



Belle River District Minor Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes December 18, 2018
Atlas Tube Center, Belle River, Ontario

In Attendance: Rob Bodchon, John Marchand, Rob Halvorsen, Rob Dembinski, Marco Levesque, Jennifer Lafeber, Jay Menard, Jamie Fick, Paul Gray

Absent: Mark Bateman, Rich Burford, Darren Crowley, Ken Poisson, Alex Dominato, Frank Hamelin, Tylor VanSickle, Peter Thomson, Lisa VanSickle,

Meeting Chair: Paul Gray

Recorder: Jennifer Lafeber

Meeting called to order by Paul Gray at 6:32pm.

Director Reports

Equipment – Rob Halvorsen:

- No Report

Director of Travel Scheduling – Mark Bateman:

- No Report

Registration – John Marchand:

- Completed House League rosters by December 1st deadline. We were informed that we could not combine 2010s and 2011s on Novice rosters, so those rosters were pended by the OMHA. I am still waiting for direction on how to address Tyke and Novice rosters.
- Submitted many address change requests so players could be added to rosters. Contacted several families first by email and eventually by phone to get them to complete the Parents Respect In Sport course so their child could be rostered. Managed to add ALL players to a roster by the December 1st deadline.

- I have sent approved rosters to coaches of each of the teams that indicated they were entering the Hospice tournament.
- Submitted the Batch Team Reconciliation to the OMHA. I deleted a few rosters we did not need. Alex can expect a refund cheque in the email.
- I am still waiting for one Juvenile transfer and the Juvenile Rep roster to be approved. Addressing frequent changes to this roster.
- I need the forms for all Affiliate players, so I can add them to the appropriate rosters by the deadline that is fast approaching.

Report accepted by Rob Halvorsen and seconded by Jamie Fick

Risk Management Officer – Rob Bodchon:

- No Report

Referee in Chief –Rich Burford:

- currently working on scheduling the Hospice tournament next week
- regular season travel and h/l scheduling running smoothly

Sponsorship and Communication – Ken Poisson:

- All house league sponsors paid (nothing outstanding)
- January I will be working with Jamie for Alumni game program sponsors.

Treasurer – Alex Dominato:

- No Report

Parents Club- Lisa VanSickle:

- No Report

Coaching Development – Rob Dembinski:

- No Report

Tournaments – Darren Crowley:

- No Report

Player Development – Peter Thomson:

- No Report

House League Atom to Juvenile – Frank Hamelin:

- Bantam team 3 has been disbanded, the players spread to enable better balance.
- One Bantam team is still struggling a bit, they have a good team, unfortunately it may be coaching.
- Other than that house league is good.
- Pictures have been placed in the team's lockers today.

Director of Travel – Marco Levesque:

APs

- All APs have been processed and forwarded to John Marchand for rostering.
- Over 50 players AP'd to higher level teams this year, great response from coaches furthering the commitment to development

Midget Major All Star Game

- Hosted by Tecumseh on December 6th at 7pm
- Provides Bluewater hockey players more opportunity for showcasing their talent, scouts of most Jr C teams were in attendance
- Belle River was represented by the following players: Evan Taylor (G), Caden Vanderpark (D), Kade Beuglet (D), Neil Vorshuk (F), Colton Candido (F), Kyle Emery (D)
- Excellent evening of hockey, big thanks for Tecumseh for hosting a well-run event

Tournament Success

So far this year, we have had a lot of success in tournaments:

- Novice AA: Champions - Halton Hills Best of the Best Tournament (Halton Hills) Oct 5-7
- Peewee AE: Champions - Fall Colours Tournament (Ann Arbor, MI) Oct 26-28
- Midget Minor: Champions - International Silver Stick Qualifier (Stratford) Nov 2-4
- Bantam AE : Champions - Motown Cup Tournament (Detroit, MI, USA) Nov 9-11
- Novice AA: Champions - International Silver Stick Qualifier (Georgina) Nov 15-18
- Bantam Minor AA: Champions - Buffalo Classic (Buffalo, NY) Nov 23-25
- Atom AE: Champions - Belle River Randy Merten/Dan Holland Tournament (Belle River) Nov 30-Dec 2
- Bantam AE: Champions - South Bend Irish Cup (South Bend, IN) Dec 7-9

Organization Success

- We currently have a record of 199-73-38
- Our total GF: 1298 GA: 734

Playdowns

- Breakdown of playdowns will be discussed at next BW meeting, January 7th. Likely not changing from format year prior.
- Playdowns begin January 12th
- More info to come

Report accepted by Rob Bodchon and seconded by Rob Halvorsen

Director at Large– Jamie Fick:

Alumni Game progress:

- tickets being processed and will be ready by end of week, and will be ready for purchase before Christmas (great Christmas gift everyone)
- advertising posters are ready to be posted, I have them, once tickets are ready these will be displayed. I will have them tonight to show you
- we are selling roughly 1400 tickets in total, there are some tickets that are included in the sponsorship program where we still get revenue. Total capacity will be 1500 for the game.
- sponsorship posters will be ready by end of week as well. Not looking to really advertise this too much till January when new budgets become available for businesses
- volunteer group is growing, which is nice cause we need it especially on game day. Belle River Nobles hockey teams both boys and girl's teams will be volunteering (Most play within our association)
- ice time before Alumni game has been moved around to help us with parking and people coming to the VIP session Thanks Mark Bateman
- VIP agendas are ready for VIP purchasers
- roster team is doing a great job with recruitment of players from all era's from BRMDHA players
- hotels are booked for Montreal team in Windsor (we got a good deal on these rooms)

- met with A-Burg Rotary Club and got some good feed back and ideas from them, this was shared with our committee
- looking at purchasing a Montreal Canadiens Jersey, have the Source put number 50 on the back and have Montreal Alumni autograph it and then put on display in arena, also same with the local alumni team on the throwback jersey, number 50 as well on the back.
- going to do intermission games with Timbits age group. Peter we will discuss further how we will try to include all the teams if we can
- St. Clair fully committed in running the Bar upstairs for the game, also open to catering if no local business steps up.
- Lakeshore Canadiens have donated the team dressing room for Montreal Team
- Sooter's coming in for Photography before, during and after the game
- Honorary list of past and present volunteers is coming along as well.... please forward me any names that you think should be included in the pre-game ceremony. We may already have them but never know, we do not want to miss anyone. Send contact information if you have it as well.
- refs and game clock should be secured by Rich Burford.... Rich can update on us if we any special guests for this! lol
- public announcer will be Joel Lewsaw...Lots of experience with this kind of event.
- Jillian Marshall will be singing the National Anthem

Report accepted by Marco Levesque and seconded by Rob Dembinski

New Business - Paul Gray:

- Town has requested that no one be on ice until Zamboni doors are closed.
- Either divider boards are to be removed in between time slots, or go 2 hr. in between floods
- Points of contact through the town – all members are to go through Paul, Alex and Mark when needing to discuss items with Terry and town
- Rink 'C' – no hole in timekeeper's box – Town to address
- OHF committee to attend January meeting

Meeting adjourned 7:25 pm

Paul Gray, President

Approval Date

Next meeting – January 15, 2018 at 6:30pm

