



Devon Minor Hockey Association Meeting Minutes

Date: October 18, 2016

Called to Order: 6:50 pm

Minutes Taken By: Tina Genge

In attendance: Matt Menasse, Chris Higdon, Jonathan Morton, Rachelle Morgado, Brandy Fisher, Michelle Dewar, Trisha Way, Carmen Buote, Shan Tebb, Cole Matwichuk, Mike Broadway, Wayne Wolfe, Luke Matwichuk, Kathy Morton, Darcy Skinner, Chelsey Long, Drew Hiltz and Tina Genge

Item 1: Motion to approve the October 18, 2016 Agenda

- Motion made to approve October 18, 2016 agenda by Matt Menasse.
- Seconded by Jonathan Morton.
- All in favor.

Item 2: Review & Approve the September 21, 2016 Minutes

- Minutes to be approved once spelling errors are corrected.
- Motion made to approve September 21, 2016 minutes by Matt Menasse.
- Seconded by Jonathan Morton.
- All in favor.

Item 3: New Business Arising from Minutes

- No new business to report.

Item 4: Action Log

- Action Log not done.

Item 5.1: Midget Update

- Two teams have been formed.

Item 5.2: Taylor Preece

- Taylor Preece wants to come back and play.

Item 5.3: Concerns were brought forward by the Referees at the Refs meeting about the Referee in Chief

- Wanted to bring up some issues about the Referee in Chief:
 - o Cole is concerned about the developments of voice towards DMHA and Safety
 - o Six and a half years ago before he started reffing there were flyers around town and in the schools about needing refs. The fliers had the date of the ref clinic on it. That isn't being done now.
 - o North zone says zones should be active in finding new refs. Cole feels DMHA is not doing this as we lost 10 refs this year.
 - o There is 0% Development being done.
 - o There are no shadow reffing being done.
 - o How are the young refs supposed to get better if there is no one there to teach them. They need a senior ref with them.
- Safety
 - o Cole talked about ref and player safety.
 - o By the 5th game you are done having a shadow ref and should be confident to be solo.
 - o Who is there to protect a ref when there is a bad call being made and there are getting abused.
 - o The ref room in Calmar is in the lobby. You need someone there to help them out or close by that they can call.
 - o If the ref loses control of the game – who is going to be there to discipline the ref.
- Jon made a comment about the engagement of the Ref in Chief and the referees.
- Brady received a complaint about a ref two Sunday's ago.
 - o Brandy doesn't know anything about reffing and doesn't know how to answer to this.
 - o Spencer was asked if he could ref a DMHA game but he was not able to ref it. That same weekend he was a linesman for a Baron's game.
- Spencer sent an email to Chris Higdon.
 - o There are 15 people signed up for the ref clinic.
 - o He said he will not charge for development if he will not here but will charge \$50 a game that he is here.
- Cole said there are multiple officials in DMHA who are willing to help with development without pay if Spencer can not be here.
- Spencer is a voting member and he should be at the meetings if we have to vote or meet quorum.
- We need more diversity and bigger numbers at the younger ages to keep the refs going. We need to have more advertising out there.
- Carmen asked when the ref clinic is. Also, can we have something go out to the Bantam and Midget teams looking for refs.
- We are going to have to pay out of town refs to come here and it is going to be expensive.
- They did not come to this meeting to bash Spencer they came because they need support. We love it when he is here but he isn't here that often.
- Carmen asked if there was someone they could call if the refs need help in Calmar.
- Jon wants to give Spencer a courtesy call about this situation.
 - o In the meantime, Jon asked that we remain positive about the situation.
 - o There is going to be an email out to the Bantam and midget managers about the clinic coming up.

- We are going to need new books and crests this year. Who is going to pay for this?
- Cole suggested having a monthly meeting amongst the refs just to have questions, complaints, chat or feedback. It would be a really good way to get to know one another.

Item 6.1 President Report

- Nothing to report.

Item 6.2 Vice President

- Concerns about affiliation
 - o Ten families were asked to affiliate to Team 1, only one family has agreed to affiliate.
 - o There are still four players to ask on Team 2 to affiliate to team 1 – Rachelle is going to ask.
 - o A lot of parents are discouraged because of the way evaluation turned out.
 - o Chris, Darcy and Drew are going to meet with the parents of Atom 2 to clear up any concerns.

Item 6.3: Past President

- A parent at our previous meeting said DMHA had 5 teams and 4 goalies when his son started. This is not true; DMHA had 4 Atom teams that year with 3 full-time goalies.
- The parent went on to say he was told the higher teams got the goalies. Also not true; the full-time goalies were evaluated and placed on the appropriate teams. The hybrid goalies were evaluated as players and goalies and placed on teams according to that combination of scores. This left one team without a goalie.
- He also said the rules have changed from year to year. Once again, this is not true. The full-time / hybrid goalie evaluation and placement process we used in previous years is the same one we explained to parents and followed this season.

Item 6.4: Treasurer

- Absent

Item 6.5: Secretary

- Nothing to report.

Item 6.6: Coach Director

- Nothing to report.

Item 6.7: Registrar

- Teams are maxed out at Midget and Bantam levels.

Item 6.8: Ref In Chief

- Absent.

Item 6.9: Level Director

- Apparel night went well.
 - o Evolution sold approximately \$8,000.00.

Item 6.10: Fundraising Director

- There are no extra raffle tickets.
- If parents do not want to sell their tickets, please have them returned so they can be handed out to other families.
- When the tickets were printed Vision 2000 in St. Albert was left off the tickets. It was on the proof but did not show on the printed version.

Item 6.11: Governor

- Tier 1 is interlock for Atom, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget levels.
- Interleague is for all Atom levels and Pee Wee, Bantam and midget tier 2 and below.
- Passwords will be given out by the Governors for the interlock webpage.

Item 6.12: Ice coordinator

- Ice at Calmar was double booked. Atom tier 1 and 2 were affected by this.

Item 6.13: Referee Assignor

- Luke Tollenaar had a positive comment come back from Drayton Valley.

Item 6.14: Regional AA Representative

- Nothing to report.

Item 6.15: Equipment Manager

- Trish picked up more pucks and first aid kits.
- Mentioned not ordering plastic hangers again as they are breaking and heavy.
- Chris mentioned that he has first aid kits through work so the next time they are needed please ask Chris first.

Item 6.16 : Website Co-ordinator

- Absent.

Item 6.17: Evaluations Coordinator

- Absent.

Item 6.18: Level Coordinator – IT

- Absent.

Item 6.19: Level Coordinator – Novice

- Absent.

Item 6.20: Level Co-ordinator – Atom

- Absent.

Item 6.21: Level Coordinator – Pee Wee

- Absent.

Item 6.22: Level Co-ordinator – Bantam

- Tournament preparations are coming along.

Item 6.23: Level Co-ordinator – Midget

- Mentioned raising pricing for our tournaments as most tournaments are over \$1,000.00.

Item 7.1: Closing Discussion

- Nothing discussed

Item 7.2: Date of the Next Meeting

November 15, 2015 at 6:30 pm in the hockey room

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 pm