



**Belle River District Minor Hockey Association**

Board Meeting Minutes **November 16, 2021**

Atlas Tube Center, Belle River, Ontario

✓	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	✓	Rob Halverson	✓	JP Trepanier

**Attendance:**

✓ Andrew Laschuk

**Meeting Chair:** Paul Gray

**Recorder:** Paul Gray

**Meeting called to order by Paul Gray at 7:10pm**

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**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Gaming License-Brad/ JP has this been cleared up?**
- **Bingos**
- **All Police clearances collected?**
- **Hockey Share- Paid?**
- **Scholarships- where we at with set up?**
- **Awards & lanyards complete?**
- **Dembinski get access to HCR?**

**GENERAL**

- **Still in need of a few board members**  
**Director of House League/Parents Group**
- **Volunteers are also needed in various capacities around the association.**  
**Convenors/Tournament volunteers**

## DIRECTOR REPORTS

### TRAVEL DIRECTOR- Jamie Fick

- Not much at this point, things are rolling smoothly now.
- We need to figure out who will be collecting the non parent expenses when teams return from tournaments.....coaches have been asking and no one seems to know who is doing this for 2021-2022. Typically Laura or Alex has done this....Just want to know how to direct them and where to leave their submissions. thx
- U8 Development program is off and running now as well. This program will be an asset to BRDMHA as the Novice and Atom Pathways change in the coming years.
- Playdown schedules are basically completed, just a few games left to schedule but they are not home games so we are all set.
- Home/ Away change
- Belle River Jr Canadiens Room \$4000
- Meeting with Frank to confirm
- OFFSSA (still waiting on Confirmation if OFFSSA will go) Darren is all over it.

### Bluewater Report

- U18 (Midget Major 2004's) All-Star game will go ~~one~~ this year. It will take place in Essex on January 19... Puck drop at 7pm. 5 Players from BRDMHA will represent.
- End of season plans are being talked about now. I have put in a proposal to make this more exciting than years past..... it was unanimous to do something more than we have in the past. Including all teams in the Championship including teams that have qualified for OMHA finals tournament. We are trying to make this a "Championship" rather than the "toilet bowl"..... Tournament style is being talked about..... venues and refs could be the issue with this... just depends what else is going on in the area. We may have to play multiple games during the week...DARREN you may want to look at game time requirements for each group when we schedule March Ice. Below are the time slots needed for each division.

The Bluewater Hockey League has finalized the minimum ice allocation (without flood) for each division as well as the agreed period lengths that will be followed. Any deviation from these game lengths must come at the agreement of \*both\* coaches on game day otherwise the following will be used.

U9	U10 & U11	U12 & U13	U14	U15	U16	U18 & U21
60min 10-10-15	70min 10-15-15	70min 10-15-15	80min 10-15-15 (MUST include a flood)	85min 15-15-15 (MUST include a flood)	90min 15-15-15 (MUST include a flood)	100min 15-15-15 (MUST include a flood)

**NOTE:** These are regular season and playoff game lengths.

Updated Oct 2021 with new division names

### REGISTRATION- Ron Gallant

- NO REPORT

### REFEREE IN CHIEF- Andrew Finlay

- Twenty new timekeepers hired to back fill old, outdated list. This gives us an active list of thirty timekeepers.
- All but three have been trained on Clock, Game Sheets, and I-Pad game sheets.
- Three referees' have completed their entry level clinic and have already started training with myself and Dave Tremblay this past weekend. These new officials are Carlton Ylinen level 2, Nick Seguin level 2 and Tristan wood level 1.
- Both Carlton and Nick have already officiated two games each and Tristan will start the weekend of Nov 20, 2021.
- We are still waiting on two additional referees to complete their online certification course.
- All 416 referee spots have been filled for the Randy Merten / Dan Holland

Memorial Tournament. (Hallelujah) Currently building some redundancy by relieving Dave and I from some games in case of mix ups, injuries or illness.

- Will start filling timekeeping spots this week to complete the on-ice and off-ice officiating schedule for the December 3-5th tournament.
- Will be working on Hospice tournament officials scheduling. This being held over Christmas.
- Will be working on the U-9 Championship tournament.
- Continue to train new timekeepers and new on-ice officials.

#### Referee Update

- Pay checks have been switched from e-transfer to Checks. This seemed to free up Alex and everyone had the ability to pick their checks up Nov 1st for October pay. This was well received by most. Some did give it a thumbs down as they preferred the convenience of e-transfer and there are still checks to be picked up. We will continue to monitor this over the remainder of the year.
- Referees and girls dressing rooms concern were brought up from a complaint earlier in the month. An email was sent out to all officials regarding using the designated small dressing rooms only. Note: We will need the larger rooms for officials for the tournament weekend as many have multiple games and will be leaving their equipment to in this room to dry out for the next game during their breaks.
- Officiating as far as I know has gone without any concerns the first month and a half.

#### TREASURER-Alex Dominato

- **NO REPORT**

#### TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR- Darren Crowley

- Randy Merten Tournament ran smooth and was a great success.
- U9 Championship Tournament is good to go
- U8 Jamboree April 1-3, 2022

#### RISK MANAGEMENT- Rob Bodchon

- **NO REPORT**

#### DIRECTOR AT LARGE/FIRST SHIFT COORDINATOR- Peter Thomson

- **NO REPORT**

#### SPONSORSHIP- Dennis Tatomir

- Invoices are out for HL team sponsorships;
- Awaiting closing of AGCO license so we can proceed with a Rafflebox.

#### EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR- Rob Halverson

- Season is well underway.
- I have not heard any complaints about pucks however the 6 buckets I had for house league seem to have disappeared. Some remain but not six buckets.
- Goalie equipment has been given out to teams. I have had a request from Brad to get 4/5 more goalie sticks.
- Darren was up in the equipment room on second floor yesterday cleaning up empty boxes. Thank you. I had done the same to the 1st floor equipment room. These rooms seem to be a dumping ground. Perhaps too many people know the code upstairs.
- A couple teams have given me jersey deposit checks. Any reason for me to keep these. Should I give back to team managers.
- 4 to 8 20 Jersey sets? House League Bibs. Rob H to purchase at SFS.
- Trainer kits Oct 12<sup>th</sup>

### SECRETARY- Shannon Philpott

- Picture Day is all set.  
This Saturday and Sunday in the Renaud room for house league.  
Monday and Tuesday on ice for Travel teams and U21  
Sooters will be picking up the mats for walk ways. Alex I believe has mail payment to Essex Linen.  
There are about 10 cubes in the equipment room that have a set of order forms.  
These must be just storage lockers. I can try and fish them out?  
I will not be around for picture day as our team is away on tournament.
- Rob H, teams were instructed in their manager packages to collect these jersey deposits and place in your mailbox.
- Monthly financials  
Teams have not submitted these by 5th of the month. I have only received 2 aside from my own. Should I be sending a reminder email?  
(these currently are going to Paul for cursory review)
- There is a secretary box in the equipment room. Should I have a key for this? Not sure if anyone has deposited anything.
- (Rob H can assist - Jennifer may still have a key would like to get it back from her if she still has one.)

### COACHING DIRECTOR- Rob Dembinski

- I am working with OMHA to stay on top of on-going changes to coaching certifications and on-line clinics / processes / expectations. This takes more time than you would think.
- Have completed two D1 Coach certifications since September. I have 8 additional field evaluations/certifications to complete and will not be taking on any more until these are completed. Hoping these will be done by April 2022.

### HOUSE LEAGUE DIRECTOR- Andrew Laschuk

- All age groups from U11-U21 are up and running. All teams have been put together and will know the equality of each team after a few more games are played but feedback so far has been positive.

#### Minor Issues:

- One U21 Coach just resigned will be talking to him after meeting tonight to find out why. Will need to find someone to take his place
- Coaches are asking about trainer kits as none have been provided (a couple of players received cuts this past weekend and a parent had to go to the front desk staff for assistance)
- Questions about injuries to players (especially the younger age groups) when parents are not allowed into the building. Do we have a policy for this? Especially a serious injury like a spinal or Heart attack.
- Questions about 11 yr olds turning 12 during our season?

### TECHNICAL DIRECTOR- Mark Caddotte

- Alliance looking to go No Boundary- That is what Caddy has stated. The Alliance is looking to go No boundaries in the AAA leagues. Meaning players can come from any area to play in AAA. Example Players do not have to go to the Regional Zoned Centre first.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Concessions; related to tournament(s). Will we have access to Concessions. Will they open the concessions. Is there an opportunity for us to get a food truck to provide for our Members. Our meeting following our board meeting Frank struck this down. Due to food not being able to sold in our facility along with a mask mandate.

Meeting Ajourned: **9:40pm**  
Next Meeting: **January 18, 2022 via ZOOM**  
(December 2021 Cancelled)

