



**Belle River District Minor Hockey Association**  
Board Meeting Minutes August 21, 2018  
Atlas Tube Center, Belle River, Ontario

**In attendance:** Paul Gray, Alex Dominato, Lisa VanSickle, Rob Bodchon, Dan Anger, John Marchand, Peter Thomson, Taylor VanSickle, Rich Burford, Frank Hamelin, Jamie Fick

**Absent:**, Mark Bateman, , Darren Crowley, Ken Poisson, Jay Menard, Rob Dembinski, Marco Levesque, Jennifer Lafeber

**Meeting Chair:** Paul Gray

**Recorder:** Alex Dominato

**Meeting called to order by Paul Gray at 6:43pm.**

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**Director Reports**

**Equipment – Dan Anger:**

- All travel jerseys (Home & Away) are in their respective lockers. With the exception of Midget Major. Locker is locked.
- Pucks have been distributed to travel lockers. Hoping to get new buckets this weekend. If not, old ones are in equipment room to use for now.
- House league jerseys are now in equipment room awaiting draft day. Still waiting on Timbits. Expected this week.
- New bottles and trainers kits will be done Monday morning. (Working all weekend, next opportunity to get there before travel practices).
- Taktifoil (for Dembinski) going back and forth with rep. He has been out of town and will be calling me Monday as his next available time. Fighting/Debating over payment method.
- Mini nets are in equipment room. Could use some help assembling if anyone has some time.
- Need to change combination to equipment rooms before the season starts and only communicate as required prior to kick off.
- Equipment Manager position vacant as of September 15, 2018.

**Report accepted by Lisa VanSickle and seconded by Alex Dominato**

### **Director of Travel Scheduling – Mark Bateman:**

- August 12<sup>th</sup> Bluewater scheduling meeting went very well again for Belle River. All teams completed their scheduling tasks in just over 2 hours. No conflicts from our end. Other centers still struggling with getting organized for this meeting.
- All travel team game and practice ice now posted through 1<sup>st</sup> week of January 2019.
- All development and coach clinics scheduled and available online for dates, times and rinks.
- House League schedules completed (rough) and posted on line for September. Need final scheduling format from Initiation program administrators to ensure I am following what is being set up. Have had really no feedback on final format.
- Posted update and information on house league to website.

### **2018/2019 DETAILS**

21 weekends, minimum 42 ice slots per team (Mites 21 ice slots) + DOC

BLACKOUT WEEKENDS (Teams are to use these for tournaments ONLY). Marco please note when approving permits.

- October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>
- November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>
- December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>
- December 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>
- January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>
- March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> (MARCH BREAK / MAY ASSIGN 1 practice per team on the 9<sup>th</sup>)

ATLAS CUP WEEKEND October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> vs Tecumseh (Travel games schedules, House league to post early September.

2019 DOC Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup>

MITES – 2 ice slots on Sundays (Group 1 and Group 2)

IP – 4 ice slots on Saturdays and Sundays (8 teams with approximately 10-12 per team)

NOVICE – 4 ice slots on Saturdays and Sundays (8 teams)

ATOM – 3 ice slots on Saturdays and Sundays (6 teams)

PEEWEE – 2 ice slots on Saturdays and Sunday (4 teams)

BANTAM – 3 ice slots on Saturdays and Sundays (6 teams)

MIDGET/JUV – 2 ice slots Saturdays and Sundays, 4 ice slots Tuesdays (8 teams)

All ice is SOLD OUT at the ATC for the 2018/2019 season.

**Report accepted by Frank Hamelin and seconded by Rob Bodchon**

### **Registration – John Marchand:**

- Total registration for the 2017/2018 season was 851 players. Total registration for 2018/2019 season so far is 559 HL and 187 Travel players for a total of 746. At the same point in time last season there were 749 players registered. House league is broken down as follows:
  - Mites: 52
  - Tykes: 73
  - Novice: 101
  - Atom: 83
  - PeeWee: 61
  - Bantam: 73

Midget/Juvenile: 116

- I am getting questions about the start of the season, schedules, how and when parents will be contacted prior to the season etc. Can we please post a message on the website and possibly send out an email blast.
- I requested and received travel team rosters and staff from all teams. I have reviewed all of them and identified issues that need to be addressed for the coach/manager. We have two fully approved roster thus far- Novice AA and Pee Wee AE.
- I have been assisting people with registration issues, processing transfers and refunds.

**Report accepted by Jamie Fick and seconded by Rich Burford**

**Risk Management Officer – Rob Bodchon:**

- **No Report**

**Referee in Chief –Rich Burford:**

- We will send 3 kids to the referee school in September this year. The candidates were already interviewed and subsequently have been chosen.
- I have also chosen new timekeepers for the upcoming season however they have not been notified yet but will do so next week. I will hold a training session at the ATC once the kids are back to school after labour day.
- Mr. Bateman is starting to fill in the schedule for h/I and travel, so I will be able to get into the site and start assigning games.

**Report accepted by Jamie Fick and seconded by Frank Hamelin**

**Sponsorship and Communication – Ken Poisson:**

- Attached is the updated list for sponsors, (Alex can you *please* verify paid/not paid – I will drop off another check today)
- All house league teams have sponsor (18 X 450) \$8100
- Payments almost complete (no issues)
- Travel teams another (17 X 450) \$7650
- Total Jersey sponsor amount \$15 750.00
- (Travel team managers responsible for payments)

### **Treasurer – Alex Dominato:**

- 2017/2018 Tournament Financials
- 50th Anniversary update (need to use this as a fundraising opportunity).
- 2018/2019 Kick-off Budget (\$3000)
- Rob: Development Clinics (\$250) Can John open online payment? - no cheques
- PHL Coupons/ National Sports in the office. Both need to be distributed during kickoff and house league player skates.
- Rich: Do we have a new list of who will be working for the upcoming season? Need to have them set up for e-transfers
- 2016/2017 financials were presented and approved
- Everything is at HMIS for 2017/2018
- What was the budget we decided on for development? (Give N'Go Passers, Hockey Practice Sheets)
- Marty Carroll is being reimbursed for his purchase of the Give N'Go Passers (BRDMHA Property now)
- No Hockey Practice sheets will be purchased. Looking at securing permanent practice drill boards in all three rinks.

**Report accepted by John Marchand and seconded by Lisa VanSickle**

### **Parents Club- Lisa VanSickle:**

- **No Report**

### **Coaching Development – Rob Dembinski:**

- D1 Coach Clinic scheduled for Aug 25-26 at ATC. It is full. Any coaches requiring certification should check with Chatham for available spots in their clinic.
- Coach Level 1 Clinic scheduled for Oct 14 at ATC. Coaches are beginning to register.
- Looking at running a Coach Level 2 Clinic on Oct 28 at ATC. No other associations appear to be hosting these clinics. We should consider charging more than \$180/coach for this to cover the amount of time we spend managing it. This needs to be discussed.
- In-Season Tyke Development clinics have been scheduled and advertised on the website. Thank you, Paul and Mark, for your help with this.
- This week we ran a Developing Defense Camp for the entire Peewee AA/AE age group, along with some Majors Atoms. This camp was well attended, and feedback has been very positive. Thank you to Daryll Smith, Jamie Fick, Scott Chittle, Rob Bodchon, Ryan McKeon, and various other volunteers for their help with this camp. Based on the success of this camp, we will plan on running it again next August.
- Coaching certification are moving slow and steady. We have 4-5 coaches that require certification before rostering. Need OMHA to respond to our emails and requests for certification. Coaches and I are doing our part but we need OMHA to do theirs.

### **Tournaments – Darren Crowley:**

- **No Report**

### **Player Development – Peter Thomson:**

- Registration numbers are coming in. I will be reaching out to potential Head Coaches for 2010's and 2011's in the combined Novice section. At that point we will have a coaches meeting with the Head Coaches only, Rob Dembinski, John Marchand, Rob Bodchun and Dave from Source for Sports.
- I do need to know more about the dividers, rink for the dividers and need to coordinate with Brad Hart who will be helping run the mites with Jay Menard to ensure that they have access to dividers (current or new) when and if they need them.
- First Shift is going well. We are currently at 42 registrants and I am sure we will be full shortly. If not done already I would like to have the clinic dates and times added to the link when people register. A request for the days and time is the most common email I receive. I will work with Rob D to put together a roster of coaches for the clinics as well as set up the days for the Second Shift. I would like to see as many board members out as possible for the kickoff date on Oct 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Report accepted by John Marchand and seconded by Dan Anger**

### **House League Atom to Juvenile – Frank Hamelin:**

- **No Report**

### **Director of Travel – Marco Levesque:**

#### ***Travel Scheduling***

- All scheduling completed at BW Scheduling Meeting which occurred Sunday August 12th, 9am.
- Big thank you once again to Mark Bateman who made this process seamless this year, especially with my inability to attend.
- All practices have been scheduled for remainder of the year. Beginning Sept 10th, the association will mostly practice on Monday and Wednesday's, which will make use of all 4 pads, and ease burden on multiple travel player families

#### ***Midget AE***

- In conversations with other centers, and monitoring our midget numbers, there is no interest for other centers to host any form of Midget AE or A teams.
- The option if we did want to run, would either to look at adding team to Midget Major loop (which has not been a success in past), or perhaps look at Shamrock (which also presents logistical issues)
- The total numbers for registration thus far don't seem overwhelming but will monitor.
- It is not expected that we will be running the additional Midget team this year. Other centers are simply releasing players as ATMs where it makes sense, as we did last year.

### ***Travel Permits***

- Permit requests for Exhibitions and Tournaments have begun. Processing is underway.
- OMHA refused to allow any Travel Permit requests prior to Sept 1 this year and plans to hold this line in the coming years.
- All Travel permits (and ref/timekeeper requests) are to continue to flow to travel director email: [traveldirector@brdmha.com](mailto:traveldirector@brdmha.com)

### ***Home Openers***

- Our home openers begin on Sept 7th, 8th, and 9th with the following schedule

Novice AA Sept 7th 5:15pm vs Tecumseh (The Rock)

Atom Minor AA Sept 7th 5:45pm vs Kent (Rink C)

Atom Major AA Sept 7th 7pm vs Lasalle (Rink C)

Bantam Major AA Sept 7th 8:30pm vs Windsor (Rink C)

Atom AE Sept 8th 5pm vs Windsor (Rink C)

Peewee Major AA Sept 8th 5:30pm vs Southpoint (The Rock)

Peewee AE Sept 8th 7pm vs Kent (The Rock)

Bantam AE Sept 9th 7pm vs Windsor (The Rock)

PLEASE COME SUPPORT ALL OF OUR TEAMS!!

- **Motion:** To allow all teams to wear the 50th Anniversary Jersey for their HOME OPENER

### **Director at Large– Jamie Fick:**

- As some may have saw 50th logo is on Rink A. Thanks Paul for helping with that.
- hoping that the logo will go on Rink B as well.
- meeting with town to see if I can hang up banner at the entrance as well as at Rink C.

- 50th pucks for registered players are at my house. These will be distributed when rosters are completed by John. John I will need a copy of each roster when completed so I can hand pucks according to number of players on each roster.
- Alumni game planning will begin shortly, we do have some people stepping up. Is that want to help. Looking to schedule a meeting soon to start planning events and game night ceremonies. Rostering the team will take some time and some decisions as we start creating the list of interested players.
- been helping Rob D with Peewee Development camp. It has went very good with a great turn out.

**Report accepted by Peter Thomson and seconded by Lisa VanSickle**

**New Business - Paul Gray:**

- Call for an increase in Volunteers
- OHF Gender Identity – to be reviewed at the board level, and travel as well
- New Boards: \$13,000 each – 2 sets to cost \$31,000. Contingency fund to use towards the purchase, fundraising through 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Corporate sponsors to help offset cost as well.
- 6-8 week turnaround for delivery of boards
- Board can purchase 1 or 2 sets for September 2018 season
- **Motion: BRDMHA to purchase ice dividers from Athlectica Sports Equipment for IP and Novice programming for 1 set cost of \$15,447 (complete with tax and shipping)**
- **1 set for the year: 2 Yes, 0 No**
- **2 sets for the year: 7 Yes, 0 No – PASS**

**Motion approved to purchase 2 dividers for the 2018/2019 season**

**Accepted by Dan Anger and seconded by John Marchand**

**Meeting adjourned 9:05 pm**

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Paul Gray, President

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Approval Date

**Next meeting – September 18, 2018 at 6:30pm**

