

Blackburn Minor Hockey Association (B.M.H.A.)  
Minutes of the meeting  
Held in the Blackburn Library  
January 13, 2009

In Attendance

*Randy Arnott, Derek Purcell, Paul Hayes, Wally Montpetit, Tammy Lynch, Bev McKeown, Chris Fraser, Fiona Daigle, Sherri Yazdani, Greg Smallwood, Stew Shonfield, Jim Shepherd, Maurice, Marc Desjardin, Guest Dave Campbell.*

1. Call to Order
  - 1.1 The meeting was called at 7:05 p.m.
2. Approval of previous meeting minutes
  - 2.1 Minutes of December 9, approved as written.  
1<sup>st</sup> Jim 2<sup>nd</sup> Greg
3. Business arising from previous minutes
  - 3.1 Update on 2007/2008-year end financial review, deferred to next meeting.
  - 3.2 Fiona advised the group that the police checks are slowly being handed in
4. New Business
  - 4.1 House League teams are required to submit their approved team budgets to their respective convenors before November 1<sup>st</sup> and their year-end summary by April 15<sup>th</sup>. 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:
    - Teams must contact Karen Watts to make use of the Emergency Goalie Rule. Coaches should note that she may give approval over the phone however be aware that the ODMHA rule clearly states a Doctors note is needed.
    - Division convenors should be monitoring all games that are being posted on the GHA web site (at the arena "Timbuk2") are showing rescheduled games. Convenors are also asked to make sure the games sheets are being submitted.

- The GHA is asking for ideas for the year-end player gift that is in the \$5.00 range.
- Associations are asked to start soliciting for next year's coach candidates, especially at the Rep B level. The Gloucester Rangers have started their process and this year's Rep B coach evaluations will be performed shortly.
- Gloucester Rangers is starting to recruiting Board members for next year.
- No discussion is taking place on bringing back Ranger Minor Atom or Ranger Bantam A levels
- The GHA is looking for feedback on hosting a season ending and city wide, House League Tournament of Champions.

## 6. V.P. Administration

### 6.1 Vacant

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

7.1 All coaches and managers are being reminded to Review the Affiliation Rules as they apply to post Jan 10 and the play-offs.

7.2 House League coach evaluations will be performed during the month of February.

7.3 A reminder that House League teams cannot enter tournaments during the playoffs.

7.4 Tournaments and exhibitions games after the regular season or play-offs requires a formal request be made to the GHA, this must be done to extend insurance coverage.

### 7.5 Spring 4 on 4 (Dave)

- Eight Saturdays are booked with five hours per day. The request was for 10 days however ice availability became a problem.
- Ice cost will be \$5,177.09; Insurance should be \$0 and administration \$200-\$300. Revenues are expected to be \$13,000 if registration is \$100 per player. Discussion took place on whether web site registration should take place; it was decided to stay with mail in only.

**Motion:** That the registration fee for this years eight session 4 on 4 be set at \$100.00.

1<sup>st</sup> Tammy

2<sup>nd</sup> Fiona

Carried

## 8. V.P. Finance (Jeff)

### 8.1 Regrets

## 9. Registrar (Fiona)

9. 1 Tax receipts are expected to be mailed next week.

## 10. Ways and Means (Paul H)

### 10.1 Arrived late, no report

- 11 Secretary (Paul G) regrets, Wally presented emailed report.
  - 11.1 The BCA has received a City of Ottawa grant and will be responsible for the outdoor rinks in Blackburn. A local contractor will clear the snow from three rinks; Bearbrook, Norman Johnson and Orient Park. Volunteers will make and flood the ice. Warming huts will be open when paid monitors are on site.
  - 11.2 Our Association was selected to host an ODHA Grass Roots skills camp during the March Break. Apparently this one-day event is free to the Association and participants. Sessions include IP, Novice, Atom and Pee Wee. More details to follow.
  
- 12 Ice Scheduler (Greg)
  - 12.1 February practice schedule should be released this weekend.
  
- 13 Equipment (Stew)
  - 13.1 Stinger pins are in.
  
- 14 Discipline (Bev)
  - 14.1 Two team trainers were suspended at the Midget level.
  - 14.2 Lengthy discussion took place on how the Board could help with the discipline issues we are seeing especially in the older age groups, Bantam and Midgets. The Board agreed a more proactive approach is needed to help support our coaches. The first initiative will be Tammy organizing a meeting with the Midget coaches, followed one with Bantam. Topics will include: more defined guide lines regarding acceptable behaviour, options coaches have (and are expected to use) with respect to unacceptable behaviour and the potential of team/player meetings.
  
- 15 Initiation Program (Marc):
  - 15.1 Many parents have complained about the 7am ice times.
  - 15.2 The IP parent information night that was held at the beginning of the season appears to have been a success. Marc strongly recommends a similar session be held again next year.
  - 15.3 Wally has agreed to create an information letter that will be directed to parents of players advancing to Novice next year.
  
- 16 Novice Convenor (Laura): Regrets
  
- 17 Atom Convenor (Sherri):
  - 17.1 All is going well.
  
- 18 Pee Wee Convenor (Cathy): regrets.
  
- 19 Bantam Convenor (Karen): Regrets

- 20 Midget Convenor (Randy):  
20.1 Further to tonight's discussion on discipline, inappropriate behaviour by a few players is making the season very difficult and stressful for coaches and other players. This may make it hard to recruit coaches in the future.
- 21 Juvenile Convenor (Maurice):  
21.1 One player at this level was suspended for the balance of the season (13 games).
- 22 Rep B (Chris):  
22.1 The Rep B program for next year was discussed. Chris strongly recommended that the BMHA continue with the existing Tri-City format with the understanding that we continue making improvements to the agreement.

**Motion:** That the BMHA continue with Gloucester Blackhawk Tri – City Agreement for the 2008/9 hockey season.

1<sup>st</sup>: Chris      2<sup>nd</sup> Randy      Approved

23 Coach Mentor (Eric) Regrets

24 GHA, Pee Wee Convenor (Derek)  
24.1 Game rescheduling has settled down.

**Motion to Adjourn** at 9:20

1st: Randy      2nd: Tammy      Approved

Next Meeting Feb 10, 2009