



Belle River District Minor Hockey Association

Board Meeting Minutes **January 21, 2025**

Atlas Tube Center, Belle River, Ontario

Attendance:

x	Paul Gray	✓	Shannon Philpott	✓	Rhys Owens
		✓	Darren Crowley	x	Shari Fallon
✓	Alex Dominato	x	JP Trepanier	✓	Denis Barrette
x	Rob Bodchon	x	Nathan Glatter	✓	Sabrina Rachwan
✓	Ron Gallant	x	Andrew Finlay	x	JP Brochu
✓	Brad Hart	✓	Stephane Mousseau	✓	Justin Barrette
✓	Dennis Tatomir	x	Matt McKrow	x	Matt Decker
L	Curtis Murray-Waters	x	Marcy Andrade	x	Mark Godwin

Meeting Chair: Dennis Tatomir

Recorder: Shannon Philpott/Dennis Tatomir

Meeting called to order by : Dennis Tatomir

@7:07pm

AGENDA

Welcome

Presidents Report

-OMHA News

-Town News

Treasurers Report

- Current Financial Position

Belle River District Minor Hockey Association

Profit and Loss Comparison

November 2024

	TOTAL		
	NOV. 2024	NOV. 2023 (PY)	CHANGE
INCOME			
Merchandise Sales	-1,900.00	-309.33	-1,590.67
Registration - 4500	1,019.59	396.57	623.02
Select Hockey - Uncategorized Income	22,192.00	1,650.00	20,542.00
Sponsorship - Uncategorized Income-1	500.00		500.00
Tournaments - Memorial & U9	-1,188.00		-1,188.00
Travel Fees	37,400.00		37,400.00
Total Income	\$58,023.59	\$1,737.24	\$56,286.35
GROSS PROFIT	\$58,023.59	\$1,737.24	\$56,286.35
EXPENSES			
Advertising		1,356.00	-1,356.00
Bank charges		0.00	0.00
Bank Fees	5.00		5.00
Board Members Years of Service - 5612	2,500.00		2,500.00
Clinics - 5635	2,416.75	2,081.88	334.87
Equipment - 5650	866.85		866.85
Events - 5710	2,404.68	967.33	1,437.35
Ice Rental - 5000	75,000.00	27,120.00	47,880.00
Legal and professional fees	-464.00		-464.00
Miscellaneous - 5740	11,744.37	13,002.08	-1,257.71
Non-Parental Coaches - 5730	6,328.92	8,200.32	-1,871.40
Phone - Rogers	250.28	314.05	-63.77
Postage - 5640	282.50		282.50
Referee/Time Keepers - 5375	11,305.54	2,552.00	8,753.54
Travel Tournament Requests	3,339.50	3,393.17	-53.67
Total Expenses	\$115,980.39	\$58,986.83	\$56,993.56
PROFIT	\$ -57,956.80	\$ -57,249.59	\$ -707.21

- Projections

- Current issues

Old Business

-actions item

DIRECTOR REPORTS

VP OF TRAVEL- JP Trepanier

BLUEWATER MEETING NOTES

- Largest part of meeting was a discussion on OMHA's new Open Borders Policy.
- lots of questions were asked. OMHA did not provide a lot of answers. He was going to bring the questions to OHF and see if he could get some.
- our association needs to decide if we are potentially limiting the number of players coming to our teams or are we allowing everyone?
- the other topic was Coach Recruitment. Some associations are providing stipends.

Here are my notes from the meeting: Bluewater Meeting - January

OMHA Report

- Tryouts start - Need to follow the timelines
- **U18 - September?? Need to allow for AA tryouts. May need to adjust our tryout dates.**
- One team will be sent to OMHA Championships other than U16 which will be able to send 2 teams.
- AAA Coaches can be announced Jan. 15th
- A Coaches can be announced after Feb. 15th
- Players do not need to register before trying out.
- No player movement at U9 and below unless an association is not offering a team.
- Go through OMHA Bulletins regarding tampering. (Dec. 19 or 20th)
- Great question about Coaches having spring teams

Statistician's Report

- Playoffs are Double Round robin, top 4 teams play in semis, winners go to finals, losers go against 5 and 5th place teams for Bluewater semis.
- Major Penalty Rule only applies to Semi final series.

WECRA

- Do not add exhibition games unless you check with WECRA first.
- Bluewater games will take precedence over tournament games.

Tecumseh

- Bring cheque for Mickey Renaud Tournament to the next Bluewater meeting.

Kent

- All star fees are \$125 player
- Next meeting 5:30, includes dinner. Game to follow.
- may limit number of non-association players to 5

Coach Stipends.

- Windsor -pays \$1500 - \$1000 from team/\$500 from board
- Talbot-Going to wait and see how things play out in year 1.

VP OF TRAVEL

- Other than that I worked through U21 roster issues involving their tournament. Denis and I met with the team to resolve the issue.
- Also helped deal with a U18 B issue involving Kent players. Issue is resolved.
- Helped a bit with U9 tournament. Great to see how well it went.

Motion to approve by – Second by - Motion Approved.

FINANCE OFFICER- Alex Dominato

NOTHING TO REPORT

Motion to approve by –Shay Second by -Ron Motion Approved.

RISK & RESOLUTION- Rob Bodchon

- U18 B issue with Kent resulting in 5 game in house suspension for 3 Kent players

Motion to approve by – Second by - Motion Approved.

REGISTRATION- Ron Gallant

- Work on remaining coaches and players with missing qualifications.
- Opened registration for the 2 development clinics now in progress.

Motion to approve by –Steph Second by -Justin Motion Approved.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT-Brad Hart

- Started last week about 25 players (18 paid) + (16 goalies paid)
- Power skating Dev. Is not running this session.
- 8 week session

Motion to approve by – Justin Second by - Darren

Motion Approved.

COACHING DIRECTOR- Dennis Tatomir

- Opened the Coach application process for the 2025-2026 season;
- Met with all but 1 Non Parent coach to discuss next season;
- Met with Hockey Ops Committee to discuss how we are going to handle coach payments for next season;
- Worked with OMHA, Ron & Paul to get the U21A roster completed for playoff eligibility;
- Coached U21 team for 2 games;
- Met with U21 team with JPT to discuss why their roster was not approved and how the approving process works;
- Did in person meetings, phone calls, emails with a lot of coaches to get their VSCs done, we've made more progress but we still have some to go;
- Did the awards ceremonies for the U9 tourney games on Sunday from 11:45 to end.

Motion to approve by – Shannon Second by - Alex

Motion Approved.

SECRETARY/ADMINISTRATION- Shannon Philpott

- Regular Office Hours
- Handed out Board swag last meeting (remainder are in the office on top the cabinet)
- Continuing to work with Source regarding new jerseys
- Working with Source for tryout jersey options
- Met w Alex to go over select team financials
- Working with Managers for Rep Financials
- Prepared GSI and Ipads for U9 tournament
- Worked the U9 Tournament at WFCU Fri/Sat/Sun
- Worked a Bingo Jan18
- Ordered Medals for U5-U11 Day of Champs
- Delivered Draft Pics to Lockers during Christmas break
- Working on Banner order for U13-U21 Day of Champs
- Attended the Board Christmas Party Spitfire game, Thanks for organizing Shari!
- Present to board narrowed down options and pricing for 25-26 season jerseys. We voted to be fitted with AK, best price option for CutnSew HOME, Sublimated AWAY

Motion to approve by –Rhys Second by -Sabrina

Motion Approved.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR- Darren Crowley

76 teams-190 games, positive feed back, zero suspensions,

Motion to approve by –Ron Second by - Sabrina

Motion Approved.

SCHEDULING-Darren Crowley

Schedule the tryouts with the town asap start May 3rd

May 3rd u10-u13, May 5th U14-u16

C ice coming out 1st week of April, repairs and back in, Then A comes out for the summer

Motion to approve by – Alex Second by -Justin

Motion Approved.

TRAVEL DIRECTOR- Matt Decker

NOTHING TO REPORT

Motion to approve by – Second by - Motion Approved.

VP of HOUSE LEAGUE - Nathan Glatter

- Continuing to work on getting coach certification done and rosters approved.

Motion to approve by – Steph Second by - Rhys Motion Approved.

REFEREE IN CHIEF- Andrew Finlay

- Schedule Timekeepers for all Bluewater Schedule for the month of January.
- Scheduled Referees for all of our House League and U11 Travel And Below.
- Prepared and submitted compensation reports weekly and sent to treasurer for payment.
- Field calls from Officials who have not received payment for previous games and worked with Treasure to resolve.
- Was on call to answer and conduct schedule changes for BR officials.
- Schedule U9 Tournament Held Jan 17-19 at ATC and WFCU.
- Worked all three days of the tournament at ATC.
- Covered 4 games at WFCU for a sick official last minute.
- Observed Belle River Officials during games and provided feedback and coaching.

Motion to approve by –Sabrina Second by - Brad Motion Approved.

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL PROGRAMS- Stephane Mousseau

Second Shift starts Sunday and runs for 6 weeks. 35/45 returning

Will apply for Fall First Shift

Motion to approve by –Justin Second by - Ron Motion Approved.

SPONSORSHIP- Matt McKrow

- Waiting for some sponsorship cheques to come in. I will send out a reminder this week to those still that are outstanding.

Motion to approve by – DenisB Second by - Alex Motion Approved.

DIRECTOR OF FUNDRAISING- Rhys Owens

- Most fundraising has wrapped up besides the OMHA u13 hosts.
- Assisted u13 with obtaining an alcohol permit under our charity # for their pasta dinner fundraiser. Shari also got involved for guidance on the event and process.

Motion to approve by – Ron Second by -Darren Motion Approved.

DIRECTOR OF EVENTS- Shari Fallon

- BOD Christmas Party, came in slightly overbudget (\$5400) but won't affect overall events budget. Price stays the same regardless of attendance.
- Collaborating with Bomber's handler to try and solidify a date for Breakfast with Bomber.
- Photos - I am at a loss for words for the behavior of the adults who were emailing me. I can understand upset over individual photos that did not turn out well or had errors but the fuss over the free team photos was absurd. I feel the photographer did a great job addressing issues, correcting mistakes, and reprinting as requested.

The solutions as discussed with the photographer:

- Next year all photos will be held until everything is ready. He tried to get out what he could when he could but this seemed to cause more issues in the end.

- He will create a portal for Shannon and myself to review team photo drafts and get head coach approval prior to sending to print.

- He is able to do traditional on ice team photos – I am told this was done in the past and did not go well but perhaps we could try again...

• Applied for liquor license for U13A pasta dinner, approved, documents sent to manager. Also spoke with manager RE: fundraising ideas.

• Continued planning of Day of Champs

• Continued planning of Appreciation event

Motion to approve by – Sabrina Second by -Shannon Motion Approved.

EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR- Denis Barrette

- Tryout jerseys to be ordered , Will revisit the bib idea after tryouts.
- Each age group 1-50 and each size 60-80 + 10 Goalie plus 20 extra
- AtoMc jerseys ordered for 2025-26

Motion to approve by – Alex Second by - Shannon Motion Approved.

GOALIE DEVELOPMENT- Curtis Murray-Waters

- Goalie development winter sessions at 12 goalies and feedback has been good. SESSION NOW FULL
- Goalie pads and chest protectors purchased for U9 thru 11 ages and finally came into source for sports. Are now in storage in the upstairs equipment room.

Motion to approve by – Sabrina Second by - Justin Motion Approved.

DIRECTOR OF BINGOS- Marcy Andrade

NOTHING TO REPORT

Motion to approve by – Second by - Motion Approved.

DIRECTOR AT LARGE- JP Brochu

NOTHING TO REPORT

Motion to approve by – Second by - Motion Approved.

DIRECTOR of HOUSE LEAGUE- Mark Godwin

- Picture placed in lockers for U8 & U9 teams
- Assisted coaches in completing credentials
- Filling U9 Select game slots & submitting permits
- Registering for U9 Select Tournaments, submitting permits, request for tournament funds
- Instructions sent to coaches for tablet use for start of U9 full ice games

Motion to approve by – Darren Second by - Brad Motion Approved.

DIRECTOR of HOUSE LEAGUE u11-u13 Justin Barrette

NOTHING TO REPORT

Motion to approve by – Second by - Motion Approved.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS/WEBSITE- Sabrina Rachwan

- Updated contacts to include Justin Barrette
- Separated staff and board positions on site
- Still working with sportsheadz on their app - not many complaints from current users
- Working with MattM to start sponsorship shout outs
- Aided u13 with fb posts
- Thank you to Shari for the mailchimp send out

Motion to approve by – Shannon Second by - Rhys Motion Approved.

Meeting Ajourned: **8:43pm**
Next Meeting: **February 18, 2025**



ACTION ITEM FOR NEXT MEETING: