



Belle River District Minor Hockey Association

Board Meeting Minutes September 20, 2016

Atlas Tube Center, Belle River, Ontario

In attendance: Laura Lane, Andrew Bially, Paul Gray, Jerry Lee, Rob Bodchon, Dan Anger, Marco Levesque, Rob Dembinski, Lisa VanSickle, Mark Bateman, Darren Crowley, Peter Thomson, John Marchand

Absent: Alex Dominato, Ken Poisson, Rich Burford

Meeting Chair: Paul Gray

Recorder: Laura Lane

Meeting called to order at by Paul Gray at 7:21pm.

Director Reports

Equipment – Andrew Bially:

- I will be purchasing medium sized pylons after I run out of small ones because we are losing too many small pylons (yes they are labeled)
- We were awarded a set of Tyke goalie equipment from the OMHA (Thanks Paul and Laura for applying)
- I handed out several sets of goalie equipment this year so far. I had to purchase some extra sets for a couple of Pee Wee goalies.
- All jerseys, trainer kits, water bottles, pucks have been distributed. Please remind coaches to lock them up every time because items tend to go missing some times.
- I will set up a locker for Bauer First Shift and the Development clinics.
- The mailboxes requested by Alex are being made.

Report accepted by Laura Lane and seconded by John Marchand

Director Of Travel Scheduling – Mark Bateman:

- ATC Cup October 14-16/16 weekend – all teams from Novice to midget both HL and travel will participate. OMHA will also be on site. Points based – team with most overall points wins. Additional points are given to the centre who donates more canned goods to the food drive.

Report accepted by Lisa VanSickle and seconded by Rob Bodchon

Registration – John Marchand:

- Total registration this season

Division	Registered	Wait List	# of Teams	Status
Mites	56	2	2	Closed
Tyke	80	1	6	Open
Novice	99	1	6	Closed
Atom	64	2	4	Closed
Pee Wee	75	0	6	Open
Bantam	57	1	4	Closed
Midget/Juvenile	149		6	Closed
Travel				
Novice	51	0	3	
Atom	51	0	3	
Pee Wee	68	0	4	
Bantam	52	0	3	
Midget Minor	17	0	1	
Midget Major			2	
Juvenile			1	
Total	819	7	51	

- I have been sending weekly registration updates to those who require this information.
- All travel team rosters have been approved by the OMHA. Will start to add AP players as soon as they are identified.
- Working with Jerry and Peter to ensure we have certified coaching groups in place for House League and in assessing players, moving players between divisions and addressing wait list.
- Will start creating House League rosters after player movement is complete.
- Helping Alex to chase down outstanding payments.
- Following up with parents who have not taken Parents Respect In Sport course or have not provided a birth certificate for a new player.

Marco made a motion to set registration cost for juvenile at \$600.00 (due by September 30) and travel fees set at \$400.00 (due by October 30). John seconded this motion and carried unanimously.

Report accepted by Rob Bodchon and seconded by Dan Anger

Referee In Chief –Rich Burford (via email):

- A meeting with all officials both timekeepers and referees was held last Saturday at the ATC.
- Our new timekeepers received some training on the clock and the OMHA game sheet.
- Our new referees will be attending the weekend long clinic next week.
- All officials are up to speed with the new site (MB Sports) and are ready to go for the season.
- Just putting the finishing touches on timekeeper assignments for the Bantam Showcase Tournament, with H/L games to follow shortly thereafter. So far everything has been running smoothly in regards to exhibition and regular season travel games in this young season.

Risk Management Officer – Rob Bodchon:

- Police clearances still outstanding for several coaches and several board members. This is needed ASAP – deadline was August 14/16.

Report accepted by Marco Levesque and seconded by Lisa Van Sickle

Sponsorship and Communication – Ken Poisson:

- Absent

Treasurer – Alex Dominato (via email):

- Everything handed over to Hyatt and waiting to hear back from them with questions. They have signed a contract stating that the audit will be ready in 6 weeks. I will be checking in with Ed periodically to make sure this is in order.
- All travel teams have been given \$500 for ref fees. There is quite a few new managers this season so I decided to cut back to \$500 not \$1000 to force them to ask questions as the fees slowly dwindle. NSF cheques have been dealt with at the team level currently. I will follow up this week to ensure everyone is accounted for.
- Travel teams have started to write the association cheques for their travel fees. I will reconcile these with number of players per team and start an unpaid list by October 1st. Does anyone have a list of all AP players for travel? We need to start to collect the \$50 each ASAP.
- If any travel teams have used the association to pay tournament fees please remind them that repayment is due by October 15th. I will contacting managers by email within the next little bit with amounts owed.
- Majority of travel tryouts are now complete. Thank-you Laura for all the help with the door. There were no major issues this year!
- Marco/Jerry were given envelops with national cards inside to be distributed to all teams.

Parents Club- Lisa VanSickle :

- Kick off set for October 8/16 everything is ready to go
- Picture Day set for November 4-7/16

Report accepted by Laura Lane and seconded by Marco Levesque

Coaching Development – Rob Dembinski:

- Nothing new to report.

Tournaments - Dan Anger:

- Confirmed 28 teams registered for tournament.
- Cheques being forwarded to Alex as they come in only about 14 teams are still left to pay
- Able to secure another 60 rooms with Quality suites
- Will be returning about 40 ice slots
- For the OHF tournament has secured to necessary number of hotel rooms.

Report accepted by Derek Crowley and seconded by John Marchand.

Player Development – Peter Thomson:

First Shift

- We have received a report on registered participants from Alex at First shift. 20 at this point with one who has received a confirmation email missing. 2 more registered today so we should be at 23. We will send out a blast to all registered at the end of this week with kickoff details and when the first session will begin.
- We will have more than enough coaches on the ice based on Kevin and Rob's commitment of coaches.

Mite/Tyke/Novice coaches

- We held three meetings last week with all coaches. Went over new drill books, certification requirements, Source for Sports reward program, and 2 week evaluations. All coaches are on board with new process. Teams will be picked after the last evaluations on Sunday the 25th. John Marchand was a massive help with manning the registration table both days. Thank you very much.
- Jay Menard ran the Mites practice. Good time and positive feedback from all so far. There have been some requests from parents to move their child up to Tykes.

Evaluations

- Jay Menard and I along with the occasional volunteer evaluated for 12 hours on Saturday and Sunday. There are some players that could be moved up along with some that probably should be moved down. We will be doing different drills on Saturday from this past weekend and then games in the Sunday for tykes and novice. Teams then selected, a quick coaches meeting and then coaches will contact all players.

Report accepted by Laura Lane and seconded by Lisa VanSickle

House League Pee wee to Juvenile – Jerry Lee:

- Assigned over 300 registrations to 20 HL teams in Atom to Midget/Juvenile Divisions. For those that attended our drafts, we try to accommodate parent requests at the divisional drafts. We take great care to allow our coaches to select a competitive team along with players/parents whom they know.

- As is usually the case, we have concerns from parents after their players are assigned, and as an association, we will deal with these requests. Most parents understand that moving one player, affects two teams. Competitive balance is my main priority.
- Atom HL Convener: Paul Alford, Pee wee HL Convener: Mike Gilhuly, Bantam HL Convener: Dave Tremblay, Midget/Juvenile HL Convener: Jerry Lee

Report accepted by Peter Thompson and seconded by Rob Badchon

Director of Travel – Marco Levesque:

BWL Report

- Windsor Spitfire Presentation: Memorial Cup - \$4800 to purchase 4 season tic that also include memorial cup games. Could be used as a fundraiser – tabled for discussion

Travel

- Travel Permits for Early tournaments all taken care of, Rosters were processed by John Marchand (working with coaches to ensure players, goaltenders and staff is identified)
- Game sheets: 300 of 600 game sheets provided by OMHA
- OMHA Manual of Operations received and will be distributed to teams
- Midget Major AA – Team picked minus goaltenders (Thank you Laura)
- Goalie Relief provided via ATM
- Midget Major A – Panel of Evaluators to Select Team - 41 skaters make up AA and A
- Coach being identified and will be announced when finalized

Tournaments

- Two champions at Essex Early Bird this past weekend (Novice AE1, Bantam Minor) and 2 Silver Medalists (Novice Major and Atom Major)

Juvenile Team

- Will be joining Shamrock (North and South Division) and Chris VanSickle will be attending scheduling meeting in Glencoe in Sept 26th
- OHF Bid Awarded to Belle River!!! Congrats to Chris and Lisa VanSickle for hard work and to those who contributed info for bid
- Teams with Extra Players
- 16 and 17 skaters + 2 goalies – Should they still pay travel fees to association or should funds be passed to team – something to discuss for next season

Report accepted by Jerry Lee and seconded by Rob Dembinski

New Business:

Paul Gray/Laura Lane:

- Great start to the season – everything is running smoothly for the start of house league as it did for travel team start. Good Work
- Association Year book option was sent out to the board to consider as part of our 50th anniversary. Review is needed and decision as soon as possible.
- Laura Lane opened another account and moved \$20,000 to process all non-parental expense reimbursements.

Next meeting is TBD at 7 pm

