



Belle River District Minor Hockey Association

AGM minutes - April 18, 2017

Atlas Tube Center, Belle River, Ontario

In attendance: Laura Lane, Paul Gray, Ken Poisson, Andrew Bially, John Marchand, Alex Dominato, Dan Anger, Rob Dembinski, Darren Crowley, Lisa VanSickle

Absent: Rich Burford, Rob Bodchon, Peter Thomson, Jerry Lee, Mark Bateman, Marco Levesque

Meeting Chair: Paul Gray

Recorder: Laura Lane

Meeting called to order at by Paul Gray at 7:00pm.

President's Welcome - Paul Gray

I would like to welcome all our Members present for this year's Annual General Meeting. This year has been a successful year in Belle River where we did a bunch of new and exciting things including some of our old and exciting things.

We are proud to announce that this season has been a largest season to date with over 850 players playing in BRDMHA. Our House league directors Jerry Lee and Peter Thomson along with their Conveynors who did a great job in creating the drafts and helping foster fair competitive play for all our players. Thank you all for a job well done

This year we have again kept with tradition and launched our season with our Annual Kickoff party at the front of the Atlas Tube Centre which is always a great time both players and families. Thank-you Lisa and the rest of the parent group for committing the time to make this a great opening event.

Continuing on from that success BRDMHA/Tecumseh Minor Hockey, Atlas Tube, and Royal Limousines partnered up and hosted our First annual Atlas Cup and nonperishable food drive. During this weekend we saw BRDMHA and TSMHA compete against each other over the weekend where regular season points were given and tabulated both for travel and house leagues teams. Belle River was successful in winning the cup and brought in the most food items. We are proud that we were crowned the 2016 Atlas Cup Champions which the trophy is proudly placed in our trophy case in our lobby; hopefully to stay with BRDMHA for a long time.

I would also like to thank Peter Thomson, Kevin Beuglet, Jason Menard, and a number of other volunteers that were able to coordinate and host a 6 week Bauer/Canadian Tire First Shift Program for children in our community who never played hockey before. We had registered just under 40 new players who came out and got fitted in new gear and joined in and had fun with this new and exciting program. Feedback has been amazing and Peter and his crew have already applied to host this again.

This year we hosted our 16th Annual Dan Holland / Randy Merten Memorial Travel Hockey Tournament. Out of town team participation was lower than normal because of limited hotel space in our area due to the FINA Swim tournament at the WFCU center. For the past 16 years this has been a successful tournament and we thank Dan and his Tournament Committee for putting this together. For the upcoming season we are planning to market this tournament a little differently than in past and the tournament committee is working on these plans now for next season.

We once again should be honored that the Blue-Water league has chosen the BRDMHA and the Atlas Tube Center to host the 2016/2017 Blue-Water league Day of Champs. Congratulations to all teams who made it to this awesome day and Marco and all who helped make this day great.

To conclude this season we wrapped it up with the OHF Juvenile Championships. These championships are considered the most exciting tournament that an OMHA center can host. These are kids/young Adults playing in their last years of Minor Hockey and vying to be crowned Provincial Champions. It was a great weekend had by all teams, families, players, administrators etc. Thanks to the OHF organizing committee for putting together a well-organized event. This too I have received many compliments on our facility, our organization and our area. Be proud and congrats for a Job well done.

Director Reports

Equipment – Andrew Bially:

- Manages equipment needs for the entire association from pucks to goalie equipment
- Arranges for all plaques, medals, jerseys etc
- Maintains travel teams needs for pucks, Trainer's box, etc

Report accepted by Laura Lane and seconded by Alex Dominato

Director Of Travel Scheduling – Mark Bateman:

- Absent.

Registration – John Marchand:

- Registration for 2016/17 season was 853 - 291 Travel and 562 House League. That is up from 812 in 2015/16.
- Permission to Skate registration opened mid-March. General Registration opened April 1st.
- Registration numbers thus far in 2017/18: Permission to Skate- 96, General Registration- 92.
- I will submit Yearly Batch of Teams this week.

Report accepted by Lisa VanSickle and seconded by Rob Dembinski

Risk Management Officer – Rob Bodchon:

- Absent.

Referee In Chief –Rich Burford (via email):

- Absent

Sponsorship and Communication – Ken Poisson:

- Manages the house league jersey sponsorship program.
- Works with the Hospice tournament

Report accepted by John Marchand and seconded by Dan Anger

Treasurer – Alex Dominato:

- Review of the 2015-2016 financials
- The associations biggest expenses were ice, refs/timekeepers/non-parental coaches expenses
- For the 2015/2016 season BRDMHA had an ice buy pack policy with the Town of Lakeshore that accounted for the approx. \$76,000 in revenue the association had

Report accepted by Lisa VanSickle and seconded by Ken Poisson

Parents Club- Lisa VanSickle :

- Responsible for Kick off day; Picture day, Day of Champs, and the Coach's Banquet
- Process all association licences with the town
- This year coordinated the OHF tournament

Report accepted by Andrew Bially and seconded by Ken Poisson

Coaching Development – Rob Dembinski:

- Schedules all development clinics for the association, this year trained over 80 Coaches – the next D1 Coach Development Clinic – scheduled for Aug 19-20/17. Coach Level 2 Clinic – scheduled for Oct 22 Specialty Clinic – need to schedule with the OMHA directly.
- Will also coordinate a Coach's Season Kick Off Meeting (HL & Travel) - scheduling for mid-Sept to review best practices

Report accepted by Darren Crowley and seconded by John Marchand

Tournaments - Dan Anger:

- Coordinates the Randy Merton/Dan Holland tournament – this year was a success even though participation was down due to the availability of hotel accommodations

Report accepted by Andrew Bially and seconded by Lisa VanSickle

Player Development – Peter Thomson:

- Absent.

House League Atom to Juvenile – Jerry Lee (vial email):

- Projecting 6-6-6-8 in Atom-Pee wee-Bantam-MJ. Assuming we go with 1 AE in Pee wee and Bantam, 3 Midget AA/A/AE travel teams, BRDMHA can support the 6-6-6-8
- 13 registrations a team from Atom to Bantam, will allow for growth of 20 registrations in these divisions next season. Our plan needs to look at growth to 8 MJ HL teams. We have run at the max 18 registrations a team for the last 3 seasons and turn registrations away every year, and we will need to add teams just to accommodate our large 2001 birth year group, and that is assuming we field 3 Midget travel teams. Even at 8 teams in this division, I will expect that you will be close to maximum registration by 07/31/2017.

Director of Travel – Marco Levesque:

- Absent

New Business – Paul Gray:

- Appointment of Auditor – Paul made a motion made to continue with the current Auditor BDO Canada. Motion seconded by Laura Lane and carried unanimously.

Election of Board Members – Laura Lane:

Director of House Leagues – Ryan McKeon

Director of Tournaments – Darren Crowley

Director of Equipment – Dan Anger

Director of Parents Club – Lisa VanSickle

Director of Sponsorship and Communication – Ken Poisson

Director at Large – Jamie Fick

Secretary – Jennifer Lafeber

Congratulations to those individuals new to the Board!!!

Meeting adjourned 8:23 pm

Paul Gray

Paul Gray, President

5/1/2017

Approval Date

Next meeting May 16, 2017 at 7 pm

