



Belle River District Minor Hockey Association

Board Meeting Minutes August 23, 2016

Atlas Tube Center, Belle River, Ontario

In attendance: Alex Dominato, Laura Lane, Andrew Bially, Paul Gray, Jerry Lee, Rob Bodchon, Dan Anger, Marco Levesque, Rob Dembinski, Lisa VanSickle, Ken Poisson, Mark Bateman, Rich Burford, Darren Crowley

Absent: Peter Thomson, John Marchand

Meeting Chair: Paul Gray

Recorder: Laura Lane

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

Director Reports

Equipment – Andrew Bially:

- All travel lockers are set.
- Travel Jerseys are finished and will be handed out soon.
- House League sponsors are getting placed on jerseys.
- Pucks are in, waiting on water bottles to complete remaining lockers.
- I am in favor of making "6" Atom teams instead of "4"
- Parker Construction interested in using a photo of a travel team as advertisement on their website to indicate that BRDMHA uses them to clean equipment

Andrew made a motion to purchase 60 tryout bibs (30 black and 30 white), Marco seconded and carried unanimously.

Report accepted by Ken Poisson and seconded by Jerry Lee

Director Of Travel Scheduling – Mark Bateman:

- August 14th Blue-Water Scheduling meeting completed. No issues, some minor changes will occur up until August 31st.
- All travel practices and league games have been updated and posted through the 2nd week of January 2017 on team web calendars.
- Atlas Cup schedule completed for all travel and house league teams. Media advertisement can be seen on BRDMHA website.
- All cross over games schedules completed with Riverside and Tecumseh. Games have been posted to house league web calendars.

- All league schedules completed through the 2017 Day of Champs and posted to team web calendars.
- The entire 2016/2017 season schedule is now posted on our website.
- Some minor balancing of ice schedules will still occur through the end of August.
- 6 teams in Tykes, Novice, Peewee and Midget and 4 teams in Atom and Bantam

Report accepted by Lisa VanSickle and seconded by Alex Dominato

Registration – John Marchand (via email):

- Total registration this season so far is down about 40 players from last season. The drop in registrations is mostly in the birth years 1997 – 2002. 1997s alone are down 25 players from last season.
- Weekly registration updates provided to those that require this information.
- Opened up registration to 3 year olds after Marilyn Newstead informed me they could be approved to Preschool rosters.
- Marco and I are working with travel teams to complete rosters. Following up to ensure staff has required certifications.
- All NRP transfers have been approved. Still waiting for a decision on the four OMHA rule 3.5 transfers that were rejected. Need to enter these as NRP transfers if we cannot get approval for rule 3.5 transfers.
- Processing various transfer requests and fielding Registration inquiries as they come up.

Referee In Chief –Rich Burford:

- As games are getting populated to website from Mark Bateman referees and time keepers are being assigned – several exhibition games are being played.
- Recertification for all officials are this Saturday the 27th, our new candidates will be going to the weekend clinic next month
- New timekeepers will be hired shortly and they will begin training for the AAA showcase, along-side our veteran timekeepers
- Dave Tremblay continues to assist when needed
- Meetings will be held within the next few weeks with all officials to go over some of the changes this year specifically the fact that we are done using the Arbiter this year and are moving to a new system.
- All referees for house league games and novice travel games and all timekeepers (travel and house league) are being assigned by BRDMHA

Report accepted by Rob Bodchon and seconded by Andrew Bially

Risk Management Officer – Rob Bodchon:

- Police clearances still outstanding for several coaches and several board members. This is needed ASAP – deadline was August 14/16.

Report accepted by Marco Levesque and seconded by Lisa Van Sickle

Sponsorship and Communication – Ken Poisson:

- To date there is 1 sponsorship opening in House League and 6 openings in Travel.
- December 27-29 is the Hospice Tournament. ATC will again be hosting the Tykes and Novice division. Subcommittee to be created by Ken and will meet on October 18/16 and report back to BRDMHA board at the next meeting

Report accepted by Jerry Lee and seconded by Rich Burford

Treasurer – Alex Dominato:

- Audit 2015/2016 almost finalized – BRDMHA is in a good financial position from last year. This is a direct result of the Town of Lakeshore's new Ice Allotment policy that came into effect this past season. Allowing BRDMHA to buy back unused ice times along-side other cost cutting measures, such as cell phones and photocopier to name a few have all contributed to this.

Marco Levesque made a motion for BRDMHA to purchase a laptop and an external hard drive for the Treasure's use – this will cost approximately \$750.00 and is to accommodate the necessary accounting software and back up needs. Seconded by Laura Lane and carried unanimously.

Report accepted by Rob Dembinski and seconded by Dan Anger.

Parents Club- Lisa VanSickle :

- Kick off set for October 8/16 everything is ready to go – just needs to confirm insurance coverage
- Picture Day set for November 4-7/16

Report accepted by Laura Lane and seconded by Marco Levesque

Coaching Development – Rob Dembinski:

- D1 Coach Clinic on August 20/21 weekend was a success – 35 attended - 12 were coaches from Belle River.
- Coach Level 2 Clinic is now open for registration. It will be at the ATC in the Community Room on October 15th. Details are on the website.
- Dembinski, Gray and Bodchon all completed the online Coach Certification program.

Report accepted by Andrew Bially and Rich Burford.

Tournaments - Dan Anger:

- Confirmed 23 teams registered for tournament - 10 tyke, 5 Novice AA, 4 Novice AE and 4 Pee wee Minor. Marco confirmed that BR Novice AE will also be attending so up to 24.
- Cheques being forwarded to Alex as they come in
- Total of 13 away teams
- Division closures – Atom Major, Minor, AE. Pee wee Major, AE – Alex to prepare refund cheques where needed
- Explosive Photography booked for tournament – Paul to forward sample logo

Report accepted by Derek Crowley and seconded by Rob Dembinski.

Player Development – Peter Thomson (via email):

- We continue to have registrants for the First Shift Program which has now been coupled with the Canadian Tire Program which should give us increased exposure. LaSalle and Kingsville are also participating in the program so the majority if not all of the registrants we have and will have should be from our immediate area.
- I have a list of coaches and potential coaches for Mites Tykes and Novice. We also have a list of coaches who are or will be committed to the development clinic. We will be in touch with all participants shortly.
- We will be holding evaluation sessions for the first two weeks of the novice and tykes to ensure that talent is evenly distributed on teams so all can be competitive.

Director of Travel – Marco Levesque:

- Travel Permits for exhibition games have been requested as they come in
- Tournament permits are being completed as we speak
- Most teams with have 4 tournaments this year
- Rosters are being processed by John Marchand (working with coaches to ensure players, goaltenders and staff is identified)
- Blue-water Scheduling Meeting – August 2nd went extremely well
- Suspension lists provided to coaches
- Game sheets have been ordered (800)

- Scheduling Meeting held Aug 14th: All went well, and Mark Bateman made the process seamless once again
- Midget Major AA started pre-skates Aug 22 - Tryouts begin week of Sept 12th
- Due to only 2 other centres potentially running Midget AE, BWL will NOT be hosting this division this season – we are currently looking at viable options for this group.
Options include:
 1. Play within Shamrock Midget AE Division (OHMA contacted Shamrock who are not interested)
 2. See if we can run two teams within division in BWL (must verify numbers + whether BWL would be interested in making late changes)
 3. See if we can run two teams within division in BWL (play with Shamrock Midget B Division loop)
- Currently working with all stakeholders to see what may work best - Again intent here is to not lose 17 players at this tough age group.
- BRDMHA is applying to host the OHF for juvenile level. Chris VanSickle will be spearheading this initiative – anyone interested in assisting is to advise Marco who will pass information on to Chris.

Report accepted by Jerry Lee and seconded by Rob Dembinski

Next meeting is September 20, 2016 at 7 pm

