



**Belle River District Minor Hockey Association**

Board Meeting Minutes **January 18, 2022**

Atlas Tube Center, Belle River, Ontario

**Attendance:**

✓	Paul Gray	✓	Jamie Fick	✓	Andrew Finlay
✓	Shannon Philpott	✓	Ron Gallant	✓	Peter Thomson
✓	Darren Crowley	✓	Brad Hart	✓	Rob Dembinski
✓	Alex Dominato	✓	Dennis Tatomir		Dave Tremblay
✓ ✓	Rob Bodchon Mark Cadotte	✓	Rob Halverson	✓	JP Trepanier

**Meeting Chair:** Paul Gray

**Recorder:** Shannon Philpott/Paul Gray

---

Meeting called to order by Paul Gray at **7:05pm**

**OLD BUSINESS (November meeting)**

- **Gaming License-Brad/ JP has this been cleared up?JP & Brad tried to help but the paperwork went back to Alex. A meeting is being set up with Alex, Paul, Jamie, Peter, Brad, Dennis, Laura & Shannon on January 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss what is needed to close old AGCO account.**
- **Bingos Paperwork be sent into the Town of Tecumseh by Feb 1, 2022**
- **All Police clearances collected? There are a few left to collect, mostly house league.**
- **Hockey Share- Paid?Yes- We should do a survey at the end of the season, to see that it is valued.**
- **Scholarships- where we at with set up? Will be discussed at January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting**
- **Awards & lanyards complete? Old lanyards are in the office. Jamie and Brad to take a count. Jamie will take to trophy boys to have updated lanyards**
- **Dembinski get access to HCR?NO**
- **Trainer kits and Goalie sticks ordered for house league?Fine for this year but will need for next season**
- **Questions about 11 yr olds turning 12 during our season?no new policy will be put in place this season**

**GENERAL**

- **Still in need of a few board members**  
**Director of House League( Paul helping for now. 2 guys from U7 are willing to help. Brad will get Paul the contact info)/Parents Group(Possibly Heather T, we will have to discuss)**
- **Volunteers are also needed in various capacities around the association.**  
**Convenors/Tournament volunteers**
- **Derek Linton of Retire my Number has given a quote for Banners for each player in House League at DOC \$7.00each. We need approx. 400= \$2800Board agreed this is a good idea, Paul will place the order.**

## DIRECTOR REPORTS

### TRAVEL DIRECTOR- Jamie Fick

- Season on Pause as we all know till Jan 27
- Season is now ended for regular season as of Jan 4. All games have been canceled till Feb 1.
- No more tournaments unless it is a Silver stick Final that a team has qualified for. (Midget Minor) and the exception of U9 if they are still a go.
- Standing for regular season will be adjusted by Win percentage for placement
- Playdowns will begin as planned Feb 1-March 6 Round Robin Play still. As long as we return on January 27.
- Playoffs will begin March 7 and end on March 27 for DOC at the ATC  
Each division will be split into two pools for playoffs based on Win percentage and split up evenly into Pool A and Pool B. Round Robin Play  
Top 2 teams from each pool advance to Semi finals for playoffs  
Cross over semi final Pool A Seed 1 vs Pool B Seed 2 and Pool B seed 1 vs Pool A seed 2. Winners play in finals March 27
- Midget Major All-Star game has been canceled. All players will be posted on Bluewater Website as well as BR website to recognize all players.

### New Business

- Three week pause means.....any financial issues? What are we telling members if they ask about discounts? I have my thoughts and can discuss them at the meeting.
- Dressing Room set up and changes with benches
- New Dressing Build-Brad
- Coach applications to begin Feb 1 to March 1 for upcoming season 2022-2023
- Tryouts for U14 to U16 will be spring start in May with AAA (7 day period), AA (7 day period), A (7 day period), AE (7 day period) OHF Championship runs April 22-24
- Tryouts for U10-U13 and U18 are fall tryouts after Labour day
- Tryout jerseys will need to be ordered again- Rob H.(see equipment director notes)
- OMHA Championship weekends are April 1-3 and April 8-10, locations will be communicated once finalized by OMHA but most are Kingston for AA, AE still to be determined.

### REGISTRATION- Ron Gallant

- All travel and house league teams roster have been submitted for approval.
- I'm working on getting the coaches sorted out for house league so we can get them approved.
- Sent the travel coaching credentials to Jamie and Rob Dembinski so they can follow up and get everyone fully qualified.
- All AP players have been added to the travel teams and submitted.
- Setup the new Development Clinic in the registration. Hopefully we can get this going soon.
- Getting the head counts for Paul for the Day of Champions.

### REFEREE IN CHIEF- Andrew Finlay

- Looking at recruiting 06's & 07's

### TREASURER-Alex Dominato

- All December Referee and Timekeeper cheques were mailed as of last Friday and should be arriving this week.
- All remaining refunds have been mailed. Nothing is outstanding in the current inbox.
- Working on wrapping up old lottery license, and Bingo with Town of Tecumseh. Executive meeting coming.

Travel:

- Between Laura and myself we had a breakdown in communication that is now fixed. I am in the process of sending out an email to all travel managers confirming the new process and reminding them that many need to cut travel fee cheques to the association still. Jamie and Paul you will be CC'd.

#### Development

- I have the sheet from JP and Brad to cut cheques from the fall session of development clinics. I am in the favour of issuing all Board Members reimbursements from their time but I feel parents of children should receive their reimbursement as credit for the Winter/Spring session.

#### TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR- Darren Crowley Merton/Holland Tournament

- The weekend was a huge success, largest to date. We had over 80 teams registered.
- All BRDMHA teams and families enjoyed a tournament with \$0 registration fee.
- 2 teams canceled due to COVID, 1 was replaced.  
The team that was replaced was refunded 100%, the team that was not replaced was refunded 50%. BRDMHA did not absorb any loss due to the cancellation.
- 2 teams called post-tourney to report outbreaks with no reports of transmission at the tourney. Local teams were contacted, and health unit was in contact.
- Tourney will be soon consolidated, and just waiting on 2 hotel sponsor cheques.
- **We need to reserve hotels now as there is a large swim meet the same weekend.**

#### U9 Championship

- We had almost 60 teams registered for the January 21-23 weekend, obviously postponed due to provincial shutdown.
- We had ATC ice booked for the April 1-3 weekend.  
Tournament was successfully moved to the April 1-3 weekend.  
Unfortunately we are competing with other pre scheduled events for hotels and ice; however, we were able to retain over 40 teams.
- Refunds have begun for teams that chose not to return.
- At the time of cancellation, approximately \$5500 was accumulated in non-refundable costs (awards and player gifts).  
As a result, \$100 was deducted from each teams refund, totaled approximately \$5 per player.  
BRDMHA did not absorb any loss due to the purchase of items.

#### Presently...

- All awards are completed and have arrived.
- Most teams have secured accommodations.
- I am in contact with hotels securing contracts to ensure association rebates.
- I am in the process of recruiting volunteers.
- Waiting on hotel cutoff dates in February and March to possibly increase the tourney size.
- Also need to ensure to secure a few hours of ice away from the ATC.
- Need to secure referees
- Cross fingers it runs.  
Only Loss to BRDMHA is a little less net revenue as a result of fewer registrations and less hotel use... at the current time. (This is not a LOSS... just a little less in the black).

#### HOCKEY OPERATIONS & SCHEDULING-Darren Crowley

- All Bluewater regular season games have been canceled.
- Waiting for revised playoff schedule to be added and will schedule once this happens.
- All house league games were up to date, waiting on revisions.

- All canceled ice for rep teams will be made into practices until February 1, 2022.
- Revised permit has been received from ATC, for January.

Issues;

- Once all decisions have been made about season extensions and new dates, we will need to contact ATC as their ice is fully booked with OFSAA and development leading into April.
- We need to establish tryout dates.
- Not sure there is available ice to run the First Shift program. **This program is priority, Darren requested Peter submit ice time needed. He will see what can be moved to make this happen.**

RISK MANAGEMENT- Rob Bodchon

- U8 player being disruptive and targeting players. I attended the first week back but the player was not in attendance.
- Bantam AE issue with Chatham referee Coach is dealing with it and has BRDMHA support.

DIRECTOR AT LARGE/FIRST SHIFT COORDINATOR- Peter Thomson

- Note sent to all First Shift Participants that we are still a go for the kickoff on Jan 28th. Fluid situation so fingers crossed. First Shift will require some on ice assistance so I will be reaching out. **(pending ice availability)**
- I have been assisting with the Player Development Clinics as well as the Randy Merten Tournament and the Rafflebox.

DIRECTOR AT LARGE-JP Trepanier

Player Development Clinics (First Session)JP,Brad, Denis, and Mark.

- I would have to say that it was fairly successful.
- We had an avg. of 20 kids per session for 11 weeks.
- Gave Alex a list of the Leaders and Helpers that were involved.  
Not sure if helpers should be paid or receive credit on their account.  
**Board members will be paid, parents will receive a credit amount towards future Dev Clinic or Registration.**

Idea of an outdoor rink next to the ATC.

- Thought it was part of the original plan for the ATC.
- It would get great use in winter and could be used for roller or ball hockey in the spring and summer.
- There is one on Kijiji for \$65,000. **Board will bring it up at next meet with Frank from the Town.**

SPONSORSHIP- Dennis Tatomir

- Pending order with Rafflebox for an organization fundraiser for an online 50/50; close to closing our old AGCO applications to begin this.
- Also working with FlipGive on a new ongoing fundraiser for the organization, providing steady cash flow - some local schools use this platform and it is picking up steam within hockey orgs.

EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR- Rob Halverson

- I will be looking at ordering tryout jerseys. Again I'm dealing with the issue of not being able to get in the arena to see exactly what we have.**RobH to order 40 per team in Red and White. Minor will be #1-20 Majors will be #21-40. RobH will meet with Dave SFS, needed for April 15**
- 1300 pucks for next season. I will order from Dave SFS
- We did buy some goalie equipment from Eric at pro hockey life. I think we should continue to buy 2 sets per year this way we can stay caught up with decent equipment.
- I assume Paul has or is taking care of the McDonald's order. I have never done this as Paul has always done it. I can do it, if you like just need the info. **Paul to email info to RobH**

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT-Brad Hart

- First session was successful with 3 groups of approx. 20 skaters in each group.

There was 3 one hour sessions involving skills, skating and puck control.

- Second session registration was just sent out before lock down with a positive response so far. Second session will be 2 one and half hour session with power skating/ puck control and game situations.

House League Division's

- All teams are ready for game situations
- The mini boards are being used with all teams / coaches trained to the BRDMHA Protocol for handling the boards.

Format will look like this:

- U7 cross ice games with no refs
- U8 half ice games with no refs
- U9 full ice games with no refs

Schedule identifies games and practices

Games will be on Sunday's only

Practices on Saturdays

- One issue on a U8 team that has been brought to Rob's attention with a plan in place.
- Bibs have been made for next year's tryouts and are at source for sports to be used to help with evaluations. **Brad has picked up from SFS and will bring to the arena.**

SECRETARY- Shannon Philpott

- Updating the procedure on Non-Parent coach reimbursements that is provided in the manager's package. Email for the person the receipts are to go to (Eg.) Laura Lane? A cheque is written in a timely manner and given back to the team manager. Or placed in the BRDMHA mail box at reception for the team manager to pick up. Team manager is responsible for getting the cheque to their coaches. This way there are less people involved and cheques can be reimbursed as quickly as possible. **Alex will be emailing travel managers with the new process.**
- Equipment room- regarding the mess. Empty boxes after pictures just gathering all over the floor. If you empty it or see it empty please help out by getting rid of it. We all use the space let all keep it clean.
- Game sheets- updating the association record. I can help with this. **Currently Andrew Laschuk has been responsible. Paul to reach out to Andrew and see where we at with this.**
- Picking a date for the board members party once restaurants open again. **Book for approx. 32 with spouses.**
- Picking a date for the year end volunteers banquet. **Usually the weekend before AAA tryouts start. Let's think of a new idea to make this fun and have a great attendance.**

COACHING DIRECTOR- Rob Dembinski

- Continuing to work with coaches on certifications and or D1 Certified 'in-progress' extensions for the 2021-2022 season.

HOUSE LEAGUE DIRECTOR- **OPEN POSITION**

PARENTS CLUB- **OPEN POSITION**

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR- Mark Caddotte

**NO REPORT**

NEW BUSINESS( discuss at February meeting)

- Reimbursments/Credits from covid shut down if required.
- Board restructure & duties-Meeting set up January 22
- Budget meeting for 2022/23 season will take place Feb 22, 2022 discuss at March meeting.
- Photographer Options

Meeting Ajourned: 9:30pm  
Next Meeting: February 15, 2022

