

## Summary of Elite Parent Meetings August 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

### Atom, Pee wee, Bantam, Midget Agenda and notes:

- Welcome and Introductions
  - Additional Teams – Additional accountability for all FMMHA members
  - Registration and funds owing
  - Amended Tryout Directive
  - Tryout Schedule
  - Budget
  - Coaches Address
  - First Team Meeting
  - Questions
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- **Welcome and Introductions** – Jody Seymour – VP of Admin, Travis Galenzowski – President, Ian Kenny – Elite Director, Kelly Roberts – Treasurer, and coaches per division: Atom – Brad McCoy, Pee wee AA – Sean McFatridge, Pee wee A – Calvin King, Bantam AA – Jason Sinclair, Bantam A – Matthew Hildebrand and Wil Eros, Midget AA – Dan Hodgeson, Midget A – Steve Adams
  - **Additional Teams – Additional accountability for all FMMHA members:** President Travis Galenzowski reviewed the history and journey of the addition of the 2 new A teams as well as our Atom Development Team being included in the NAI as opposed to playing up in our Pee wee house league. He stressed thanks and praise to the Midget A team of the past two years who, through their hospitality and respectable behaviour – both on and off the ice, paved the way for the other associations to vote in favour of us being able to add 3 more teams to this league. With that said, as always, we need to go above and beyond as a community and hockey family to continue to display appropriate conduct while we are in town and especially when we travel.
  - **Registration and funds owing:** NO player will be able to tryout until or unless they have registered for this season and have cleared any existing account balances from last year. A board member will be on the check in table to double check registration for all players.
  - **Amended Tryout Directive:** this is also on the website on a different link. The Tryout Directive, as all directives and bylaws are on the website. Due to the addition of teams, it had to be amended to accommodate the new numbers and new Elite Stream vision. **Please read the directive.** VP Admin read and reviewed the directive at each meeting and answered all questions. Items to note: ALL players tryout together for AA. Commitment levels i.e. travel, cost and time are the same for all teams. The top players will be selected by AA and A coaches and evaluators and will form the AA team, the next top players will form the A team. All A team players affiliate to AA.

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### ➤ **Tryout Schedule – Review of tryout schedule that is posted online.**

NOTE: Watch every night for posted lists of players moving on each night during the process.

We realize that the earlier start up has hindered and/or altered some travel plans, but we had announced at the AGM in June that we would be starting earlier this season and we did announce one month prior. With the amended tryout directive (addition of new A teams) we needed to alter the way we've done it in the past.

While, some people are frustrated – the greater good was achieved. In other words, by starting tryouts for elite players just one week sooner, allows 1200 members to begin and get settled sooner and the house players to have up to 3 weeks more ice time of development, with their teams being settled earlier.

Additionally, the other benefit is that the younger elite players – Atom and Pee wee will have gone through the process that includes, stress for all and disappointment and tears for others before they head back to school. They can focus on school and transition versus being at the rink every night and waiting for lists to be posted.

Going forward, we will make every effort to communicate sooner, however we are always at the mercy of the city who do not communicate and finalize their ice allocation until mid to end of July.

### ➤ **Budget**

The Elite Budget template was reviewed by Kelly Roberts. All elite players must register and pay FMMHA registration fees which pay for membership, insurance, ice time etc. and a \$1500.00 non-refundable Elite Fee to be paid at the FMMHA office. \$750.00 of that money will go towards team gear – skates, gloves, helmet, bag and track suits, additional ice and officials. \$750.00 will go directly to the team account.

NOTE WELL – the team budget will be discussed at the first team meeting. Questions and concerns should be addressed then. Two additional team meetings with a budget discussion will occur throughout the season.

### ➤ **Coaches Address: Each coach shared their expectations for tryouts and emphasized the importance of full commitment from players and families. This will be reiterated and elaborated upon at first team**

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meeting for successful players. NOTE- elite stream hockey is financially heavy and time consuming. It is equally rewarding, but families must be prepared for a long season of travel and volunteering. Players will travel often and play almost every weekend. Players will practice 2 times weekly and have dryland 1 time a week. Play time is not equal.

- First Team Meeting as posted on the website. Please watch for any and all updates on the FMMHA website.

*The following notes for Atom were taken by a volunteer parent and FMMHA member. Thank you!*

### **Atom Development Junior Oil Barons Parent Meeting - August 20, 2018**

- Behaviour on ice and in stands by players and parents is paramount in order for team to remain in NAI league; need to represent Fort McMurray well at all times; a good reputation is imperative
- Elite team requires significant travel and expenses; be prepared for this
- Practices tentatively on Tues and Thurs
- Likely 16 away games (typically 8 weekends), not including playoffs and tournaments; might play different teams in same weekend
- Tryouts at FLA: Mon Aug 27 to Sat Sept 1 (goalie tryouts start on weekend prior and must be evaluated as a goalie and as a player); Aug 27 and 28 player tryouts by last name, Mon-Thurs 5:00-6:00pm (arrive early to register), Blue/Gold games on Fri (5:00pm) and Sat (11:00am); team finalized by Sat evening
- Team will be picked impartially with assistance from selected unbiased observers; all players trying out will have equal opportunity
- Players try out based on position
- \$75 tryout fee (cash preferred)
- Roster is up to 17 players and 2 goalies (likely only 15 players)
- First team practice on Sun (Sept 2) 8:30-9:45am, followed by first team parent meeting (all players need at least one parent in attendance to vote on budget, parent admin positions, etc)
- \$1500 player rep fee (includes purchase of gear), may possibly require additional player contributions (up to \$1500) later in season (may get some back at end of season), may also be required to get a sponsor
- Can do up to 3 tournaments
- Will always have bussing
- Assistant coaches will be picked after team is selected
- Big commitment - parents and players both need to fully commit to team (being ready 20 minutes early, dedication on ice, fundraising, helping out at home games to run clock, sell tickets, etc)
- Players may not always get equal ice time at games, be mentally prepared for this - don't get upset at coaches/team (follow the 24 hour rule)
- Games are usually Saturday evening and Sunday morning

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- Teams played by PeeWee last year: Bonnyville, Whitecourt, Athabasca, etc (mostly northern teams) - waiting on NAI League for details for 2018/2019
- 2018/2019 season timeline for NAI League is on their website - shows blackout dates (should have full schedule by end of Sept)
- Season ends in March, but exact timing depends on whether team makes it to playoffs