

Thorsby Minor Hockey Association
Meeting Minutes
Date: September 11, 2017

Attendees:

Jesse McClean, Brandon Brock, Michael Mudry, Kristien Holtby, Garwin Baynes, Warren Rosenke, Blair Hennes, Sherri Morrissey, Lorelei McLeod, Shannon Scheetz, Tamara Saarela, Cory Senio, Crystal Walker, Trevor Walker, Jeremy Scheetz, Ronica Chalfoux

Call to Order: 7:03 pm. Tamara (Seconded by Warren)

Review of Past Business:

Jesse previewed the pamphlet we are going to be giving to the coaches and managers for the upcoming season.

Approval of Agenda: Cory. (Seconded by Warren). Carried

Approval of Minutes from August 1, 2017 Meeting:

Blair. (Seconded by Tamara) Carried

Nomination and Election of President

Call for Nominations: No Nominations Present.

Nomination and Election of League Representative

Call for Nominations: Sherri Morrissey nominated Kristien Holtby. (Seconded by Michael Mudry). Carried.

President Report:

-Nothing to Report

Vice President Report:

-We are releasing the Midgets and the Bantams to go to Calmar. Midgets have been with Calmar for the last 2 years. We had conversations with Millet in regards to our Bantam players but was not a fit for both towns. Decided to release Bantams to Calmar due to the option for the Bantams to be affiliated with the Midgets in Calmar so they could be brought up if needed. Bantams will share ice with Thorsby, 1/2 time in each town, however the town of Calmar is a few months behind on the ice plant repairs and are without ice until approximately November.

-Concern from Lorelei and Shannon in regards to the increased costs associated with Bantams being registered in Calmar. They report that Calmar charges \$200 extra for registration, \$400 extra fundraising, \$100 volunteer fee. Blair advises that he will approach Calmar to see if we can come to an agreement to split the fees or see if we can come to a solution to help reduce the increased costs.

-Calmar is not having a PeeWee team and looking to send players to Thorsby. 2 Calmar players have already registered, and hope to have more registering soon. Currently we have 15 players registered.

-Novice and Initiation combining to make 2 novice teams. The 2011 birth year players are being given the option to move up to Novice if they would like. Currently have 16 Initiation and 16 Novice. Ideally would like to move 5-6 players up to Novice if able to make 2 Novice Teams of 10-11 and then have an Initiation team with 10 + as we expect a few late registrations once schools starts.

-Initiation Team will need a coach with level 1 Courses. These courses are available every weekend until November. Once practises start we can figure out who will be the coaches and then get them into the courses.

-Atom coach will need to take checking courses also.

-There is a parent complaint in regards to a kid not wanting to play with another kid.

The mom of the one boy attended the meeting and wanted to discuss the options available so that her son continued to enjoy playing hockey. The two players are likely going to be on the same team again this year and the mom wanted to find out what THMA could do to try and allow the two players to play together. We talked about appointing a Parent Liaison for the team so that if there are issues the concerned parents can talk to the liaison and help address the issue with the coach. Additionally THMA talked about trying to place a coach on the ice during practises who will be focused more on behaviour of the players and less focused on skills and drills. The THMA also agreed that with both boys now moving up a level and the team becoming more structured the added challenges of playing with older kids and more structure may help make it less likely that they get bored and start rough housing. The THMA also will try to stress the importance of team building amongst our teams to try and improve the positive experience of our players.

Treasurer Report:

-Parent question about when currently registered Midget players will be reimbursed their registration fees so that they can register in Calmar. Treasurer will deal with this issue in the next few days.

Registrar Report:

-Late registration fees will be waived by THMA for any Calmar players joining our Pee-Wee team.

-Hockey Alberta is changing so that now every 4 years all parents and coaches will have to renew their Respect in Sport courses. This change is occurring in 2018.

-RAMP app is being introduced. It is similar to Team Snap however it can link into our website and upload a lot of important information right onto the app.

MOTION by Tamara (Seconded by Warren) that THMA will pay for the \$25.00/per team sign up fee for the RAMP app so that each team can have access to this app. All in Favour. Carried.

-Community Awareness night requires volunteers. Tamara and Ronica agreed to volunteer. Additionally Cory advised that he will bring in his hockey net so there is a net for

the kids to shoot on. Sherri will ask Recreation Complex if we can borrow some of their floor hockey sticks also for the Community Awareness Night.

- Community gear swap at Dryland Training (Tuesday Wednesday Thursday) Tamara to send out email to registered families. If they want to sell any equipment for money family has to stay at the table to collect the money

16/60 League Rep Report:

-Blair and Cory attended the Fall Registration AGM in Stony Plain on Saturday September 9th. League is being renamed and will be called Northern Alberta Interlock (NAI). (www.nainterlock.com)The individual league websites will be phased out over the course of this year.

-All 4 Thorsby teams registration has been paid. The Bantam and Midget teams will be registered by Calmar.

-Ice Schedule, Association Registration, CRC Confirmation Form, and Team Registration Forms were all completed and submitted on time.

-Thorsby has been excused of a governor position for this upcoming season.

-prosmarthockey.com Very useful. It provides coach practise plan (16 for each division) as well as animated videos which can be shown on iPads or iPhones.

-Hockey Canada Registration forms due Dec 15.

- NAI Affiliated player forms only for playoffs

- During regular season HCR form to be used for affiliates

- Novice is included on NAI website but will play in 16/60 division

-Tiering: Teams will be listed in respective tiers. If you disagree then the tiering request form will need to be submitted within 24 hours.

-Discipline: All discipline will follow HA guidelines.

- Incident report form must be filled out with the game sheet submission

- Call Paul Elun (discipline coordinator for the league) if you need an answer on suspension ASAP

-Absolutely no forfeits, postponements, 4 point games unless extremely rare circumstances (deaths, etc).

-any questions email: executive@nainterlock.com

-Overage application. If have any they need to go to zone rep first, sent to Hockey Alberta then sent to NAI

-Not enough interest in non-contact Bantam league. If there was enough interest it could be a possibility in the future

Zone Rep Report:

-Hockey Alberta Conference and AGM is September 29 in Red Deer.

Ice Coordinator Report:

-Ice Schedule has been set for the season. Copy attached to minutes.

-Ice Schedule has been submitted to 16/60 for the season.

-Ice Schedule has been set for Conditioning Camp

- Monday to Thursday September 18-21:

Novice 5:00-6:00
Atom 6:15-7:15
Peewee 7:30-8:30
Bantam 8:45-9:45

- Friday September 22nd the ice has been offered to Calmar as their ice plant upgrade is not complete.
- Saturday September 23rd an hour and a half of ice has been blocked off for a possible Novice Evaluation
- Sunday September 24th Bantam checking clinic with Ryan Hetherington from HLHS. 6:30-8PM. Tamara to contact Cassie, the Calmar Register, to see if they would be interested in enrolling their Bantams.
- Some parent expressed interest in having Ryan Hetherington from HLHS run a clinic for the Pee Wee players also. Cory said he will contact Ryan to see about availability for November.

MOTION by Sherri Morrissey (Seconded by Tamara) for THMA to pay for PeeWee and Bantam checking clinics provided by Ryan Hetherington from HLHS. All in Favour. Carried.

- With additional Novice team we changed Novice tournament dates. Now Novice 1 Tournament January 12-13-14. Novice 2 tournament January 26-27-28

Referee Coordinator Report:

MOTION by Cory Senio (Seconded by Warren) for THMA to pay for anyone attending the refereeing clinic. All in Favor. Carried.

Fundraising Coordinator Report:

- 2017 fundraisers requirement per family set at \$150.00
- Idea of raffle tickets being sold as main fundraiser for our association. Possibility of main prize being a donation for a flight from WestJet and then cash prizes for second and third. Maximum Limit of \$10000.00
- Sherri will look into a fundraiser that goes directly to TMHA such as clothing or cowbell sales. She has got a few quotes for these items, will continue to look for additional quotes.
- Update on money raised for skill programs. Currently got \$750 raised individually by Sherri Morrissey, mostly from local corporations such as Capital Power. Has ideas to possibly put money towards either a goalie clinic or having Chris Joseph come out and do a shooting analysis and video review of kids shots. The shooting analysis is approximately \$40 per player so if we decide to use money for our THMA players the idea of possibly THMA covering the additional costs was brought up. Possibly advertising and offering the clinic to outside players and charging approximately \$50 to help offset the costs for THMA.

MOTION by Sherri Morrissey (Seconded by Tamara) that for each teams home tournament in 2017:

- THMA will give each team \$400 for their own home tournament.
- Each player will have a \$75 fundraising requirement for their home tournament.
- Each team is approved to buy \$10 per tournament player on a gift bag MINUS the amount THMA buys in bulk (purchases made by THMA for all age groups in order to attain a bulk discount on larger purchases)

All in Favor. Carried

-Would like to see a banner presented to First Second and Third place teams for our tournaments (Novice Atom and PeeWee) in addition to our participation medals. Sherri Morrissey to research prices

-Possibility of gift cards given to PeeWee and Bantam players for our tournaments instead of medals

Equipment Coordinator Report:

-Pucks, puck bags, First Aid kits, socks are all on their way.

-Would like to have a sign out sheet with numbers and sizes on it. Then players from each team would pick their jerseys and Warren would then bring out the picked jerseys to each team. Would help with lost jerseys and allow the unused jerseys to remain in the lockers for remainder of the year

-Shooter touter is in need of repair. Warren will look at and see if we can fix it

-MOTION by Cory (Seconded by Sherri) for Warren to assess shooter touter and if necessary purchase a new one for up to \$300. All in Favor. Carried

Adjourned. 9:31pm. Blair (Seconded by Warren)

Next Meeting Tentatively October 1, 2017 at 6:00pm at Arctic Spas Recreation Complex

Fall AGM Tentatively October 10 @ 7:00pm at Arctic Spas Recreation Complex