 18, 2007 be approved as amended.

1<sup>st</sup> Louise

2<sup>nd</sup> Paul H

Approved

3. Business arising from previous minutes

3.1 Trainer list to be generated by Fiona.

3.2 Greg emailed the 2007/8 Rep B signed agreement to members prior to this meeting.

3.3 Banners are in, Paul H will update during his report.

Committee Member Reports

4. President

4.1 Acting President, Greg updated the information gathered at the GHA monthly meeting

- The GHA is encouraging all to volunteer for the upcoming World Juniors to be held in Ottawa next year.
- Tournament Sanctions Certificates must be posted during tournaments.
- New boundaries are being considered for the new AAA competitive levels.
- New style game sheets are to be used by all teams
- Next years Rep B Tournament is looking for a chairperson
- The Association Presidents meeting is moved to Jan 26<sup>th</sup>
- The final date for Affiliate paperwork is Jan 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Coaches are reminded of the fair play code that states no specialty lines are permitted. A coach from another Association is serving a suspension for not following the code.

## 5. V.P. Administration

5.1 The dates for future Association meetings were circulated. The dates are:  
Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, Mar 4<sup>th</sup>, Apr 8<sup>th</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup>, Jun 10<sup>th</sup>, Aug 12<sup>th</sup>, Sept 9<sup>th</sup>,  
Sep 30<sup>th</sup>, Oct 14<sup>th</sup>, Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>.  
The suggested AGM date is April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

5.2 Board members are asked to start considering nominees for the Volunteer of the Year award.

**Action Item:** Tina and Maurice will coordinate the selecting of the Volunteer of the Year.

5.3 Maurice canvassed Board members as to their intentions for next year. Greg indicated he was interested in standing for Ice Scheduler, Paul G for VP Ops or Secretary while all others indicated they would like to stand for their existing positions. Association positions with no nominees are: Atom, Bantam, and Juvenile Convenors. Anyone interested in running for any Board position is asked to contact Maurice.

## 6. V.P. Finance

6.1 A January Budget update was circulated by Fiona. The updated Budget suggests revenues and expenses should continue to see a surplus of around \$23,000.

## 7. Registrar

7.1 Regrets.

7.2 An email sent to members indicating tax receipts should be arriving during the month of February. The personnel data on the receipt is change from the initial mailing.

## 8. Ways and Means

8.1 Banners for last year's House League playoff winners are ready and the City staff will be asked to install them in the arena.

8.2 Numerous ideas for the arena bulletin board are being investigated.

## 9. Ice Scheduler

9.1 The February ice schedule is out.

9.2 Ice is being allocated for the upcoming goalie clinics

9.3 With the help of the coaches and team managers, all appears to be running smoothly.

## 10. Equipment

10.1 No equipment issues.

11. Discipline
  - 11.1 Bantam is experiencing repeat offenders which are being subjected to escalating suspensions as per the ODMHA guidelines.
  
12. Novice Convenor:
  - 12.1 All teams are doing well. Several teams will participate in an upcoming Messena tournament.
  - 12.2 The issue of designated goalies for this age group was discussed. Presently players cannot try-out specifically as goalies, Louise asked that this issue be discussed at the upcoming Presidents meeting as many players want to be full time goalies and do not wish to be evaluated as skaters. She will provide details for this meeting.  
  
*Action Item:* Our representative to discuss the evaluation of goalies at the Atom level during the next GHA meeting.
  
13. Atom Convenor
  - 13.2 Teams are running smoothly.
  - 13.3 The A team participated in the Bell tournament and our skater Giguere won the top scorer of the tournament
  - 13.4 The C team continues to struggle and skaters new to hockey are joining the second year IP ice times for additional practice.
  
14. Pee Wee Convenor
  - 14.2 Teams Update: A's are in 2nd, B's continue to be in the middle of the pack and will participate in a tournament in Kingston, C are in 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - 14.3 The Pee Wee tournament schedules are post on our Web Site. The Prime Minister may attend the A weekend as his son is playing on one of the participating teams.
  - 14.4 One additional player has joined the A team. The player is returning to hockey after a non-hockey injury.
  
15. Midget Convenor
  - 15.1 The team reorganization is complete, 2A's and 3B's are sorting out the numerous issues (team fees) that have resulted from the imposed shuffle.
  - 15.2 Greg noted that the Cumberland Assn. acknowledged the difficulty the reorganized teams would have finding tournaments and have held spots for BMHA teams in their Feb tournament.
  
16. Bantam Convenor
  - 16.1 The A team continues to struggle while the B's have the identical record of 7-0-1.
  - 16.2 All three teams will participate in the Gloucester tournament next weekend.

17. IP Convenor

17.2 Players participated in the Russell Tournament

17.3 The Tim Bit Jamboree will take place on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, participants are eager to skate on the Sens ice.

17.4 Second year players are playing exhibition games against Gloucester Centre.

17.5 Marc asked if skilled 1<sup>st</sup> year skaters could move up and skate with the second year group. Greg indicated that this has happened before and that a change in level can occur.

18. Rep B

18.1 The Rep B agreement for this year is in the hands of Board Members. This agreement does not have a team budget Appendix. This has caused questions and concerns and will be corrected in next year's version.

18.2 Discussion around the ice time allocation took place. There is a suggestion that the BMHA is not giving the same amount of ice time as other Associations allocate. Greg explained the method our Association uses and feels all revenues are being directed back to the Rep B teams, no surplus exists.

18.3 The Tri City Rep B convenors are meeting to make recommendations for amendments to the Rep B Agreement. They will establish a timeline that will make these changes and recommendations for the Associations March meetings.

19 New Business

19.1 Tina was asked if she would like to continue on the Board, she offered a positive response.

**Motion:** *That Tina Clarke be appointed to the position of Acting Public Relations Director.*

1<sup>st</sup> Fiona

2<sup>nd</sup> Tammy

Passed

19.2 Greg indicated he was happy to fill as a temporary President and would like to present Wally as a candidate to permanently take over as Acting President as he has expressed his intentions to run for President at our next AGM.

**Motion:** *That Wally Montpetit be appointed to the position of Acting President.*

1<sup>st</sup> Maurice

2<sup>nd</sup> Fiona

Passed

20. **Motion to Adjourn** at 10.15: 1st Paul G    2nd Stew    Passed  
Next Meeting February 5, 2008