



Belle River District Minor Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes May 16, 2017
Atlas Tube Center, Belle River, Ontario

In attendance: Rob Bodchon, Peter Thomson, John Marchand, Alex Dominato, Mark Bateman, Marco Levesque, John Marchand, Jennifer Lafeber, Ken Poisson, Laura Lane, Dan Anger

Absent: Rich Burford, Lisa VanSickle, Paul Gray, Ryan McKeon, Rob Dembinski, Darren Crowley

Meeting Chair: Mark Bateman

Recorder: Jennifer Lafeber

Meeting called to order at by Mark Bateman at 7:13pm.

Director Reports

Equipment – Dan Anger:

Still in a hand off phase with Andrew Bially.

Working on getting the Equipment room(s) organized and taking stock of what we have vs. what we need.

Travel jerseys being collected and obtaining quotes for cleaning.

Will need to work with Travel coaches to ensure jerseys are returned in a more timely fashion at the conclusion of next season. We had to chase a few at tryout time.

Prepping for AE tryouts, jerseys, pucks, kits etc.

Cleaning of Bibs to be completed after AE tryouts

Report accepted by Alex Dominato and seconded by John Marchand

Director of Travel Scheduling – Mark Bateman:

Met with Terry Fink (ATC General Manager) on Wednesday May 10th to go over 2017/2018 ice requirements and future planning.

Submitted our 2017/2018 ice requirement schedules to town on Thursday May 11th.

August pre-season travel practice ice secured and will be posted soon to team calendars
House league start of season is Saturday September 16th 2017, season Day of Champs is Saturday March 24th 2018.

2017 Atlas Cup is scheduled for the weekend of October 14th and 15th 2017.

Note to Ryan McKeon – Midget/Juvenile house league is secured for Sunday nights and Tuesday/Wednesday nights for the upcoming season. We can accommodate a max of 8 teams. We can true that down in late August once you have better numbers. All other divisions will play Saturday and Sunday mornings/afternoons.

Report accepted by Marco Levesque and seconded by Dan Anger

Registration – John Marchand:

Registration for 2016/17 season was 853, 291 Travel and 562 House League. That is up from 812 in 2015/16.

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

The number of registrations thus far for 2017/18 is 325.

Batch Team Registration was submitted recently. 39 House league and 16 Travel teams.

Since March 1st 14 transfers to Belle River have been approved 2 are in progress and 2 transfers from Belle River to other associations have been approved.

I will submit NRP transfers as soon as I have the NRP and OTC forms for those players that were selected.

I will start building travel rosters as soon as the Batch of Teams is approved and coaching staffs are identified.

More transfers into the association than one's going out of the association

Report accepted by Rob Bodchon and seconded by Dan Anger

Risk Management Officer – Rob Bodchon:

- No Report

Report accepted by Mark Bateman and seconded by Alex Dominato

Referee in Chief –Rich Burford:

I will be conducting interviews for our new candidates who will be sent to ref school in September within the next few weeks. I will also be going over time keeper apps as well for the upcoming season. All cheques have been mailed out to all of our officials for day of champs both Bluewater and H/L.

Report accepted by John Marchand and seconded by Rob Bodchon

Sponsorship and Communication – Ken Poisson:

I have sent out email to last year distribution list and working on dropping off the rest of the sponsor plaques (pictures).

Please see attached, need to review (color) jerseys (so the match the spread sheet) – house league.

I do have a few checks (paid) sponsors.

We also have a request from last year to add players name to bottom of Jersey for this year house league teams

Some previous sponsors are not continuing this contribution this year.

Report accepted by John Marchand and seconded by Dan Anger

Treasurer – Alex Dominato:

- AA tryouts went very smoothly. Thanks to Laura. Between Laura, Jenn and myself we will begin to get organized for AE tryouts.

- All refs and timekeepers who worked tryout games were paid cash. We will do the same for AE since it worked out well.

- All expenses from last season have been paid. If anything is outstanding please let me know ASAP. New fiscal year began May 1st.

- Attached is a copy highlighting the association's larger expenses from the past season.

New for 2017/2018:

- Over the past few weeks I have been working with Sean Sutton (parent) with writing a Helping Hands for Action grant. After looking at past recipients we have bearded our application around getting trophy displays cases for the office. Sean will be attending the June meeting after we have more information for everyone. TV for looping old and new banners, team photos; Trophy case in office, etc.

- Due to the fact we are one of the fastest growing organizations in Ontario, we have another opportunity to get involved in research alongside the University of Windsor. Ideas for focus are: how to become more competitive in GTA, development opportunities, coaches selection, etc. I personally believe any time you can be observed from an independent person there comes a number of different opportunities for growth and future success. I am expecting a phone call Friday to discuss what is needed from us and will update everyone accordingly.

I think it is in our best interest to form a committee to make this process easier on all. Great opportunity!!! Preliminary discussion to date, Alex to begin process of continuing discussion with University – board discussion to follow at next meeting

- AA manager meeting is booked for: Wednesday May 17th. Each team is expected to be present with Head Coach, Manager and 2nd signer. Marco, Laura, Jenn, Sue Dominato, and myself will be attending. New for this year: All bank accounts will be opened that night so each team doesn't have to make individual appointments at the bank. I have attached the letter that each team will be receiving. ***Coming soon**** It is crucial that each of us read and understand what is expected. Please do not hesitate to email me with questions.

- I am currently working with BDO to get 2016/2017 financials done.

- I was debating on changing the mail box set up but after talking to the ladies at the post office, I have kept everything the same and have renewed the PO Box for another year. PO Box 159.

- We need to discuss the duties/responsibilities for the administrative position. I think we should begin with listing the specific duties Marco has already given Laura to do for 2017/2018. I also will be listing the things Laura does for myself.

Report accepted by Marco Levesque and seconded by Peter Thomson

Parents Club- Lisa VanSickle:

- No Report

Report accepted by Alex Dominato and seconded by Ken Poisson

Coaching Development – Rob Dembinski:

- D1 Coach Clinic (Aug 26/27) is open to Belle River Coaches. This will open up to outside coaches on June 1st. Due to pop up blockers and browser issues, some coaches are struggling with registration. I would like to post the direct link on the home page to help with this. OMHA clinics link: <https://ehockey.hockeycanada.ca/ehockey/ClinicList.aspx?oid=1254&qid=1129>
- Coach Level 1 & 2 are scheduled but registration will not open until July or early August.
- Working on plans to host coaches meetings for September 5th, December 5th and January 9th.
- Novice pre-try clinic has been a great success. Big thanks to the volunteers that are supporting this: Kevin Beuglet, Daryll Smith, Peter Thomson, Tony Metson, Ryan McKeon.
- Summer Tyke Development program is now full and will begin May 25th.
- Looking into D2 Coach Clinic and Specialty Clinic options for Belle River coaches. Update will be provided soon.

Report accepted by Peter Thomson and seconded by Marco Levesque

Tournaments – Darren Crowley:

- No Report

Report accepted by Rob Bodchon and seconded by John Marchand

Player Development – Peter Thomson:

I have received word we have been approved for the Bauer First Shift program again. Planning will start shortly. I will be reaching out to those that assisted last year to ask for the assistance again this year.

I have spoken with Rich B about speaking with the Ref's at their welcome meeting as well as having Rich attending the first meeting Friday r all Tyke and Novice coaches.

I have spoken with Paul Gray about bringing more attention to the Randy Merten award at the beginning of the season and making it open to all Novice players, not just Novice Travel. We can talk more about the why and the how on this.

Report accepted by Alex Dominato and seconded by Marco Levesque

House League Atom to Juvenile – Ryan McKeon:

Planning on getting together with coaches after all travel teams are picked. Talking plans for upcoming season, including what kids should play at what level etc. Also planning to talk about better practice planning etc.

Report accepted by Dan Anger and seconded by John Marchand

Director of Travel – Marco Levesque (Laura Lane) on behalf of Marco:

- 32 NRP Forms
- 118 Permission to skates
- Majority to Essex, rest to Riverside
- No complaints as of yet

Report accepted by Ken Poisson and seconded by Dan Anger

Director at Large– Jamie Fick:

- No Report

Report accepted by and seconded by

New Business – Mark Bateman

- Discuss names and sponsors on the second Jersey's at next meeting with Marco in attendance
- Discuss invoicing Lakeshore Lighting the cost of pylons, ice dividers and equipment etc...
- Wiring cable/lock up equipment that is property of BRHMA – Dan to take care of
- Prior to June 1st no refund will be approved for Clinics ; Ryan McKeon to provide a list of House League coaches for reimbursement
- Job description / Tasks completed of Laura's role to be sent in email to Alex in detail and issued within these minutes by Alex, Marco and John.
- Office hours to be determined for this position as to be accessible to all members – additional discussion required.
- AP's (5) per team need to submit fees and forms required by a hard deadline of December 1, 2017.
- Board Reimbursement – after 2 year of service eligibility; had to be active on board to be (service 2 years, 3rd year reimbursed)
- Alex to forward a list of all applicable members
- Members whose child is not playing will be issued a monetary amount as per a house league registration amount and noted in the associations constitution
- Hospice Christmas tournament - Ken asked to have this reinforced to house league coaches

- Every team that registers and takes a team picture for Caravan Kids in the Novice division - \$500 cheque to association

Meeting adjourned 8:41pm

Paul Gray
Paul Gray, President

5/15/2017
Approval Date

Next meeting – June 20, 2017 at 7 pm

