



Belle River District Minor Hockey Association

Board Meeting Minutes July 23, 2024

Atlas Tube Center, Belle River, Ontario

Attendance:

✓	Paul Gray	✓	Shannon Philpott	x	Rhys Owens
		✓	Darren Crowley	x	Shari Fallon
x	Alex Dominato	✓	JP Trepanier	x	Denis Barrette
✓	Rob Bodchon	✓	Nathan Glatter	✓	Sabrina Rachwan
✓	Ron Gallant	x	Andrew Finlay	X	JP Brochu
x	Brad Hart	X	Stephane Mousseau		
✓	Dennis Tatomir	X	Matt McKrow	✓	Matt Decker
x	Curtis Murray-Waters	X	Marcy Andrade	✓	Mark Godwin U5-U9 HL

Meeting Chair: Paul Gray

Recorder: Shannon Philpott/Paul Gray

Meeting called to order by : Paul

@7:04pm

AGENDA

Welcome

Presidents Report- Thursday meeting with municipality user groups for needs and wants. Lakeshore Lightning meeting.

Tec/Riverside/BR talks are closed. Tec/Riverside feel they don't us. We would like to have a new meeting with Tec/BR to re-discuss the option of us merging opposed to Tec/Riverside.

Member appeal to be relocated to a new centre was denied

-OMHA News- Peter Harzman is the new OMHA president, Spring tryouts are allowed 4 exhibition games and tournaments are allowed in the development phase. 9/3-9/29 Fall Teams are allowed 2

-Town News

Treasurers Report

- Current Financial Position Everything is in good standing.

- Projections

- Current issues

Old Business

-actions item

DIRECTOR REPORTS

VP OF TRAVEL- JP Trepanier

- Assisted Matt in learning how to submit Travel Permits. Working with coaches to fill out the Permission to Travel Form.
- Looking forward to next BWL meeting in Aug. 6th to find out more regarding discussion of mergers in other centers. Not sure if these are going through or not. Started brainstorming possible moves on our end. Not a lot of options. We can discuss at the meeting.
- Season structure will also be discussed at BWL meeting.
- Contacted OMHA regarding Exhibition Season. According to a recent Bulletin teams are allowed 2 exhibition games after Sept. 16. League will start early Oct.
- BWL is asking Centers about interest in U21 Travel. I know we have some interest. Is this something that we are interested in offering? Do we have the ice? May want to put out an EOI to see how many players would be interested.

Motion to approve by –DennisT

Second by –Shannon

Motion Approved.

FINANCE OFFICER- Alex Dominato

- Working through any registration issues as they come up. A few things given to date for various reasons. A few issues with people not being able to see credits or email address issues.
- Shannon and I have got all travel teams up and running for the upcoming season. Many have started fundraising. Very easy start with lots of positive comments in regards to the start of Google Drive.
- Shannon will speak about a swag issue.
- Constitution was sent for review for ONCA. Will present findings once given.
- Auditors have asked to come to September meeting instead of August due to vacation. I have it scheduled for the 17th at 7pm....correct??
- Assisted Shari and Rhys with list of fundraising things (applications and golf tournament).
- Please see separate email with financial statement.

Motion to approve by –Ron

Second by -Rob

Motion Approved.

RISK & RESOLUTION- Rob Bodchon

NOTHING TO REPORT

Motion to approve by –

Second by -

Motion Approved.

REGISTRATION- Ron Gallant

- Registration is progressing well.
- Following up on all registrations to confirm all qualifications required.
- Following up on travel coaches' qualifications.
- Added a 5th waiver to our registration which covers a "Live Streaming Consent and Release form"
- This is just to cover us in regards to LiveBarn recordings so we are not liable.
- Will be attending the coaches meeting August 1 to explain the new OHF procedure in regards to police clearances and declarations as well as the registration process for all coaches.

Motion to approve by –Darren

Second by -JPT

Motion Approved.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT-Brad Hart

- Waiting for firm dates on schedule for development times
- Planning new booklets next week

Motion to approve by –Nathan

Second by - Sabrina

Motion Approved.

COACHING DIRECTOR- Dennis Tatomir

- Appointed U18B Coach - Chris Van Sickle
- Setup D1 Clinic with OMHA - Aug 17th
- Coordinating o/s Coach Requirements for each Rep team with Ron and every HC.

Motion to approve by – MattD

Second by - Mark

Motion Approved.

SECRETARY/ADMINISTRATION- Shannon Philpott

- Working with Source and Rep teams getting ready for the season
- Set up bank accounts and google drive with Alex and the managers
- sent Goalie gear to be cleaned
- working on an idea for jerseys for tryouts next season
- had Curtis help with remaining goalie gear and ordered 2 bags.
- will organize the room again once shelves get completed.
- Revised the constitution and sent to Paul for review
- Spoke with Sportheadz to integrate select with One DB
- Sportheadz also wants to do a webinar with us regarding events/tournaments.

Motion to approve by –Nathan

Second by -Sabrina

Motion Approved.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR- Darren Crowley

PRESEASON

- SOLD OUT at 40 teams (with more asking)
- Ice is confirmed at CPA and ATC, but the Spits are playing at ATC on the Saturday night, which will create havoc on parking, taking our ice, and the tournament office location. Just poor planning on the ATC and Lakeshore Canadiens.
CPA has also shorted us ice, so we are currently seeking a few hours elsewhere, we have options of running more games Sunday... so will be OK.

MEMORIAL

- All divisions are looking like they will run, some doing better than others.
- Reality is, post covid tournaments are picking up, and new amalgamated centres are all running new tournaments closer to the GTA... less travel parents like... so Essex county is not a great draw for a non-specialty tournament.
- We still have approximately 60 registrants, but close to half are local.
- Hoping registration picks up in the fall when US tournaments begin cancelling divisions and others axe their wait list.
- Also not helping that we lose our December (1st weekend) slot to a swim meet... and trying to figure what dates work best to avoid other tournaments... and we are the same weekend as the Chatham SS this year...

U9

- SOLD OUT with 64 teams registered and 4 more on the waitlist.
- Looking at accepting another 8 to 10 teams if I can find ice and accommodations

Select

- TOO EARLY to even think about it.

Motion to approve by –Rob Second by -DennisT Motion Approved.

SCHEDULING-Darren Crowley

- August ice has been added to the website
- ATC has not confirmed permits, so all reg season ice is at a stand still, they are WAY behind?
- U8 and U9 MD, and U18 require 4 preskates prior to tryouts. This is also beginning to appear in August. The skates are not mandatory to attend and must be free of charge (I think).
- For U8 and U9, we offered 2 x 90 minute combined skates in August, and will offer each team individual 2 x 1hr skates the first week back in September. Tryouts for these teams will begin the first Monday after labour day.
- For U18, they have 1 skate in August, and will get 3 more over the first 2 weeks in September. U18 A tryouts will begin week after MD tryouts, and B will be the week after that. Its a rush, as U18 A games will begin beginning of October, so I will try and delay that a bit.

- I do not have HL numbers, but assuming we are steady - same as last season, Ron can update. HL schedules will look similar to last season, but looking at blocking the U21 HL... 8 to 11 on Wednesday nights, and 4 to 7 on Sundays. There were complaints last year and threats of dropping enrollment due to the late 10pm slots 2x per week.

- I have not heard anymore info regarding splitting the U21 HL into U18 and U21, but as mentioned, that will require each team joining an interlock loop and playing games all nights of the week in all centres. We cannot sustain a HL program if split, and this will become Local league.

- All current travel teams with rosters were assigned 4 hours of ice in August to prepare for the BW exhibition games that will begin first weekend after Sept 1.

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

TRAVEL DIRECTOR- Matt Decker

- Worked with JP and Paul to obtain OMHA login.
- Sat with JP one evening to be trained on the OMHA site/system.
- Input first wave of travel permit applications and applied funds where necessary.

Motion to approve by – JPT Second by - Mark Motion Approved.

VP of HOUSE LEAGUE - Nathan Glatter

- Sent emails out to all other centers to start conversation for select hockey.
- Looking to do the HL coaches meeting august 1st at 7pm.
- Working on getting draft information ready for next season.

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

REFEREE IN CHIEF- Andrew Finlay

Motion to approve by – Second by - Motion Approved.

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL PROGRAMS- Stephane Mousseau

NOTHING TO REPORT

Motion to approve by – Second by - Motion Approved.

SPONSORSHIP- Matt McKrow

- Working on sponsors for this upcoming year. Have 7 confirmed and waiting to hear back from several other sponsors.

Motion to approve by – Second by - Motion Approved.

DIRECTOR OF FUNDRAISING- Rhys Owens

- Assisted all rep teams with fundraising applications.
- 10 total applications prepared and submitted to City of Lakeshore for blanket license.
- Moving along with sponsors and prizes for BRDMHA Golf Tournament Aug 18. Jumpstart has been given all flyers and sponsorship forms to send to their clients.
- Initial stages of next fundraiser, thinking corn hole or pickle ball for Sept/Oct. Generating new ideas for Breakaway Fund.

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

DIRECTOR OF EVENTS- Shari Fallon

NOTHING TO REPORT

Motion to approve by – Second by - Motion Approved.

EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR- Denis Barrette

- Order being placed for Tim Bits
- Lumber order being placed next week for upstairs cubbies
- Pucks are handled.
- AtoMc Jerseys in downstairs room for now.
- In August, when we get back from vacation.
- I will be working on getting everything done upstairs.

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

GOALIE DEVELOPMENT- Curtis Murray-Waters

- Same as per Brad. Still waiting on scheduling etc.
- Would like to discuss HL development ice times for beginners, but ensure will not affect numbers from goalie development sessions.

Motion to approve by – Mark Second by - JPT 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 AT LARGE-OPEN

Motion to approve by – Second by - Motion Approved.

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Motion to approve by – Second by - Motion Approved.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS/WEBSITE- Sabrina Rachwan

- training time to be scheduled with Paul

- setting up a demo with Sportzheadz (software)

Motion to approve by – Shannon Second by - Rob

Motion Approved.

Meeting Ajourned: 9:03pm
Next Meeting: August 20, 2024



ACTION ITEM FOR NEXT MEETING:

U21 travel- 75% of team needs to be BR players.

EOI for U21 added to the website

Summer Day camp/Floors hockey to try and grow the game to non traditional hockey families.