

DMH  
December Monthly meeting minutes

In attendance: Gwen, Jason, Cheryl, Kyle, Stephanie, Sandy, Duncan, Debbie, Becky, Ashley, Amanda, Danielle, Leslie, Tracy K, Crystal, Jeff R, Lynne

Gwen called the meeting to order at 7:06m.

Gwen asked for additions to the agenda. Addition to New Business was Sound system cords, powerskating over Christmas and Bantam tournament. To old Business the concussion course was added. Debbie adopted agenda as presented. 2nd by Cheryl . All in favor, Carried.

Gwen asked all in attendance to look over last meetings minutes. No questions or errors were brought forward. Debbie adopted minutes as presented. Steph 2nd. Carried.

Leslie spoke to the treasurers report. Off of the Provost Meat Fundraiser, DMH raised around \$2000.00. A side conversation occurred regarding the sorting of the meat as well as one missing item from the order. The chequing account has a balance of \$24,476.44. The Casino account has \$18,797.78. 2nd by Tracey K.

Gwen has been dealing with the ongoings of the season, like meetings and suspensions. The December CAHL meeting was cancelled.

Ag Society report was shared by Gwen as the rep was not in attendance. Red Deer County has approved their donation to the dressing rooms. Ag Society is looking for people to help with the supper on Snow Flake Saturday as funds raised are going to be going towards the dressing rooms. The sound system cords in the timebox have been replaced once as they were cut by a skate and some hooks or cord storage needs to be arranged ASAP. A question was asked about a timeline for dressing rooms. Construction should be starting this June. The AG society would like to extend a thank you to DMH for allowing open communication in our meetings about the Ag Society's ongoings.

No arena manager's report was presented. Crystal mentioned that during the Novice tournament, kids were playing in the bathroom stalls, so if parents could please watch their child.

Merchandise report was spoken to by Leslie. The last merchandise order is ready and will be here soon. "C"s and "A"s will be ordered for teams through Grand Central and be ready ASAP.

Referee Report. Gwen said she spoke to Brian this week and he is very pleased with the growth from the refs so far.

Facebook/Website report had no update. Gwen reminded to please let Mel know ASAP when something needs to be updated on facebook and website. Gwen will also look into putting up when Double AA teams play here in Delburne.

Team Reports:

Dynamite: Amanda spoke to this. Team is going good. Players are coming along nicely. Lots of kids are getting their 1st goals.

Novice: Ashley spoke to this. Team has just gained a player. The team has won 2 games.  
Atom: Sandy spoke to this. Team is tying accurately. Team had 1st loss this weekend. Going to Clive tournament this upcoming weekend.  
Peewee: Tracey spoke to this. Had host tournament this weekend. Kids played well. Small team, but working well.  
Bantam: Steph spoke to this. Went to Canmore and won. Going good.

#### Old Business:

Concussion course was spoken to by Becky. DMH has more than 20 people signed up. Gwen suggested that we book the Drop In center. Debbie will look into open dates at the Drop In for January. Gwen, Becky and Debbie will bring information back to the association soon.

#### New Business:

a.) Power skating. Jackie is done her 1st session. Her 2nd session would begin in January. Jackie and Gwen would like feedback as she is feeling some pushback from teams. A comment that dynamite has not had Jackie yet was presented. Some players have expressed that there is too much explanation/talking to the kids and they are not being able to put in practice. Another person said that Jackie has been doing good edge work. A coach said that their players are not enjoying power skating. A suggestion was that perhaps she demo more than stand and listen. A coach spoke up and said that they want to choose to stop the power skating after Christmas. The reason for this is that the kids are trying to skate and practice while Jackie is still explaining the instructions. A parent expressed that as Jackie is taking the first 20 minutes of the practice, this is setting the tone for practices and the tone is set not focused. A suggestion was that perhaps stations would help, and have less down time. It was expressed repeatedly that it is clear that Jackie knows about power skating. Coaches would like to have a conversation with Jackie about expectations for all parties. A discussion occurred further about this. Dynamite would like to try having Jackie in after Christmas as they haven't had them yet. Novice would continue, if it was every 2nd practice. Atom would not like to continue. Peewee feels that it can be beneficial, if changes are made. They would like to talk to the coaches. Bantam does power skating out of the association. This will continue, they think. Gwen will take feedback to Jackie. The board feels that with this feedback, DMH would like to see what Jackie can accomplish over the 2nd half of the season, going every 2nd week. The things that Gwen will explain to Jackie are: Communication with coaches regarding power skating be at the end or beginning of practice. Shortening explanation, more skating will also be a part of the 2nd half of the season.

b.) Power skating through Christmas holidays: Sandy spoke to this. The 29th and 30th of December is being held for the Power skating. Erik Lodge would come out from the Red Deer Rebels. DMH could set it up however we would like, he can customize to fit our needs, including strategies vs. skills. Erik agreed to come for \$35/skate. Sandy will talk to him about coming for \$30 for DMH then \$35 or \$40 for outside skaters. Another person that said they could come is a Calgary Junior A coach. He is just power skating. This other coach is very reasonably priced. Sandy will also ask for Erik's contact to come for a shooting or skill clinic for goalies. Erik likes 15/group. Leeann will make the skating ice availability work. Erik needs to be at the Rebels game by 4:30pm. Gwen asked who pays the ice. Leslie asked if it is open to everyone in DMH, will DMH pay for the ice? A discussion occurred. A suggestion is that DMH puts a deadline on when it's players can sign up before it is open to outside skaters. Tracey K made a motion that Erik comes down for 4 sessions at \$35 or less/session with DMH paying the ice on December

29th and 30th with a possibility of having a goalie session as well through a contact of Erik. Becky 2nd. Discussion? Outside skaters; if DMH has 8 skaters, do we try and fill with outsiders? If groups are small, outsiders will be charged \$40/skate if needed. All in favor. Carried. Deadline for the December skate would need to be this Sunday, the 11th at 11pm. Sandy will confirm the cost, then tell Debbie and Debbie will spread the word to DMH members.

Sandy also mentioned that she is running small power skating sessions on Fridays off from school, so if you would like to be included, please let her know and she will include you.

c.) Provincial Update: Provincial committee did a great job on the bid and will find out in mid-December if DMH has been chosen to host either Atom or Bantam provincials.

d.) Upstairs Hockey Room: Leslie and Scott, with Gwen cleaned the minor hockey room. While cleaning the room, DMH found that there is lots of equipment, jerseys, etc. upstairs. There will be a cleaning day announced soon. If you would like a very old jersey or a memento, please attend the cleaning day.

e.) Sound System: The cords are often not working. It is the case causing issues with an adapter cord, not the main cord. Kyle will drill a bigger hole into the life proof case to attach the main cord and hang the hooks for the cords.

f.) Bantam Tournament: The team is having a very hard time finding teams. They have 1 team confirmed. Teams are giving a lot of reasons why they aren't wanting to come. Gwen contacted CAHL about why DMH can't fill tournaments. CAHL said many associations are struggling. DMH has asked them to look farther North and South, they did, and so DMH will allow them to not host a tournament. Steph asked if Bantam could do individual fundraising. Atom had to pay for their outside tournament out of pocket, so Bantam will as well.

g.) Bylaw review committee: DMH needs a review committee to work on the Bylaws, new and existing. In January's meeting, the bylaw committee will be decided. Every team should have 2 people join the bylaw committee.

Gwen asked for any other items that needed to be discussed. No mentions.

Next meeting will be January 3 at 7pm at the arena.

Gwen adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.