



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

Board Meeting Minutes June 20, 2017

Atlas Tube Center, Belle River, Ontario

**In attendance:** Rob Bodchon, John Marchand, Alex Dominato, Marco Levesque, Jennifer Lafeber, Ken Poisson, Jamie Fick, Lisa VanSickle, Rob Dembinski, Paul Gray, Darren Crowley, John Marchand

**Absent:** Rich Burford, Ryan McKeon, Laura Lane, Dan Anger, Mark Bateman, Peter Thomson,

**Meeting Chair:** Marco Levesque

**Recorder:** Jennifer Lafeber

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**Meeting called to order at by Marco Levesque at 7:07pm.**

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### Director Reports

#### Equipment – Dan Anger:

Nothing to report

#### Director of Travel Scheduling – Mark Bateman:

Nothing to report

#### Registration – John Marchand:

General Registration opened April 1st. Register by July 31st to save \$100 and guarantee a roster spot.

Flyers to be created and sent to all applicable schools for registration prior to commencement of this year.

We should send out email blasts over the next few weeks and post message on the website to encourage registration prior to July 31st.

The number of registrations thus far for 2017/18 is 372.

All NRP transfers have been submitted and approved by the OMHA.

In the process of building travel rosters. – Clarification if Laura is to complete this task

With regards to Roster Select teams: house league players will be able to play for their HL team and a roster select team while also serving as an AP for a travel team.

**Report accepted by Jamie Fick and seconded by Rob Dembinski**

**Risk Management Officer – Rob Bodchon:**

Nothing to report

**Referee in Chief –Rich Burford:**

Nothing to report

**Sponsorship and Communication – Ken Poisson:**

Sponsorship moving forward – slowly receiving sponsors

Larger sponsors – expand website, official company each division \$450 ea – House league

Marco to send Travel Coaches and Managers email about sponsorships – Ken to tag sponsors to travel teams first

Fundraising – Flip Give

Potential Photographer to present himself for next year or tournaments – attend meeting in August

\*\*\* slot on Agenda for next meeting – Ken to confirm with me\*\*\*

**Report accepted by Rob Dembinski and seconded by Alex Dominato**

**Treasurer – Alex Dominato:**

All AA and AE coaches and manager meetings now have been completed.

Question – Home and away Jerseys to have Sponsors. \$450.00 has to be collected for each set of Jerseys  
Procedures – Draft version to be revised to include update of both jersey's into

**Report accepted by Ken Poisson and seconded by Jamie Fick**

**Parents Club- Lisa VanSickle:**

OMHA – not attending Kickoff

**Report accepted by Alex Dominato and seconded by Ken Poisson**

**Coaching Development – Rob Dembinski:**

D1 clinic scheduled for the end of August. Belle River coaches get priority

Coach 1 & 2 – not secure – course is changing, update to be provided at August meeting

First Shift – October 18<sup>th</sup> start, Bantam and midget kids to help out (all kids to get equipment)

Tyke & Novice development program running great

Rob to begin Leading in season tyke minor development program - 12-15 sessions

Hockey Share – Develop practice plans – online service to manage and template practice plans – possible future development program – next meeting to be brought up

**Report accepted by Darren Crowley and seconded by John Marchand**

**Tournaments – Darren Crowley:**

Registration is now open for the 17th annual Randy Merton/Dan Holland Tournament. I have changed the focus of the tournament from all divisions to an ALL NOVICE and TYKE MD tournament. Novice teams, especially the MD division has historically been an area of higher enrollment for this tournament, due to December 1st being the first day actual MD7 teams can play games. Also, if trying to keep the tournament local, and use only ice at the Atlas Tube Centre. There is not the space to accommodate a full 3 day tournament if all divisions fill to 8 teams. Another issue is that of interest. Atom teams and higher divisions that showed interest in the tournament were mainly local. Often attracting teams to come here from east of London is a issue. Lastly, after the FINA issue last year, I think the tourney needed a fresh start and we needed to promote to younger groups to reinstate the tourney as a top one province wide.

To promote the tourney I have sent personal invites to almost all Novice AA A BB AE and Tyke MD coach and program in the OMHA and Alliance, as well as reached out to teams throughout Detroit area and Michigan, Toledo, and Buffalo.

My initial goal was to have 16 MD teams and 8 in each of the other AA A and AE divisions, for a total of 40 teams. Presently I have had to change the MD division to cap at either 20 or 24, and if the A and/or AA does not fill, the two divisions will be combined, but offer separate championship games.

Renaud room to be headquarters for registration/Tourney Office

**Report accepted by John Marchand and seconded by Lisa VanSickle**

**Player Development – Peter Thomson:**

First Shift is up and running. Paul is posting the contact info and links on the BRDMHA website and all committee members have access to the Portal to monitor registration. We are already at 8 registrants.

Nothing else to report at this time.

**Report accepted by Alex Dominato and seconded by Ken Poisson**

**House League Atom to Juvenile – Ryan McKeon:**

No Report

**Director of Travel – Marco Levesque:**

Travel meetings concluded – all requirements mentioned with regards to financial responsibilities, fundraising etc...

Tryouts went well – overall 2 AE teams was the only issue

Next Bluewater meeting to be scheduled

Motion to add last names on Jerseys – Motion approved by overwhelming positive response

Last names of players to be added to travel jersey – cost of \$20 per player (\$10 for each Jersey)

Whole Team to have names or no one

**Report accepted by Alex Dominato and seconded by Lisa VanSickle**

**Director at Large– Jamie Fick:**

Nothing to Report

**New Business**

No New Business

**Meeting adjourned 8:58pm**

*Paul Gray*

Paul Gray, President

8/8/2017

Approval Date

**Next meeting – August 15, 2017 at 7:00 pm**

