



## Carleton Place Girls Hockey Association

### Special Executive Meeting

**Topic:** Bantam A recategorization  
**Date:** September 9, 2019  
**Time:** 6:30pm – 8:00 pm  
**Location:** DICA Electronics – Boardroom

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#### Attendees:

Ryan Carroll	President
Renee Colley	Vice President
Jen Wright	Competitive Director
Hamish Fraser	High Performance Director
Sara Simpson	Special Events & Communications Coordinator
Dave Mitchell	Director of Discipline and Risk Management
Alex Bennett	Treasurer
Christine Larush	Registrar
Dwight McNutt	Player & Goalie Development Coordinator
Kayla Twigge	Senior Rep
Steph Grabe	Equipment Manager
Pat Bissonnette	Bantam A Head Coach

#### Regrets:

Crystal Devlin	Ice-Scheduler
Ron Buchanan	Coach Mentor
Christine Shillinglaw	Secretary

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- Call to Order 6:30pm Ryan
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## 2.0 BACKGROUND

- The Bantam A team has had poor results in pre-season exhibition games, especially this past weekend. The team has struggled to generate offense and the opposition has dominated the play and possession of the puck for a large portion of the games.
- Pat, with the support of the majority of the parents, has requested the team be moved down to the BB level.
- Pat's primary concern is for the safety of the players, as they have been unable to match the physicality of other teams.
- The parents' primary concern is that the players are already feeling dejected and showing signs of giving up. Many also do not want to lose the opportunity to develop in the High Performance program.
- The majority of the players indicated (before this past weekend) they want to be an A team.
- Re-categorizing with OWHA (for tournaments, playdowns, and provincials) would be straightforward with no negative consequences.
- Re-aligning with ODWHA may not be possible. They have indicated they would not approve such a request at this time based on the exhibition game results to date. Further, if they were to approve a request in the future, after demonstrated results in league play, it would come with a significant rescheduling cost (perhaps \$1250-\$1500) and ineligibility for playoffs.

## 3.0 OPEN DISCUSSION

- The team is at a very high risk of failing, on and off the ice, including possibly losing players.
- Re-categorizing to BB with OWHA should provide the team some relief.
- The team needs to be given the information from ODWHA, and they can decide whether to pursue re-alignment.
- There is no need to change or revoke the team's participation in the High Performance program as a result of re-categorization or re-alignment. However, Hamish will notify Jason Clarke of the change.
- There will be no substantive change to the costs of running/hosting the team, so there is no need to adjust registration fees.
- It is hoped that with more practice ice, the start of additional development sessions, more support within and recognition of the High Performance program, and the support of their coaches and parents, the girls will see the value of the opportunity they have, stay motivated, and see some incremental improvements on the ice.
- Pat needs to find some non-parent coaches for his bench staff. Dave referred him to a high-quality female coach that had expressed interest to the Peewee BB team, and Dwight offered his services.



## 4.0 MOTIONS

### MOTION #1: Moved by Hamish, seconded by Jen

- The Registrar shall proceed to recategorize the Bantam A team to BB with OWHA.

VOTE: All in favour – motion passed

### MOTION #2: Moved by Dave, seconded by Alex

- If the Bantam A team is re-aligned by ODWHA, the team will be responsible for paying all associated costs.

VOTE: All in favour – motion passed

*Meeting Adjourned: 8:00pm*

*Motioned by: Ryan*

*Carried by: All in attendance*

