



Belle River District Minor Hockey Association

Board Meeting Minutes January 17, 2017

Atlas Tube Center, Belle River, Ontario

In attendance: Laura Lane, Paul Gray, Rob Bodchon, Lisa VanSickle, Peter Thomson, Ken Poisson, Andrew Bially, John Marchand, Alex Dominato,

Absent: Dan Anger, Rob Dembinski, Mark Bateman, Marco Levesque, Rich Burford, Darren Crowley, Jerry Lee

Meeting Chair: Paul Gray

Recorder: Laura Lane

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

Director Reports

Equipment – Andrew Bially:

- All the medals have been ordered. Design changed to use up all the old style medals.
- All of the Travel mailboxes are up and labelled.
- New Senior Try out bibs in the process of being ordered. (White #1-35, Black #36-70)
- Pylons at each rink still going missing. I originally placed 20 pylons at each rink. Restocked them with 14 more to have 20 at each rink. We are down at each rink. I plan on ordering more of the Medium sized pylons to restock rinks at the start of next season.
- Every team was given Belle River logo pucks for the Playoffs.
- Few individuals donated goalie equipment to BRDMHA (junior trapper and blocker, chest protector and pants).
- Will set up shelves in the big lockers of the downstairs equipment room and label what goes on each shelf. Can we send out an email to all the coaches to remember to return all equipment to the locker at the end of their practices (too much is being left out).
- Only one coach decided to apply for the Dodge Caravan sponsorship (\$500) As of last year I recommend using \$200 from the sponsorship to help pay for their Family Day tournament fee.
- Next year in Novice I plan on getting Source for Sports to place the Dodge Caravan patch on the Novice team jerseys before the season. Once the teams are set I will take a picture of each team with their patches on their jerseys and submit them for sponsorship (Parents will just have to go online and fill out a photo release form with Dodge). Once the pictures and release forms are approved we will get the sponsorship money from Dodge.

Report accepted by Laura Lane and seconded by Lisa VanSickle

Director Of Travel Scheduling – Mark Bateman:

- Absent

Registration – John Marchand:

- All HL rosters were approved by the December 1st deadline.
- All travel team rosters are set. Deadline for changes has passed.
- We only had one player whose parents did not take Parents Respect In Sport course.
- I recently sent a message to all players playing in Belle River whose primary association is not Belle River. Processed some transfers as a result.
- In the process of updating HCR with travel fee payments so they will be reflected on tax receipts.
- Will complete the Insurance Reconciliation this month.
- Will look to improve information on the Registration tab of our website to further reduce questions and issues.
- I saw a notice at Adie Knox arena indicating Windsor Minor allows goaltenders to sign up for half price. We should discuss our options regarding what we can do to promote interest in becoming and remaining a goaltender.

Report accepted by Andrew Bially and seconded by Peter Thomson

Referee In Chief –Rich Burford (via email):

- The Hospice tournament went very well as our kids had the opportunity to make a little extra money over the Christmas Holidays. A big shout out to Ken Poisson and his volunteers for a job well done.
- December checks were mailed out last week, the kids are happy about receiving monthly checks as opposed to last year. Thank you Laura and Alex for that
- Scheduling is running smoothly for both H/L and Play downs.

Risk Management Officer – Rob Bodchon:

- No formal complaints
- 2 parents asked not to attend their child's games due to pending investigations however this has been cleared up.

Report accepted by Laura Lane and seconded by Andrew Bially

Sponsorship and Communication – Ken Poisson:

- Sending out sponsorship thank you card with form for sponsorship request for next season

Report accepted by John Marchand and seconded by Peter Thomson

Treasurer – Alex Dominato:

- Updated the family discount sheet to go on the website. Applications will be expected till the end of February. Families with 3 or more children in BRDMHA are eligible for a 10% rebate on each child's registration.
- Working with Laura to keep up to date ref trackers and financials. Huge thanks to her. If anyone is approached from families on a team not receiving financials they need to ask their managers. Most teams have been handing in proper paperwork on a timely manner this season.
- Refs and timekeepers have been paid this season on a monthly basis.
- Two minor issues have developed with team finances however Laura and I are working at getting them resolved.
- I still have yet to receive the papers from the auditors. Ed Fuerth is no longer working with Hyatt. As I have yet to receive this year's numbers I am unable to close out the 2015/2016 year-end.
- **Motion made by Alex to retrieve books form Hyatt Lassaline and move them to BDO in Windsor – carried unanimously.**
- Going forward the process we have in place for clinic reimbursements needs to be streamlined.

Report accepted by Laura Lane and seconded by Lisa VanSickle

Parents Club- Lisa VanSickle :

- Day of Champs is March 26/17
- Coach's Banquet is set for April 29/17

Report accepted by Ken Poisson and seconded by Andrew Bially

Coaching Development – Rob Dembinski:

- Absent.

Tournaments - Dan Anger:

- Absent

Player Development – Peter Thomson:

- On Hospice. We had a good tournament. The novice teams for the most part finished well with decent participation. On the tyke side 2 teams sign up - I would like to propose the

establishment of a Tyke Select team to ensure we have a competitive showing next year. Tournaments are great and fantastic team building.

- Tournaments registering requirements –encourage Hospice involvement rather than force. I actually think that will improve registration numbers in the Tyke and Novice areas.
- Tyke and Novice games and practices are progressing well with some very evident improvement in skills. The games on Sundays for Tykes are a challenge due to the low number of players on teams. Some teams are rolling two lines on 2/3's of the ice to encourage actual playing situations and work on face off positions as well as game skills. I would like to go to full ice for Tyke games from now to the end of the year to work on offside calls and get ready for the day of champions games.
- Dates needed for travel tryouts for Novice as well as coach selection for the Novice AE teams will be provided in April
- Great beginning to the First Shift program. We have 32 participants
- Mites are continuing to do well - Jay Menard is a huge help for the program
- Tykes will start playing games in 2 weeks.

Report accepted by John Marchand and seconded by Ken Poisson

House League Pee wee to Juvenile – Jerry Lee:

- Absent

Director of Travel – Marco Levesque:

- Absent.

New Business:

- Per Paul – will look into getting a key pad for the equipment room
- Thinking about implementing a President's award to an outstanding volunteer.
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Paul Gray

Paul Gray, President

2/21/2017

Approval Date

Next meeting February 21 at 7 pm

