

Blackburn Minor Hockey Association (B.M.H.A.)  
Minutes of the meeting  
Held in the Blackburn Library  
May 13, 2008

In Attendance

Randy Arnott, Jeff Billingham, Eric Giguere, Aryn Keshavjeg, Derek Purcell, Sherri Yazdani, Laura Weber, Karen Jacques, Paul Hayes, Wally Montpetit, Paul Graham, Tammy Lynch, Bev McKeown, Stew Shonfield, Tina Clarke, Ken Mason, Fiona Diagle.

1. Call to Order

1.1 The meeting was called at 7.09 p.m.

Wally started the session by welcoming new members to the Board.

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes

**Motion:** That the Minutes from March 4, 2008 meeting be approved as written.

1<sup>st</sup> Laura

2<sup>nd</sup> Stew

Approved

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

1<sup>st</sup> Sherri

2<sup>nd</sup> Tina

Approved

3. Business arising from previous minutes

3.1 Tina reported on the issue of signatures on the online medical form. She stated that Orleans hands the forms out prior to the first evaluations while Cumberland does not have such a form. The issue of not having a medical form was discussed. Consensus suggested the player medical information was essential to the team trainers therefore the medical form is needed. Tina will seek out advice from the GHA.

4. New Business

4.1 A number of recently elected Board members have decided to accept other positions on our Board or the GHA.

- Registrar: Dave Campbell has accepted the position of registrar for the GHA. He is therefore not allowed to be the BMHA Registrar.
- Treasurer: Fiona Diagle has agreed to move to the Registrar and leave the Treasurer position for Jeff Billingham
- Derek Purcell is stepping down from Public Relations and will perform the duties of GHA Atom Convenor. The P.R. position remains vacant.

## Committee Member Reports

### 5. President (Wally)

5.1. The AGM went well.

5.2. A proposal to return a Ranger A team at the Bantam level and Atom is being suggested. The ODMHA is canvassing Associations for their thoughts on adding teams and expects to have more information for the next GHA meeting.

5.3. The idea of changing Association boundaries is being considered. The details will be discussed at the May GHA meeting with any changes being presented and voted on at the May 28<sup>th</sup> GHA AGM.

### 6. V.P. Administration (Tina)

6.1 The online registration is up and running.

82 paid by cheque

6 used the canteen option

6 used Pay Pal

The early bird registration ends May 31<sup>st</sup>. A registration ad will appear in the next issue of our community paper, the Banar.

6.2 Changes to the Rules and Duties were discussed. A list was circulated at a previous meeting therefore highlights of the report were given, minor wording changes were made.

**Motion:** That the report on changes to the Rules and Duties manual be accepted as amended.

1<sup>st</sup> Tina

2<sup>nd</sup> Aryn

Approved

6.3 The newly elected P.R. Director will be stepping down therefore recruiting for this position is ongoing.

6.4 The issue of what to do with completed medical forms and police checks forms after the season ends. Teams should be advised that these forms should be handed to the VP Admin for shredding.

6.5 Police checks took a lot of time to get approved and many volunteers did not hand them in. Tina agreed to try and improve the process for next year.

### 7. V.P. Operations (Tammy)

7.1 An updated manual for convenors is near completion.

7.2 The GHA has asked if the Pee Wee Tournament could be run over one weekend instead of the traditional three, potentially using Potvin arena as a second venue. The group discussed this issue.

- The potential financial loss from fewer teams, less canteen sales and lower 50/50 and prize table sales would occur.



- 11 Ice Scheduler (Greg)
  - 11.1 Regrets
- 12 Equipment (Stew)
  - 12.1 One team has still not returned their sweaters.
  - 12.2 Next year it will be recommended that one team representative return all equipment.
- 13 Discipline (Bev) no issues
- 14 Public Relations (Derek)
  - 14.1 The volunteer was a success with over 130 attending. Minor issues included surrounded the running out of beverage.

**Motion:** That Derek Purcell resignation as Public Relations Director be accepted.

1<sup>st</sup> Tina

2<sup>nd</sup> Bev

Approved

- 15 Initiation Program (Marc): regrets
- 16 Novice Convenor (Laura):
  - 16.1 Coaches are beginning to submit their names for next year.
- 17 Atom Convenor (Sherri): no issues
- 18 Pee Wee Convenor (Aryn): no issues
- 19 Bantam Convenor (Karen):
  - 19.1 skaters from last year will be going up to Midget.
- 20 Midget Convenor (Randy): No issues
- 21 Juvenile Convenor (Maurice): Regrets
- 22 Rep B
  - 22.1 The 2008/9 Rep B Agreement was signed by all three Association Presidents.
  - 22.2 The coach selection is presently ongoing.
- 23 Coach Mentor (Eric)
  - 23.1 A questionnaire was circulated to all coaches. Feedback suggests areas of interest include skill development, a virtual library, a standardized coaching plan.
  - 23.2 Efforts will direct a standardized house league try-out process using Hockey Canada guidelines.
  - 23.3 A coaches meeting is planned for early September.

24 GHA Atom Convenor

24.1 This position is formally being resurrected by the GHA. Derek has volunteered to accept this role.

**Motion:** That Derek Purcell be the Acting GHA Atom Convenor.

1<sup>st</sup> Sherri

2<sup>nd</sup> Aryn

Approved

**Motion to Adjourn** at 9.41

1st: Paul G

2nd: Tammy    Approved

Next Meeting June 10, 2008

