



Devon Minor Hockey Meeting Minutes

Date: May 16, 2018
Called to Order: 6:30 pm
Minutes Taken By: Crystal Reimer

Attendees:

Steven Kuchirka, Steve Benson, Wayne Wolfe, Kathy Morton, Crystal Reimer, Drew Hiltz, Travis Shaw

Motion to approve the agenda:

- Motion to approve the agenda by Steve Benson second by Crystal Reimer, all in favor.

Review and Approve April 23 2018 Minutes:

- Motion to approve the minute's Crystal Reimer, second by Steve Kuchirka, all in favor.

New Business:

- A.** Discussion around the proposed Twin Rinks Recreation Facility in Devon. **Steven Kuchirka presented.**
- Jonathan spoke with Pat Nicol, who is the Economic Development Director for the Town of Devon. Their discussion notes said: Twin Rinks Recreation Facility proposal is in the preliminary stage and that the primary ice users will be top priority throughout the process and negotiations. Discussion around attending the next council meeting to ensure DMHA understands what ice slots will be available to DMHA as primary users was brought forward by the ice coordinator.

Reports:

President: absent

- A.** Follow-up with Web Coordinator to get updates Affiliation Rules and regulations posted on Webpage (changes already agreed on by Board). **Still not completed**

Treasurer: absent – meeting with the accounting firm to coordinate the completion of the financial statements to be presented at the June 21 annual general meeting of the members.



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Vice President:

- Presented the budget drafted by Jonathan - Suggestions
 - That the jersey estimate be higher
 - Clarify what the estimated revenue will be (including current revenue account balances)
 - Add columns for each month to track monthly expenses against estimated budget
 - Add a % variance column of how much of the budget has been spent year to date to be tracked during the Executive monthly meetings.
 - Clarification required on the registration numbers and the total cost per level calculations.
- Evaluation planning should start soon – suggested a committee be formed. What is the nomination process for this committee? A Suggestion was made that the request for committee members be sent to all the DMHA members requesting interested members put their names forward.
- Initiation inquiry - Beaumont parent is asking if their 4 year old child can register in the DMHA since Beaumont does not have a 4 year old hockey program.

Secretary:

- Crystal present draft bylaws updates and special resolution that were emailed to the Executive for review and feedback on May 8, 2018. Additional request for feedback was requested to be submitted by May 22 to ensure the documents are ready to be presented to the members at the annual general meeting scheduled for June 21, 2018.
- Crystal will coordinate the chalet booking at the Devon lion's camp ground for June 21, 2018.
- Draft email announcement of the annual general meeting to be sent to the presidents, vice president, and pas president for review by May 18
- Draft email requesting nominations of interested members for all executive position and coordinator positions to be sent to the presidents, vice president, and pas president for review by May 18.

Registrar: absent

- Total registration is 33 for the 2018/2019 season so far.



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Level Director:

- Working on gathering Jersey quotes for budgetary considerations (2 – 3 for comparison)
- Coordinate and will chair a Jersey Replacement committee to develop a planned approach to replace the DMHA Jerseys for the 2019/2020 season.
- Organizing donated Tim Bit jersey order for the initiation program

Ice Coordinator:

- Ice users meeting on Thursday (6:30 pm), Yearend reviews of how the year went for the users.
- NAX and Barons requesting weeknight ice slot for 2018/2019 hockey season

Level Coordinator Bantam: NA

League Representative:

Participated in the 2018 NAI AGM - Although it took us a few hours to work through the agenda and discuss new business, the environment was positive and the results were progressive (e.g. collectively, under the larger play zone (1660 to NAI), teams played over 5,250 games last season!). As always, it's great to connect and receive insight from the other NAI members (LMAs). Simply put and although the NAI receives challenges from time to time, the DMHA should be very thankful to have the NAI to help our youth play the sport they all seem to love under a regulated Hockey Canada/Hockey Alberta development model.

As mentioned in our meeting earlier this evening, there are a couple of highlights. This is to inform you of those highlights. Note, this is as I understand at this time and that changes are likely as more additional information is acquired.

- **Information** - as a trial year, the PeeWee Division (Tiers 1 through 4 only) will play under a collaborative HA provincial model where the winner of NAI League (by March 17, 2019) advances to provincials.
- **Action (ask is that a response be provided by the NAI membership - May 31, 2018)** - as it relates to HA's *Intro to Hockey - Novice Program* being fully implemented in 2019/20, DMHA has been asked to inform the NAI how they plan to manage their Novice programming this upcoming season. Simply put, is the DMHA wanting to register Novice teams (some or all) under the NAI? The NAI is proposing that there will be a Novice Division (status quo, same as last



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season - tiered, full ice games, scores/states, etc...). To this extent, Associations need to decide if their teams are in (NAI League) or out (HA Novice Program). Based on the discussion, it seems that the new HA model may be better suited for the larger associations (Camrose and larger) at this time (i.e. for this upcoming season). Fort Saskatchewan teams playing in their own Strathcona League was provided as an example. Travel was also discussed; unfortunately larger association's decisions will somewhat dictate a lot of how this (travel) plays out... On another note, it was also discussed that the NAI remain a part of the go forward model administratively (schedule games for the HA Novice Program). HA representative we're also a part of this Novice conversation. As discussed, my recommendation is that the DMHA continue to register all their Novice teams under the NAI for the 2018/19 season as part of a transition year to plan, communicate, and implement the HA *Intro to Hockey - Novice Program* in 2019/20.

Novice, please also ask... In creating the Season Timeline, the NAI League also needs to know our preference for season end. Also check with Kathy, our ice allocator. Do we want the playoffs for Novice, Atom, Bantam and Midget to end at the same time as PeeWee, mid-March, or continue right up until the 24th of March? NAI will build the timeline according to what the majority of Associations want

Coach Director:

- Travis has set-up Coach Interviews to cover the off the review information with the Coaches for May.

Meeting adjourned 9:01 pm.

Proposed next meeting date:

June 11, 6:30 pm.