



## **Belle River District Minor Hockey Association**

Board Meeting Minutes January 19, 2016

Atlas Tube Center, Belle River, Ontario

**In attendance:** Alex Dominato, Laura Lane, Andrew Bially, Kevin Beuglet, Paul Gray, Ken Poisson, Jerry Lee, Rob Bodchon, John Marchand, Dave Tremblay, Lisa VanSickle, Marco Levesque, Rob Dembinski, Daryll Smith

**Absent:** Andrew Finlay, Mark Bateman,

**Meeting Chair:** Paul Gray

**Recorder:** Laura Lane.

**Meeting called to order at by Paul Gray at 7:06pm.**

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### **Director Reports**

#### **Equipment – Andrew Bially:**

- In the process of restocking kits if teams need them. Ordered more ice packs. Attempting to supply kits with more baggies for ice instead of ice packs.
- Ordered larger goalie equipment so we have some for the bigger novice or atom players.
- If anyone happens to have equipment at their house could you bring it in and place in the locker below Tyke 4.
- Talked to some of the Tyke coaches and the dividers seem to be working well. Will reassess the situation at the end of the year to see where we could improve.
- In the process of ordering the medals and backings for the Day of Champions. We are going with the same medals as in previous years since we have a few hundred left but I will be changing it up for next year.
- Lisa – to ask Sooter's to supply us with a team photo of every travel and house league team so I can order the appreciation plaques for all the sponsors? Will also inquire if it's possible to get a digital copy of the photos for Mites, Tykes and Novice so I can get a bigger plaque made for Tim Horton's
- We had 4 out of the 6 Novice teams apply for the Dodge Caravan grant (\$500 per team). There is a tournament coming up on Family Day for these teams. Some of the coaches inquired to see if Minor Hockey could pay for the entry fee out of the grants. Cost of the tournament is \$200 per team. In order to get the grant we had to order patches to place on the team jersey's at a total cost of roughly \$380. I ordered patches for all 6 teams but 2 teams decided not to complete the application so we have two sets of team patches for next year. If we cover the cost of the tournament for each team we will still have an extra

\$820. If one of the teams were unable to attend the tournament we may be able to supply them with funds for a team party instead. \*\*\*\***Andrew not sure what the outcome of this inquiry was – please advise\*\*\*\*\***

**Report accepted by Ken Poisson and seconded by Daryll Smith**

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

- Absent.

### **Registration – John Marchand:**

- All team rosters have been completed and approved. We had to request the addition of one Mite and one Tyke team because we were only allowed to roster 19 players to a team. There are still a few Mite players whose parents did not complete the Respect In Sport course, therefore they could not be rostered. Any players not on an approved roster are not covered by insurance.
- Total number of players this season is 812, 288 Travel and 524 House League.
- We allow 3 year olds to register for Mites, however the OMHA will not approve them to rosters, therefore they are not covered by insurance. Kevin Beuglet to seek clarification with OMHA representative.
- Working on a revised registration message for website – will reduce inquiries and alleviate delays in transfers and compliance with Respect In Sport and certifications.
- Insurance Reconciliation form will be done by the end of January.

**Report accepted by Alex Dominato and seconded by Laura Lane**

### **House League Scheduling – Marco Levesque:**

- Pee wee House League changes have been updated to accommodate goalie shortage – reminder to not run a 5 team division in future
- Cross over games worked well this season and all are interested in maintaining this practice in the future.

**Report accepted by Dave Tremblay and seconded by John Marchand**

### **Referee In Chief – Dave Tremblay:**

- Applications for Timekeepers and Referees are available on line – current staff interested in returning next season, do not have to fill out an application; they simply have to advise Dave.
- All exhibition games are to go thru Kevin Beuglet for referee and time keeper booking

**Report accepted by Andrew Bially and seconded by Lisa Van Sickle**

### **Risk Management Officer – Rob Bodchon:**

- Nothing new to report.

### **Sponsorship and Communication – Ken Poisson:**

- Hospice tournament was a success – raised \$280,000.000 – no issues and was well received
- Starting sponsorship recruitment for next season
- Per Paul Gray – wants to start collecting a list of potential Sponsors so invoices can be sent ASAP

**Report accepted by Rob Dembinski and seconded by Dave Tremblay**

### **House League Peewee to Juvenile – Jerry Lee:**

- Travel permits and changes to Referee assignments were completed for 2 Bantam and 1 Peewee HL teams who entered tournaments in January and February Family Day Weekend. Thanks to Kevin B. and Dave T.
- Peewee HL Games are now back to back on game Sundays on Rink C. Schedule changes have been requested to game Saturdays to be back to back on Shuren Rink once playoffs start on February 27, March 5 and March 19. Schedule change has also been requested for Day of Champions so that both Peewee A and B finals are not played at the same time. Requests have been sent to ice schedulers 01/04/2016 and will be followed up at next board meeting. Marco Levesque indicated that scheduling changes will be completed.
- Late Registrations have been accepted in the Midget-Juvenile Division into January since we had the room to accept a few more players.
- Needed to address competitiveness of Midget-Juvenile Team 1.
- Poor attendance on Midget-Juvenile Team 5.
- Last weekend, game forfeited by Bantam 3 using an illegal substitute, as Goalie was from lower age division, but he is rostered to a travel team. To address goaltender absences

and shortages like we had in the Pee wee HL, the following is recommended to scheduling next year.

- Time slots in each Age division need to be back to back to back. HL Games scheduled at the same time do not allow for player substitutions for Goaltenders.
- Midget-Juvenile, go back to a weekday where 7, 8 and 9pm time slots can be slotted on a Tuesday night. Sunday games could be slotted late Sunday afternoon or early evening 6, 7 and 8pm. There was a significant amount of absentee players this season due to conflicts with work. TSMHA plays all Midget-Juvenile games Sunday night.
- Playoffs start, Pee wee – February 27th, Bantam and Midget-Juvenile – February 13th. Primarily a practice schedule the first weekend of March Break, 12-13th. Attendance this weekend is usually very poor. As long as there is a coach and trainer at each ice time, I will be pooling available coaches and players that weekend for 4-4 or 3-3 scrimmages. Playoffs resume after this weekend.

**Report accepted by Andrew Bially and seconded by Laura Lane.**

### **Treasurer – Alex Dominato:**

- Referee funds have been deposited in all team accounts. Any team needing additional money will have to first ensure their referee tracker is up to date.
- Juvenile travel teams roster are up to date.
- Sub-committee established to go over budget (Alex, Paul, Marco, Andrew B and John)

**Report accepted by John Marchand and seconded by Kevin Beuglet.**

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

- House League Day of Champs is March 26/16 – common room is booked.
- Medal, hot dog, chips and drinks will be provided.
- Will start to coordinate Coach's Banquet – looking at different venues

**Report accepted by Laura Lane and seconded by Kevin Beuglet**

### **Coaching Development – Rob Dembinski (via email):**

- August 20-21st weekend for Coach Development 1 and Oct 15-16th for Coach 1&2 – Community Coach. – will update website.

**Report accepted by Lisa Van Sickle and John Marchand**

## **Tournaments- Andrew Finlay:**

- Absent

## **Player Development – Daryll Smith:**

- 8 sets of Atom jerseys ordered for next season
- Esso Medal of Achievement Award ordered
- Tim Horton's year end prizes March 1/16
- Sub-committee to discuss the future of development clinics (Daryll, Rob D, Kevin and Rob B)
- Practice plans to be posted to website by March '16

**Report accepted by Jerry Lee and seconded by Kevin Beuglet**

## **Director of Travel - Kevin Beuglet:**

- Travel tryouts start on April 26/16
- Travel Day of Champs is April 2/16 – BRDMHA hosting
- Stressed that rogue teams will not be tolerated in our association.

**Report accepted by Rob Dembinski and seconded by Marco Levesque**

## **New Business:**

Paul Gray:

- BR Canadiens donated T. Domi jersey – looking into framing.
- BRDHS applying for hockey school – BRDMHA sent letter of support
- Town applying for grant for feasibility study for hotel wants BRDMHA input
- Positions up for Election - Travel Scheduling, Secretary, House League Scheduling, Player Development, Referee in Chief, Risk Management Officer
- Coach's Evaluations and Coaching Application on website
- Portable sign at old arena given to Belle River Baseball Association
- Trophy case – looking for Coach of the Year, House League Coach of the Year, Home-town Hero awards to put on display
- Randy Merten / Dan Holland Memorial Tournament in its 15 Season – looking at input on how to get out of teams (especially those centers that we support) to support our tournament

**Next meeting is February 16, 2016 at 7 pm**

