



Devon Minor Hockey Meeting Minutes

Date: April 23, 2018
Called to Order: 6:30 pm
Minutes Taken By: Jonathan Morton

Attendees:

Jonathan Morton, Steven Kuchirka, Steve Benson, Wayne Wolfe, Melissa Price, Brad Whelen, Rachelle Morgado, Kathy Morton, Crystal Reimer

Meeting start 6:40 pm

Motion to approve the minutes:

- Motion to approve the minutes. Rachelle Morgado, Steve Kurchirka
- Carried.

Review and Approve March 15th 2018 Minutes:

- Motion to approve the minute's Wayne Wolfe, Steve Benson
- Carried

New Business:

A. Hockey Alberta Standardized Tiering Model, Bulletin 17/12 - released April 11TH, 2018

HA and our Minor leagues have been working together to build a unified structure and strategic model that enables leagues to adopt the same tiering, seasonal structure, and other operational processes.

The following leagues / organizations will implement the "Alberta One standardized tiering Model" for the 2018-2019 Hockey Season:

- Hockey Calgary
- Hockey Edmonton
- Central Alberta Hockey League
- Northern Alberta Interlock
- All Peace Hockey League
- North Eastern Alberta Hockey League



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Under the Alberta One Standardized Tiering Model, leagues/ organizations have agreed to operate six tiers within the divisions of Atom, Peewee, Bantam and Midget. Larger leagues/ organizations can split tiers into more manageable groups based on number of teams and travel. Smaller leagues/ organizations may not operate all six tiers within a division but will follow a grid that determines the number of tiers based on the total number of teams at a division.

All leagues/ organizations will utilize the Alberta One Standardized Tiering Grid as a starting point in their tiering placement. The grid provides all Minor Hockey Associations a starting point for the placement of their teams within a specific division. Teams then proceed through tiering rounds for final placement determined by policies of the individual league.

Further information on the Alberta One Standardized Tiering Model, including the Tiering Grid, is enclosed.

B. Discussion around the proposed Twin Rinks Recreation Facility in Devon.

- DMHA needs to gain a better understanding of the impact the twin rinks facility will have on our minor hockey association.
- Concerns around the New Facility request for PRIME ICE USE IN MARCH - *both surfaces. (as per the Recreation Facility Plan Proposal pg. 24 **Appendix A**).
- Questions asked what will the impact be on DMHA kids?? What will the impact be on Ice availability and also the cost of the New Arena Ice?
- What is the future for the Dale Fisher Arena??
- Jonathan will contact the Town of Devon council and invite a representative to the next DMHA meeting to provide further information.

C. Suggestion made to start a DMHA tradition of giving away the home Jersey to the Players who are finished their minor hockey careers.

- This would pertain to 3rd year - Midget players, having completed their final year.
- to be given away during the DMHA Awards night.
- Nice going away tradition.
- Jersey would include Name Bar and Number.
- *More discussion next meeting.



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Reports.

President:

A. Discussion around the Budgetary numbers for 2017-2018

- April 17th Budget Meeting deferred (Majority of Executive unavailable to attend at this time).
- Early Suggestion is to budget fairly “flat” to 2017-2018
- Discussion around the Anticipated Expenses for upcoming season
- Outside evaluations – suggested that we go with this format once again for the 2018-2019 season.
- We do anticipate a cost increase this year (requesting 2 – 3 outside quotations for comparison).
- To be mentioned at the AGM (we anticipate some good discussion around this topic)
- Expect that Peewee, Bantam and Midget Level Coaches will want more “coach-picks” moving forward
- Discussion around ice costs, there is a minor increase anticipated for Devon, Calmar and Thorsby Ice.
- Some discussion around challenges associated ice availability moving forward.

B. Jonathan and Crystal to follow-up with Web Coordinator to get updates Affiliation Rules and regulations posted on Webpage (changes already agreed on by Board).

C. Annual Return – Bylaws Update.

- Crystal working on draft
- To be addressed at the next AGM as a special resolution 21 days’ notice to members required as per the Societies act (as per last meeting).

Treasurer:



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- Expense break-down distributed.
- Mailbox cost \$160.00 per year
- Motion to move forward with acquiring mailbox Wayne Wolfe – seconded Crystal Reimer
- Carried.

Vice President:

- DMHA Awards night feedback has been positive.
- Suggestion to start the planning for the event earlier next year.
- Moving forward, more help is needed to share the burden of the work required to make this event successful.
- To be discussed further and voted on next meeting.

Secretary:

- Volunteer appreciation night was good. *Suggestion fro those who are in attendance to also bring kids out their moving forward.
- Good evening, speakers, food, drinks etc. event was well attended.
- Special Resolution Meeting bylaws update, currently working on draft.
- Crystal will send out draft *hopefully by end of the week.

Registrar:

- May 1st early bird registration.
- Registration projections discussed
- Total registration was fairly flat – year over year.
- Anticipating that we could see approximately 250 registrants for 2018/19 season.



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- We need to recognize that many factors may impact numbers this season.
- Players who leave for “Alternate-leagues”.
- Players who tryout and make higher levels.
- Import player expectation difficult to determine at this time pending home association team numbers (i.e. Calmar)
- Important that we understand what positions player are registering for... *we had far too many late changes last season.
- Important to indicate respect in sport coach and parent online course has been completed (via website).
- Mass email re registrations to be sent out to parent’s players beginning of May.

Level Director:

- Working on Plaques for sponsors.
- Working on gathering Jersey quotes for budgetary considerations (2 – 3 for comparison)
- Sent out “thank- you’ s” to the Level coordinators.
- Happy with tournaments this year, overall feedback very positive.
- Discussion around tournament “director” need for next year.
- In addition a suggestion was made by an Executive around possibly awarding honorariums for level coordinators in hopes of encouraging more participation from these volunteer roles. Pro’s and con’s discussed.

Ice Coordinator:

- Ice users meeting on Thursday (6:30 pm), Yearend review of how the year went for the users. Kathy has some questions around the new arena proposal and the costs moving forward...
- Some questions around Ice allocations and utilization moving forward.
- As a means of encouraging better attendance and participation at our AGM, the suggestion was made for awarding one free registration to one attendee @ the AGM.



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- Name to be drawn at the end of the AGM.
- Would be recipient must arrive to AGM, and sign-in before start time. **Must still be present at the end of the meeting (verified) to qualify. **
- One entry per family, one player, *any level applicable.
- Motion to approve this AGM attendance "Incentive-program" made by Wayne Wolfe, seconded by Crystal Reimer.
- Carried

Level Coordinator Bantam:

- Suggestions around volunteer schedule for the next evaluations.
- Consider all levels... this can be several weeks until all teams are formed.
- Suggest that interested coaches must participate / step forward to help out.

Coach Director:

- Travis not able to attend the meeting
- 84 Coaches Reviews completed and 54 player reviews were conducted as well.
- Overall the reviews were positive.
- Travis will set-up Coach Interviews to cover the off the review information with the Coaches for May.

AA Rep:

- Darcy Skinner unable to attend the meeting
- Sent on report via email
- Email was sent to Quick Start evaluators to see if they had any feedback about evaluations for the upcoming season.
- Similar format desired as things went fairly well.
- We should seriously consider this group again for the upcoming season.
- Waiting for updated proposal for budgeting.



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Meeting adjourned 9:01 pm.

Proposed next meeting date:

May 16th 6:30 pm.

Proposed AGM Meeting date

June 20th (approx.)