

Blackburn Minor Hockey Association (B.M.H.A.)
Minutes of the meeting
Held in the Blackburn Library
December 9, 2008

In Attendance

Randy Arnott, Derek Purcell, Karen Jacques, Paul Hayes, Wally Montpetit, Paul Graham, Tammy Lynch, Bev McKeown, Laura Weber, Chris Fraser, Fiona Daigle, Sherri Yazdani, Greg Smallwood, Stew Shonfield, Jeff Billingham, Jim Shepherd, Guest Ken Mason.

1. Call to Order

1.1 The meeting was called at 7:15 p.m.

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes

2.1 Minutes of September 23, approved as written.

1st Jim 2nd Stew

2.2 Notes of the October and November meeting to be posted on the Association web site.

3. Business arising from previous minutes

3.1 Privacy Policy for the BMHA, the Association will no longer be pursuing a formal policy.

3.2 The 2007/2008 year end financial review, deferred to next meeting.

4. New Business

4.1 House League teams are required submit their approved team budgets to their respective convenors before November 1st and their year end summary by April 15th. Convenors will forward these documents to the V.P. of Finance for review.

4.2 Rep B teams will submit approved team budgets to the V.P. of Finance before Dec 31, 2008 (Chris will action).

Committee Member Reports

5. President (Wally)

5.1. GHA update:

- As per ODMHA R&R#8.0.g, Players from House A teams can now be affiliated up to higher aged House B teams (i.e. Atom A to PeeWee B). Moving up to C teams is not allowed.

5.2 The policy and practical application of getting a Doctors note was discussed. The group talked about when a note should be required, the difficulty getting access to a doctor and the expense of filling out forms. This issue will be brought forward by Wally at the next GHA meeting.

5.3 Our V.P. of Administration (Tina) has resigned. This position as well as the Public Relations is open to any interested candidates. The vacancies will mean the planning for the AGM and volunteer party will be needed. Fiona has agreed to handle the collection and monitoring of the Police Records Checks.

6. V.P. Administration

6.1 Vacant

7. V.P. Operations (Tammy)

7.1 In an effort to update our own By-Laws and our Rules, Duties & Regulations; and to keep these documents in line with ODMHA requirements; our By-Law #5.4 and RD&R #9.3 both require changes - with reference to ODMHA R&R#7.2.

Motion: That By-Law #5.4 be deleted entirely (this is a copy of information already covered in RD&R #9.3).

1st: Tammy

2nd: Derek

Approved

Motion: That RD&R #9.3 be changed to read,

9.3 Competitive Head and Assistant Coaches must have completed a valid Speak Out and Coach certification prior to their first league game of the current season. House League Coaches have 30 days after the first game to get certification in Speak Out and the appropriate Coaches clinic. Course availability may delay certification however evidence of clinic registration must take place within the 30 time frame. All new IP Instructors must attend an IP Instructor Clinic within 30 days of their first IP Session. BMHA will reimburse team officials for registration fees associated with attending these mandatory clinics, payable upon presentation of the appropriate receipt;

1st: Tammy

2nd: Stew

Approved

7.2 The idea of offering the option of using online coaching evaluations was presented. Additional details will be gathered from other Associations and our Web master.

7.3 Coaches are reminded to hand in game sheets at the Blackburn Arena canteen or directly at the GHA office.

8. V.P. Finance (Jeff)

8.1 Year to date canteen revenues is down when compared the last year, 17K versus 20K. Suggested reasons for the shortfall include: the financial impact of not having house league evaluations at Blackburn, Stinger home games being held elsewhere and the opening of Tim Horton's.

8.2 Jeff stated that getting the necessary information to approve the issuing of a cheque is labour intensive. He is considering designing a form that should speed up the process.

9. Registrar (Fiona)

9.1 Team lists are complete and entered into the system.

10. Ways and Means (Paul H)

10.1 Ken gave the update on the Pee Wee tournament. All three weekends have 12 teams registered. The ratio of 60/40 GHA teams to others was obtained at the A and B weekends. In spite of additional emails sent to C level teams in the GHA the ratio is around 50/50 GHA to others during the C weekend. The merchants in the Hamlet are being very generous in supporting this event.

10.2 The subcommittee on sponsorship guidelines is awaiting team budgets for analysis.

10.3 The canteen cash register is near the end of its life span. The City has offered to pay for a replacement. Paul will seek out a new machine with advice from other board members, a point of sale barcode reader will be considered.

11. Ice Scheduler (Greg)

11.1 January ice schedule should be released on or before Dec 15th. All should be aware that practice ice time in January is very limited as the result of our Pee Wee Tournament.

12. Equipment (Stew)

12.1 Stinger socks have arrived. Two teams ordered the wrong size and thanks to the cooperation of Lacroix Sports, the correct sizes were quickly exchanged.

12.2 Stinger pins were ordered and 1000 are available for sale. The canteen will consider selling the pins.

13. Discipline (Bev)

13.1 A total of 16 game suspensions were served.

13.2 Coaches should be aware that players failing to remove their gloves for the end of game handshake are having their jersey numbers noted on the game sheet by the referee.

14. Initiation Program (Marc): regrets

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15. Novice Convenor (Laura):

15.1 Team updates: A/2-4-2 B1/8-0 undefeated in league play B2/ 6-0 C/6-1

15.2 The quality of the goalie equipment is poor and can new gear be considered. Stew stated he has money in the budget and would investigate the possibility of acquiring new gear.

17. Atom Convenor (Sherri):

17.1 Team updates: A/ 3-3-1 7th out of 13, B1 5-1-0 4th, C 7-0 1st out of 10 teams.

17.2 A goalie has moved in the area allowing all Atom teams to have two goalies.

18 Pee Wee Convenor (Cathy): regrets.

19 Bantam Convenor (Karen):

19.1 Team updates: A1/ 2nd place one pt out of 1st and recently won a tournament with checking, B1 and B2 tied for 3rd.

20 Midget Convenor (Randy):

20.1 Team Updates: A1 4th, A2 1st, B1 3rd, B2 4th

20.2 A few discipline issues were being addressed

21 Juvenile Convenor (Regrets):

21.1 Several concerns were discussed around the fact a large number of players have registered for the one team, not all can play each game. Maurice the coach will ask to coordinate a schedule for players.

22 Rep B (Chris):

22.1 The Blackhawk program is doing well as all teams are competitive. Chris reminded the Board that at the January meeting a decision on whether to continue with the Blackhawk program next season, will be needed. He strongly recommends we stay with the agreement noting only minor refinements will be needed in the agreement.

22.2 Confusion continues with payment of fees. Players pay Association fees first and the additional difference is paid directly to the respective Blackhawk team. The delay seems to be at determining the amount of Association fees paid i.e. early payment discounts. The process needs to be sped up.

22.3 A cheque for the Minor Pee Wee team has taken a lengthy time to generate. Jeff commented a cheque requisition form will improve turnaround time.

23 Coach Mentor (Eric) regrets

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24 GHA, Pee Wee Convenor (Derek)

24.1 Derek is now the GHA convenor for all Pee Wee age groups.

24.2 YTD 15 games were rescheduled and 25 switches made.

24.3 The officials are demanding a minimum of two weeks advance notice for cancellations or teams will be responsible for bill.

25 Canteen (Ken)

25.1 The canteen is still in need of staff. Ken is very concerned that present staff will leave once their hockey fees are paid.

Motion to Adjourn at 9:05

1st: Derek
Next Meeting January 13, 2009

2nd: Jeff

Approved