



Belle River District Minor Hockey Association

Board Meeting Minutes June 21, 2016

Atlas Tube Center, Belle River, Ontario

In attendance: Alex Dominato, Laura Lane, Andrew Bially, Paul Gray, Jerry Lee, Rob Bodchon, John Marchand, Dan Anger, Marco Levesque, Rob Dembinski, Lisa VanSickle, Ken Poisson

Absent: Mark Bateman, Rich Burford, Darren Crowley, Peter Thomson

Meeting Chair: Paul Gray

Recorder: Laura Lane

Meeting called to order at by Paul Gray at 7:34pm.

Director Reports

Equipment – Andrew Bially:

- Travel jerseys ordered and are in (except Pee Wee AE Minor will be in soon) - will need sponsors for the back from travel teams ASAP (Ken or Marco can let travel teams know)
- Tim Horton's are behind for ordering Tim Bits jerseys but they hope to have an order form out in July.
- Will be ordering jerseys next week. 6 Peewee, 6 Bantam, 6 Midget. Ken Poisson – to confirm the sponsors for each.
- Ordered replacement goalie equipment (some uppers for older divisions too). Bringing in goalie equipment for repairs at the end of the month.
- Will be placing Manager's mailboxes in downstairs equipment room.
- Suggestions for Tyke next year: change the last 3 or 4 games to full ice. Players have never practiced face off positions or where to line up after a goal or a goalie save.
- If anyone sees a glass shelving unit that is 36" wide or less and has at least 3 shelves please let me know. I have been looking to add the shelving unit at the door of our office to help display some of the trophies.

Report accepted by John Marchand and seconded by Jerry Lee

Director Of Travel Scheduling – Mark Bateman (via email):

- We have secured the Atlas Cup to take place over the weekend of October 14th to 16th with Tecumseh. I'll post more details in July, however for now all Travel and House league teams are not to schedule any tournaments this weekend

Registration – John Marchand:

- Submitted Batch Team Registration in mid-May. We have 10 AA, 6 AE and 37 HL teams.
- Submitted NRP and OMHA rule 3.5 transfer requests to OMHA in early June. One NRP request has been approved. Waiting for a response on the remainder.
- General Registration thus far - 396.
- Started entering travel team rosters. Waiting for transfer approvals and identification of team staff.
- Assisting the Treasurer with processing of refunds.
- Processing various transfer requests and fielding Registration inquiries.

Report accepted by Ken Poison and seconded by Rob Bodchon

Referee In Chief –Rich Burford (via email):

- Conducting interviews in the next couple weeks at the ATC, for new Referee s to attend the school in September
- We are to send 5 kids this year

Risk Management Officer – Rob Bodchon:

- Nothing new to report.

Sponsorship and Communication – Ken Poisson:

- To send out email blast to past sponsors and follow up with phone calls
- Sponsorship process needs to include form

Report accepted by Alex Dominato and seconded by Rob Bodchon

House League Peewee to Juvenile – Jerry Lee:

- Nothing new to report

Treasurer – Alex Dominato:

- Currently working with John on updating registration and assistant programs for the 2016/2017 season.
- The Golf tournament has been booked for Sunday August 14th at Kingsville. Would like to have a stronger board representation this year. Last year we had 45 golfers, hoping to have a minimum of 60 golfers this year.

- Tournament is on the same day as the BlueWater scheduling day – need to work around this

Report accepted by Dan Anger and seconded by Jerry Lee.

Parents Club- Lisa VanSickle :

- Some travel teams are not following protocol with regard to completing the necessary paperwork prior to fundraising begins. Reminder that all fundraising needs to be presented to Lisa for approval
- Kick off set for October 8/16
- Picture Day set for November 4-7/16

Report accepted by Laura Lane and seconded by Dan Anger

Coaching Development – Rob Dembinski:

- D1 Coach Clinic on August 20/21 weekend is full at 40 coaches. 12 of these coaches are from Belle River.
- Coach Level 2 Clinic is now open for registration. It will be at the ATC in the Community Room on October 15th. Details are on the website.

Report accepted by Andrew Bially and John Marchand

Tournaments- Dan Anger:

- Accommodation issue for tournament weekend due to city hosting the swimming competition.
- Has secured 221 rooms in Leamington
- Able to host 13 away teams – currently we have 8 registered.
- Working on getting vendors booked – mouth guard supplier booked.

Report accepted by Laura Lane and seconded by Lisa VanSickle.

Player Development – Peter Thomson (via email):

- We have been accepted to First Shift program and we have made some good headway with it.
- A meeting was held late in late May to review the program requirements. We have a commitment from coaches and are working on securing a site for the kickoff.
- Paul has had conversations with Atlas. The kickoff is early October. Paul also spoke with Bauer at the recent OMHA meetings and has access to the marketing material.

- The website will be updated shortly and posters should be placed in the local sports stores shortly as well.
- Will be sending an email blast out to all Mites, Tykes and Novice parents to get a response on interest in coaching. Currently combining the multiple lists and email addresses to make the process more efficient.

Director of Travel – Marco Levesque:

- Completed Coaches and Managers meeting – ready to start season
- No complaints overall with team selections – process went very smoothly
- MB Sports web worked well for teams and coaches
- Next Bluewater meeting is August 2 and the scheduling meeting is Aug 14th

Report accepted by John Marchand and seconded by Rob Dembinski

New Business:

Paul Gray:

- Bauer First Shift Welcome Program in on Oct 13/16
- Looking to the future – concussion education – will keep association up to date with Hockey Canada and OMHA guidelines

Next meeting is July 19, 2016 at 7 pm

