



Belle River District Minor Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes December 19, 2017
Atlas Tube Center, Belle River, Ontario

In attendance: Rob Dembinski, Ken Poisson, Jennifer Lafeber, Paul Gray, Peter Thompson, Darren Crowley, Marco Levesque

Absent: Rich Burford, Mark Bateman, Alex Dominato, Lisa VanSickle, Jamie Fick, Rob Bodchon, John Marchand, Dan Anger

Meeting Chair: Paul Gray
Recorder: Jennifer Lafeber

Meeting called to order by Paul Gray at 6:45 pm.

Director Reports

Equipment – Dan Anger:

- Absent

Director of Travel Scheduling – Mark Bateman:

- Absent

Registration – John Marchand:

- Submitted all house league rosters for approval by the December 1st deadline. All rosters were fully approved except for some Juvenile and Mites teams who did not have certified staff.
- Deadline for modifying travel rosters and adding affiliate players is approaching. All travel roster changes should be provided to me ASAP.

Report accepted by Darren Crowley and seconded by Marco Levesque

Risk Management Officer – Rob Bodchon:

- Just one incident to report where a player was removed from the Atom Major AA team and placed on Peewee house league. Both parents and coach were in agreement. This was the end of the progressive discipline that was started in early fall.

Report accepted by Rob Dembinksi and seconded by Peter Thompson

Referee in Chief –Rich Burford:

- November pay sheets have been forwarded to Alex
- Currently working on scheduling refs and timekeepers for the Hospice tournament
- scheduling of assignments for H/L and Travel are running smoothly

Report accepted by Ken Poisson and seconded by Rob Bodchan

Sponsorship and Communication – Ken Poisson:

- Option to do Christmas party next year at a function/Charity
- Hospice 145 teams – 10 volunteers

Report accepted by Darren Crowley and seconded by Rob Bodchan

Treasurer – Alex Dominato:

- Absent

Parents Club- Lisa VanSickle:

- Absent

Coaching Development – Rob Dembinski:

- All coach reimbursements are nearly complete. Thank you Alex for your help with this
- The majority of my time right now is being spent supporting Player Development and First Shift programs. We can discuss more at the meeting

Report accepted by Kenneth Poisson and seconded by Marco Levesque

Tournaments – Darren Crowley:

- We hosted the 17th annual Randy Merton and Dan Holland tournament on December 1-3. The tournament appears to be a success. It appears that we made a substantial profit from hosting the tournament, but more importantly, we have established the tournament as one that teams enjoyed and want to come back to.
- The feedback from many of the attending teams has been very positive, both prior to coming and after the event. We have had many positive things said about the organization, the facility, and all the volunteers that helped make the weekend a success. Some teams have already expressed interest in returning next year.
- Local businesses and hotels have also said the weekend went well for them, we were able to provide local businesses with thousands of dollars' worth of retail business, as well as over 30 teams staying at 6 hotels, using over 700 nights of rooms.
- Tournament financials are in the process of being finalized, but estimates look at between 20 and 22 thousand in the black. And the final reports and summary are on schedule to be sent to the OMHA.
- The planning for next year has already begun, despite the uncertainty of Novice and Tyke hockey; I will be meeting in the next month to apply for the permit for next year. We will establish a date, and divisions, and hotels will be booked hopefully in the next few weeks.

Report accepted by Peter Thompson and seconded by Rob Dembinski

Player Development – Peter Thomson:

- Ongoing with First Shift. The last clinic Inc is this Saturday. Rob Dembinski and I are in the process of creating a Second Shift set of clinics for the First Shift participants who are interested. There will be a cost associated with the clinics per participant.
- Also ongoing with the IP/what used to be n own as Tyke program and creating a development program for those players so we can participate in the Jamborees that are being established. There was a webinar on the subject of this age group which Marco, Rob and I will find time to review so we can properly educate parents/coaches that would be impacted.

Report accepted by Darren Crowley and seconded by Marco Levesque

House League Atom to Juvenile – Vacant Position:

- **Absent**

Director of Travel – Marco Levesque:

BRDMHA Travel:

- APs are being wrapped up and finalized as part of rosters. Deadline was 15th so that John Marchand doesn't have to deal w them over holidays
- Participated in Hockey Canada teleconferences and meetings dealing w changes to Tyke and Novice hockey over the next two years. Pulled a subcommittee together to start discussion our direction as an association, and what we want to socialize with other centers
- Currently completing all travel permits for HL tourneys. Seems to be a misconception that Hospice does not require travel permit at team level.
- our Juvenile team re-categorization appeal with the OMHA was approved, therefore will be playing in the A division for play downs
- Midget Major All-Star game was played Dec 7th with great success. 5 of our players from BRDMHA were present, which were:
 - eric larue
 - tycen chittle
 - lucas poisson
 - owen meyerink
 - reiss robinson
- Scouts from local junior C teams were in attendance
- Suggestion for next year: someone in association be responsible for coordinating coaching staff contact information (both travel and house league). As there are many reasons why some of our positions may require contact with these individuals, it's important everyone has access so that there are no bottlenecks for communication (I.e. me:). In the last three weeks I've been hit with at least 12 different requests to get information out to coaches, and because my

personal and business schedule is getting busier, I'm missing some. We have to have a smoother process to communicate.

- **Bluewater**
- Playdowns format will be finalized on Dec 20th.
- prelims to be complete before first weekend of Feb
- Belle River owes \$75 in game sheet fines (Alex need cheque to BW please). This has been an ongoing problem this year, unlike last year. Hoping this is the last of it
- OHF – Hockey Canada answer questions regarding changes to the U8's:
- Clarifications – local level, still host tier 1 travel Bluewater level – Novice 7 year old half ice purposes
- 2019/2020 – first half of season half ice for novice, than full ice for second half of season

Report accepted by Peter Thompson and seconded by Rob Dembinski

Director at Large– Jamie Fick:

- **Absent**

New Business - Paul Gray:

- Terry – locks on equipment doors and office door complete
- Terry – usage of our dividers by other groups – need to find ways to deter people from using them
- Board Member – Frank Hamelin starting January – Atom –Juvenile division
- 50 year committee starting January - volunteers to send name in for members
- Creating additional positions within the board

Meeting adjourned 7:31pm

Paul Gray, President

Approval Date

Next meeting – January 16, 2017 at 6:30pm

