



**Belle River District Minor Hockey Association**  
Board Meeting Minutes March 20, 2018  
Atlas Tube Center, Belle River, Ontario

**In attendance:** Jennifer Lafeber, Paul Gray, Frank Hamelin, Alex Dominato, Lisa VanSickle, Jamie Fick, Rob Bodchon, Dan Anger, John Marchand, Marco Levesque

**Absent:** Rich Burford, Peter Thompson, Rob Dembinski, Ken Poisson, Darren Crowley, Mark Bateman,

**Meeting Chair:** Paul Gray

**Recorder:** Jennifer Lafeber

**Meeting called to order by Paul Gray at 6:33 pm.**

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**Director Reports**

**Equipment – Dan Anger:**

- Medals and mini sticks for Day of Champs in equipment room
- Waiting for decision on 50<sup>th</sup> logo to jump start equipment for next season
- Special needs hockey tournament – ideas to be more involved next season

**Report accepted by Frank Hamelin and seconded by Jamie Fick**

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

- All House League, Clinic, travel practices, OMHA and Bluewater playoff ice planning and scheduling completed for the 2017/2018 season.
- 2018/2019 Tryout dates and times posted for AA and AE groups
- 2018/2019 Ice Allotment completed and submitted. If you didn't get back to me as requested I used my assumptions.
- Future Pro Goaltending clinic went great. Reached capacity within 13 hours and added an additional 2 spots for late comers. Will host another Future Pro clinic in the spring.
- Adding a Goaltending evaluation skate ahead of Tryouts. Will be hosted and evaluated by local goaltending clinic school leaders. Date and time TBD.
- Will complete August pre-season travel practices and next year's 2018/2019 HL assignments, Atlas Cup and DOC schedules by April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Reminder our website will change to the 2018/2019 calendar year on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Registration – John Marchand:**

- We do need to determine all dates, divisions and costs for next seasons Registration soon. Registration usually opens April 1st and I have to modify our settings in HCR prior to opening registration.

**Report accepted by Lisa VanSickle and seconded by Rob Bodchan**

**Risk Management Officer – Rob Bodchon:**

- No Report

**Referee in Chief –Rich Burford:**

- H/L Day of Champs assignments will be completed this Thursday after we have the final seeding's for Midget/Juvenile after Wednesdays games.
- Bluewater Day of Champs is the following weekend which we are obviously hosting again this year and we are responsible for all timekeepers for those games as well. I will be assigning those games shortly
- Registration for new timekeepers and referees for next year will be opened up online mid-April

**Sponsorship and Communication – Ken Poisson:**

- Ongoing collections of outstanding sponsors, invoicing and canvassing for next year's sponsors.

**Treasurer – Alex Dominato:**

- Majority of family discounts have been mailed. I was away over March break so I have a few to get out still
- I will be depositing all reimbursements to travel teams this week.
- Finalizing date with Auditor to have last year's complete. Should be within the next few weeks.

- February and March ref cheques will be mailed together. Set up bank account for next season e-transfers.
- Will work with Jen and Laura for tryout desk coverage.
- End of season clean up (outstanding invoices)

**Report accepted by Jamie Fick and seconded by Frank Hamelin**

**Parents Club- Lisa VanSickle:**

- Numbers of kids for each house league teams for day of champs
- Sunsplash parade – registered
- 50/50 for the car rally – do at Stroll the Streets – 1 draw on the car show date

**Report accepted by Marco Levesque and seconded by Alex Dominato**

**Coaching Development – Rob Dembinski:**

- No Report

**Tournaments – Darren Crowley:**

- No Report

**Player Development – Peter Thomson:**

- I will be distributing all of the Esso packages this week to all of the appropriate teams and sending an email to all coaches and the Atom director to go through who gets what.
- We had a last minute schedule change this week to ensure that Mites got to play their day of champs on the Rock rink. That is a big day for that age group.
- All other scheduling for the Tykes and Novice look good.
- I have requested a meeting with Marco, Paul, Rob D and John to finalize what we will be doing with Novice and Tyke for the upcoming season. Based on the OMHA directive Paul sent out a couple of weeks ago I believe we can accommodate providing some challenge and development for the more skilled Tyke players who are currently good by outside of the association for more

challenge in their development. I hope to have that meeting scheduled soon so we can put in place the right schedule and ice time for next year.

- It is my intent to improve in the player evaluation sessions at the beginning of the upcoming season and to change how coaches are assigned for IP, Tyke and Novice. The goal is to reduce any appearance of “stacking” and reduce the potential for any coach and parent complaints or concerns. More detail to follow.

#### **House League Atom to Juvenile – Frank Hamelin:**

- I have spoken to all the coaches that were present for this past Sunday’s game.
- Most coaches are willing to return next season(with the exception of a few disgruntled ones)
- Most coaches have submitted their player evaluations(I was hoping to go through them at work tonight, but sadly they are sitting at home in my truck)
- I will compile all data from the evaluations and the list of returning coaches shortly.
- I will need some direction on the process for DOC, I’m sure this will be a topic at this evening’s meeting.

**Report accepted by John Marchand and seconded by Dan Anger**

#### **Director of Travel – Marco Levesque:**

##### **Bluewater Report (Meeting held Monday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018)**

President:

- Day of Champions will be March 31, hosted by Belle River
- Plaques have all been ordered through Trophy Boys
- Referees have been scheduled for Day of Champions

OMHA Report:

- Refer to handout
- Colleen states HCOP will be back in the classroom this summer
- Referee in Chief need to provide the OMHA office the proper contact info by June 15, 2018
- Vendors being reviewed regarding new electronic game reporting software for OMHA
- BWL will be required to pay for the latest software being currently reviewed
- Regional Director inquires if BWL would be interested in having their own Juvenile division with OMHA providing a convenor
- Regional director states that the dynamics of the current Juvenile division is as follows:
  - BR, Amherstburg, South Kent, ENS, Mooretown are all Region 1A, with EAST
  - Lambton from Region 1B
- Regional Director states that a TYKE SELECT league will be permitted under OMHA for the 2018/19 season

- TYKE SELECT will NOT be a SELECT ROSTERED team which would allow
- players to register for both house league and select team
- TYKE SELECT is the only team the player can be rostered
- TYKE SELECT would play half ice games
- No affiliated players are permitted for the TYKE SELECT program
- BWL president states that this potential division must be voted on
- and approved by the BWL members
- If there is no motion brought forward at April meeting to be voted
- upon. There will NOT be a TYKE SELECT division for the 2018 /
- 2019 season

#### Treasurer's Report:

- Full financial report is deferred to April meeting due to treasurer being absent
- Treasurer sends kind apology for his absence
- All debt owing cheques to be submitted and received by treasurer prior to next meeting
- without exception.
- BR owes \$175 (NOW PAID \$150, \$25 remains)

#### Statistician's Report:

- Restates that all player and coaching suspensions are the team's responsibility to
- administer and monitor. Any violations will include suspensions
- Any suspensions are the responsibility of the head coach

#### New Business:

- Riverside asks if all AA centers have booked their tryout
- Kent, BR, Windsor, Tecumseh all confirm tryouts are booked and showing
- on their applicable websites
- AMHA asks if all tryouts will be held in spring or will some hold tryouts in the fall
- Floor agrees to NOT to hold AE tryouts until A tryouts are completed for all
- Centers
- Tryouts
  - AAA – April 16 – 28
  - AA – April 29 – May 14
  - A - May 15 – May 29
- ERIE inquires on BWL policy of folding teams while in playoffs due to low numbers with player attendance
  - President responds:
    - Under BWL policy any forfeited game will have a large fine.
    - The fine will dramatically increase for a repeat forfeit
    - Team withdrawing from playoffs are NOT permitted
    - The ongoing assumption is that all BWL teams will
    - participate in playoffs
    - Prior to playoffs, teams are permitted to declare their withdraw from the upcoming playoffs. This declaration is to occur at the BWL meeting which is held immediately prior to playoff commencement

NEXT MEETING: Monday April 9th, 2018 - 7PM

## **Report accepted by John Marchand and seconded by Dan Anger**

### **Director at Large– Jamie Fick:**

- Received some ideas for Logo's for the 50th season. I will present them to everyone and we will need to decide on one to go with.
- Lots of great idea's coming in for next season as well, plenty to share with everyone.

I think our biggest task right now is to get this patch/logo decided on as it will have the most impact on everything we do from swag-flags-banners-center ice logo etc..... Next will be planning a few events and discussing the opportunity to have a Montreal Canadiens Alumni game.

See attached Logo's to give you an idea. Also we can do or do without the quotation or figure out something different as well. I have a few more ideas for that as well. We can also change up coloring variations as well.

## **Report accepted by Dan Anger and seconded by Alex Dominato**

### **New Business - Paul Gray:**

- Volunteer Dinner and Awards night - Will post on website, Email went out today to all of you to forward onto your volunteers and coaches. Please do so that we have a good number out to our banquet and represented both from house league and Travel programs.
- Award nominations and selections by April 2nd. So that we can get awards made up for the Volunteer awards banquet. Email was sent to all members today seeking nominations
- Budget and Registration
- There was a motion made via email to add to our Travel Operating procedures where OMHA Semifinalists who travel outside of regular league play would receive compensation to help offset cost associated with the additional travel. This motion was passed via an email vote. Teams who meet the criteria will receive a bonus. This bonus will be approved by the board of directors annually in the January General Meeting. This year's bonus was for \$1000. We had two teams make it out of the Area and onto OMHA semifinals. Congratulations to our Peewee AE team and our Midget Majors.
- AGM – Directors positions that up for election at this year's AGM
  - Hockey Operations and Scheduling - Currently held by Mark Bateman
  - Secretary - Currently held by Jenn Lafeber
  - Director at Large - Currently held by Jamie Fick
  - Player Development - Currently held by Peter Thomson
  - Referee in Chief – Currently held by Rich Burford
  - Risk Management Officer – Currently held by Rob Bodchon
  - Registration – Currently held by John Marchand
  - Coaching Development - Currently held by Rob Dembinski

- (2) Positions for House League conveners (Atom/Peewee) and (Bantam/Midget)
- Day of Champs – Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup>
  - Need all of us out there if you can make it out even if for a few hours. These are the days that we need to put our faces in front of our membership. Every year there are members that will come to us to suggest or complain about something or another. It is good to listen to their complaint or suggestion it may only make us better.
  - Wear your BRDMHA golf shirt and coats if you have them.
  - Need help organizing the medals and delivering to time keepers box for coaches to hand out to players
  - Lisa will need helpers too.

Registration remains the same at \$600.00

Travel ice fees to increase from \$750.00 to \$800.00

**Meeting adjourned 7:48 pm**



Paul Gray, President

4/8/2018

Approval Date

**Next meeting – April 17, 2018 at 6:30pm**

