



Belle River District Minor Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes October 17, 2017
Atlas Tube Center, Belle River, Ontario

In attendance: Rob Bodchon, John Marchand, Marco Levesque, Jennifer Lafeber, Paul Gray, Darren Crowley, Peter Thompson, Dave Ellis, Jamie Fick

Absent: Rich Burford, Mark Bateman, Alex Dominato, Rob Dembinski, Dan Anger, Ken Poisson, Lisa VanSickle

Meeting Chair: Paul Gray

Recorder: Jennifer Lafeber

Meeting called to order at by Paul Gray at 6:50 pm.

Director Reports

Equipment – Dan Anger:

- All house league equipment issues seemed to have settled in.
- Working with Alex D on purchase of 4 new entry level sets of goal equipment.
- Caravan Kids patches found and delivered to Novice lockers.
- Will need to purchase a few more tool boxes for trainer kits. Short 6 currently.
- House league directors; let me know if there is anything further you require.

Report accepted by John Marchand and seconded by Rob Bodchon

Director of Travel Scheduling – Mark Bateman:

- HL schedules completed right through DOC and have been posted since 1st week of September.
- Travel schedules completed out through the end of regular season. Finalizing some Midget Major changes due to teams dropping out and late tournament entries.
- Atlas Cup once again a great success. Associations raised close to 1400 nonperishable goods through the Royal Limousines food drive. Belle River retained the Atlas Cup by a final score of 53-41.
- Unused ice was high during September due to team tournaments and emittance of Midget A. Also getting little response from teams on open ice for use. This quiets down in October through the remainder of the year.

- Need feedback on ice usage over March Break. We have ice and could use for further player, goalie and coach development clinics. I plan on hosting goalie and defense clinics during that time frame. Would appreciate support.
- Higher than usual game changes and movement due to referee availability this year in travel. This needs to be brought up to Bluewater for resolution next year.

Report accepted by Jamie Fick and seconded by Rob Bodchon

Registration – John Marchand:

- The number of registrations as of October 17th is 854. We are still processing some refunds and transfers. I believe some Juvenile players still have to register as well
- All Travel rosters have been submitted and approved with the exception of Juvenile.
- I have been following up with Coaches and Managers regarding certifications including Gender Identity training. An individual cannot be added to a roster without having taken this training. It is mandatory for all volunteers.
- I have been following up with some parents who still need to take Parents Respect In Sport course or link an existing course to their new player.
- In the process of checking certifications for House League staff and building rosters.

Report accepted by Rob Bodchon and seconded by Marco Levesque

Risk Management Officer – Rob Bodchon:

- Still a few police clearances and declarations I'm waiting on. Great job to house league representatives. The odd one from travel (they will not be allowed on the ice till I receive something). 1 incident in Novice
- More so parents towards parents nothing with the kids. I'm has quieted down

Report accepted by Darren Crowley and seconded by Dave Ellis

Referee in Chief –Rich Burford:

- Absent

Sponsorship and Communication – Ken Poisson:

- Absent

Treasurer – Alex Dominato:

- Collecting all outstanding travel fees and tournament entries fees from travel managers
- Need to reconcile with Midget Majors and Juvenile team (planning to do so this week)
- Refunds have been pouring in the past few weeks. I was been trying to aim for a one week turn around.
- Planned to distribute ref and time keeper money for upcoming tournament

Report accepted by Peter Thompson and seconded by Jamie Fick

Parents Club- Lisa VanSickle:

- Absent

Coaching Development – Rob Dembinski:

- Coach Level 1 (Tyke) clinic was completed on Sunday. 28 coaches attended, with 8 of those being Belle River coaches.
- Coach Level 2 (Novice-Juvenile HL) clinics are planned for this Sunday, Oct 22. This clinic is full.
- Field evaluations to recertify travel coaches began in September. Any coach with D1 'trained' that requires a 'certified' status needs to contact me going forward.
- Tyke/Novice development program started in October and is going very well. There has been interest in an Atom development (power skating) program but ice availability is limited for this. I recommend we look at this option for next season.

Report accepted by Marco Levesque and seconded by Peter Thompson

Tournaments – Darren Crowley:

- Things are on schedule for the upcoming December 1st tournament
- 44 teams are confirmed, and all have completed the online registration. I have 42 of 44 payments in hand, and hope to have the other 2 this week (BR AA, and Compuware). I have contacted all teams with outstanding permits and official rosters, and should have everything collected within the next week or 2.
- Ice contracts have been booked and are accurate. 2 venues, WFCU and ATC. I still need to sign the city contract.
- Currently recruiting volunteers for the tourney, I have reached out to my friends and people I know outside the board,
- as well as members of the board. I have also recruited HS students, and tried to get a few younger kids involved. I hope to finalize this in the next week or so.

- Looking to order shirts for the adult tourney staff, as well as long sleeve t's for the youth volunteers.
- Medals are all ordered for the 6 championships. 6 new plaques for each division, as well as the finalist and championship plaques are in. I am currently looking for 6 sponsors, 1 for each championship, to cover the cost for (4 years) of plaques, in return for their advertising on the website and trophies (\$400 for the 4 years, plaques purchased in advance). They will also be on hand to present the plaques to the winning team on Sunday, and be in pics for the website. This hopefully will generate \$2400 in donations...\$1300 confirmed.
- Looking at programs, I have a template made and am looking at printing options. I would like to give 20-22 to each team, and then sell the remaining at the entrance of the arena.
- Schedule is complete, and will be released once the last team is paid.
- I am currently looking into options to provide each team 1 meal (pasta) after a game at the ATC using the Renaud Room. Also looking into other small gifts, like drinks...etc. I have ordered 900 skate towels with the tourney logo from Source as a participation gift.
- I have also ordered 200 players of the game bubblehead trophies, 1 for each game....per team.... except the 6 final games. Tournament will be 206 games long.
- I am looking at stocking a snack and refreshment station....likely meeting room....for coaches and volunteers.
- I need to update and complete the rules for the tourney. Looking at a 5 point system with a bonus for a shutout. Overtime and shootout rules are on the website, and the rest should follow OMHA guidelines.
- Championship games will be 10-10-15 (6 totals)....refs will be paid \$25 each. All other games will be 10-10-10...refs to be paid \$20 each, timekeepers are paid \$12 per game.
- All Tyke MD games will use a Blue puck; all other divisions will use a regular Black puck. We may need to purchase.
- 6 of the 7 hotels used are fully booked, hoping this generates 6-10K in kickbacks.
- I need to inquire regarding 50/50 sales. Other potential draws (Maybe Jersey....or tickets).
- Will be going through the OMHA package in the coming weeks, and prepping game sheets.
- Alex is getting a schedule, and we will have the ref and timekeepers payments in place soon.

Report accepted by Marco Leveque and seconded by Rob Bodchon

Player Development – Peter Thomson:

- First Shift program is scheduled to kick off tomorrow. We have 46 registrants this year which is an increase of 15 registrants over last year. Thank you to everyone for the contributions so far. Now the fun begins with the clinics starting in 2 weeks.
- All HL Novice and Tyke teams have been picked and have been practicing/ playing for the last couple of weeks. A quick look says that our Novice teams need some work. We were 1-5 against Tecumseh this past week.
- Mites are going well. The expected gong show at this point still but things are improving as expected as well.

- I am still getting push back from some parents and coaches regarding the OHF/OMHA decision around 6 year olds. The problem is that people are well aware that Tecumseh, Lasalle, Riverside, and Amherstburg for sure all have 6 year olds playing up in Novice in both HL and Travel. This is not about our current Travel teams competing against those teams, it is about the other associations giving these 2011's Novice experience and getting them ready for next year's Novice Travel teams. The biggest issue being brought up is about a level playing field. The argument that these other associations don't have enough players to field a team without bringing 6 year olds up is garbage. Lasalle has two Novice AE teams but is still bringing up 6 year olds. Tecumseh has 6 HL Novice teams but is still bringing up 6 year kids to both their travel and HL teams. I know BRDMHA does not want to be the rat, OMHA should do the policing. Nobody has any confidence that they will and so far they haven't been since these 6 year olds were playing Novice last weekend. I would like OMHA to start enforcing these rules.

Report accepted by Dave Ellis and seconded by Jamie Fick

House League Atom to Juvenile – Dave Ellis:

- Need to find helper with House League – Atom/Midget specifically Board to look into an additional position

Report accepted by Rob Bodchon and seconded by Peter Thompson

Director of Travel – Marco Levesque:

- All travel permits completed (59) some still to do for house league and hospice tournament
- Proper information to be submitted when requesting permits
- Games sheets – Laura is helping on these, scanned forwarded to appropriate people
- Email sent to Rich today (Oct 17) – fines (\$25 ea.) are being put on us due to ref not being able to put games sheets in Travel box for Marco – something needs to be done with Timekeepers and Ref's

Report accepted by Darren Crowley and seconded by Jamie Fick

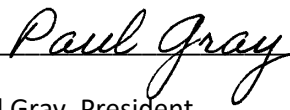
Director at Large– Jamie Fick:

- No Report

New Business - Paul Gray:

- 1 hr ice lost during Fire in Transformer at arena
- All going well thus far with House League and Travel
- Terry- from Town of Lakeshore has advised us that we are not allowed to be using ice before our scheduled times
- Framing of Jersey's – Sooter's has completed the framing into the cases for display
- Coats for the Board Member – distributed ; Golf shirts not completed as of October's meeting
- Atlas Cup – Food donations down from last year; next year more people involved and better marketing
- Question posed to the board, "Can a Referee ref his own league if he's a coach in that division"?
- Notice given to the Board that the current Bingo lady is retiring and the position is to be filled as soon as possible

Meeting adjourned 8:45pm



Paul Gray, President

11/20/2017

Approval Date

Next meeting – November 21, 2017 at 6:30pm

