



Belle River District Minor Hockey Association
Board Meeting Minutes September 19, 2017
Atlas Tube Center, Belle River, Ontario

In attendance: Rob Bodchon, John Marchand, Alex Dominato, Marco Levesque, Jennifer Lafeber, Ken Poisson, Lisa VanSickle, Rob Dembinski, Paul Gray, Darren Crowley, Peter Thompson, Dan Anger

Absent: Rich Burford, Laura Lane, Mark Bateman, Jamie Fick

Meeting Chair: Paul Gray

Recorder: Jennifer Lafeber

Meeting called to order at by Paul Gray at 6:37 pm.

Director Reports

Equipment – Dan Anger:

Travel Jerseys - Sponsors and name bars complete in time for the season. Still awaiting some team's retainer cheques.

Supplies - Pucks, Bottles and 1st Aid supplies all arrived. Travel lockers stocked, HL will be done this week.

HL Jerseys - Atom > Midget distributed, Mites go this weekend and Tykes next weekend.

Additional set of Ice Dividers arrived this week. Currently on Rock, still wrapped in plastic. Just need to move them where we want them.

Goalie Equipment - Now that jerseys are done, I will be digging into the goalie equipment situation. As reported last meeting, we may need to purchase more. Will keep the group posted.

Equipment Lockers - Requested that all teams apply a combination lock to their lockers and give me the combination if they wish to have something replenished I can support.

Report accepted by John Marchand and seconded by Rob Bodchon

Director of Travel Scheduling – Mark Bateman:

No Report

Registration – John Marchand:

Met with Laura Lane in August to show her the process of building team rosters, checking staff credentials and updating HCR with cash payments.

The number of registrations as of September 17th is 837. We had 819 registrations by September 20th last season.

All Travel rosters have been at least partially approved with the exception of Midget Major and Juvenile. I am still waiting for a few staff members to complete their certifications. We had some issues with player addresses that were not current. Those players were initially rejected until we took action to get their address updated.

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.

Bantam registration was closed a few weeks ago. Goalie registration in Atom, Pee Wee and Bantam was closed a few weeks ago. Registration in all other divisions is still open.

Will begin the process of checking certifications for House League staff as soon as I am provided the list of staff by the HL Directors.

Will build HL rosters once final rosters are provided to me.

Report accepted by Dan Anger and seconded by Rob Bodchon

Risk Management Officer – Rob Bodchon:

No report on the bully and harassment side
I still need police clearances from some travel teams as well as house league teams

Report accepted by John Marchand and seconded by Rob Dembinski

Referee in Chief –Rich Burford:

No Report

Sponsorship and Communication – Ken Poisson:

Please see updated form for next year. (Attached) – open to suggestions on any (additional) wording changes.

House league sponsorship is full for this year. (Majority of travel teams have two sponsors)
Had some late request after information was added to registration (worked good for getting new sponsors)

Jerseys will include player names for both House league and Travel.
Follow up with sponsor for payment.

Presentation from Paul Bondy with services on Lakeshore MedArts– Review of services provided;
Sponsorship would like to represent as well as possibly throughout the organization
Items such as booth at tournament; seminars for older divisions

Hospice meeting last Tuesday - Dave will follow up. – Ken to send email to add to meeting minutes

Report accepted by Marco Leveque and seconded by Lisa VanSickle

Treasurer – Alex Dominato:

No Report

Report accepted by Darren Crowley and seconded by Lisa VanSickle

Parents Club- Lisa VanSickle:

Ready for Kick Off day on Saturday

Report accepted by Alex Dominato and seconded by Dan Anger

Coaching Development – Rob Dembinski:

D1 Coach Clinic on August 26/27 was successful with 38 coaches getting their D1 coach certifications. 14 of these were Belle River coaches. Special thanks to Sue Sennett (OMHA), Mark Bateman (BRDMHA) and Mary Lesperance (Lakeshore) for helping plan this clinic

Coach 1 & Coach 2 Level clinics are planned for Oct 15 and Oct 22 at ATC. Coach Level 2 requires an on-line component prior to attending. I have updated the Coach Development webpage with registration links accordingly. These clinics are steadily filling up. For Coach 1, we will need a Tyke team to volunteer their time for the on-ice session on Oct 15th.

We have started field evaluations to certify 'trained' D1 coaches in Belle River. Anyone that needs certification should contact me directly to initiate the new OMHA process.

Lastly, I have been supporting Midget try-out evaluations and am planning to help with Tyke/Novice evaluations this coming weekend.

Report accepted by Darren Crowley and seconded by John Marchand

Tournaments – Darren Crowley:

The tournament is now full and registrations are only being accepted on a waitlist basis.

44 teams registered – Tournament full

Hotels are fully booked, most are all with kickbacks

Arena and contracts are booked

Ref and timekeeper schedules have been passed along.

Money permits, and rosters are coming along.

Awards are being ordered today

Looking at participation and player of the game items

2 vendors and photographer is booked, looking at 1 or 2 more

Looking at doing 1 meal per team, possible caboto pasta or similar

Committee is developing, looking for student volunteers and members to commit

Full schedule is posted, teams are not yet assigned

All registered teams are listed on the website

Teams will be assigned after league standings develop in coming months

Going to create a coaches and volunteer station this year

12:15 Saturday on Shuren left for 1st shift

Looking for a printing company to create a roster booklet

Will be seeking major sponsor to cover initial costs of buying large trophy and take homes per division

Championship banner update to be presented

Order for 2 (2017 champs) and updates....this week hopefully

Invest in 2 way radios for better communication between all volunteers

Report accepted by Dan Anger and seconded by Lisa VanSickle

Player Development – Peter Thomson:

We had a successful kickoff this past weekend. Thank you specifically to John, Jamie, Rob, Jay and Mike for their help. Evaluations went well and teams have been picked. I have sent the team list for each team to John and asked him to contact each coach with the team list and contact info. Sweaters and socks will be handed out at the first practice on Saturday.

First Shift is going well also. We currently have 43 registrants which is up from last year. We have coaches designated and look forward to a great series of sessions.

I will be encouraging all House League coaches for Tyke and Novice to put some travel flavor into their teams.

OMHA Mandate – no 6 yrs old allowed to move up to Novice. 8 Players that were planned to move up to Novice this year need to go back down to Tyke

2 colors of Bibs to be ordered – need (1-100) 50 of each

Report accepted by Darren Crowley and seconded by Rob Dembinski

House League Atom to Juvenile – Dave Ellis:

No Report

Director of Travel – Marco Levesque:

Travel going well so far

Goalie relief to a few associations – 3

Midget AA tryouts completed

Midget A – Thursday decision needs to be made after tryout to determine if folding team due to lack of participants (8 kids tryout all 2001's)

Question – did we pass a motion on AP's don't have to pay \$50

Goalie gear to organization – no objections Hearts for hockey who lost donations due to recent flooding are looking for gear to be donated

Report accepted by Lisa Vansickle and seconded by Alex Dominato

Director at Large– Jamie Fick:

No Report

New Business

Reminder to all parties that drinking of alcoholic beverages while in the arena and in the parking lot in not going to be tolerated.

Housekeeping reminder to all parties – cleanliness needs to be a priority across the association

Next board meeting – new shirts (send Paul sizing of each member)

Meeting adjourned 8:22pm

Paul Gray

Paul Gray, President

10/20/2017

Approval Date

Next meeting – October 17, 2017 at 6:30pm

