

DMH Bantam Team Meeting August 26, 2014

In attendance: Brian Muir, Jarret Steen, Bart Warner, Dean Wilson, Deanna Biggs, Tracy Johnson, Carmen Beck, Tracey Schmitz, Darron Ringdahl, Jeff Southworth, Alison Southworth, Laurel Thompson, Julie Findley, Mary Chaffin, David Chaffin, Gwen Craig, Debra Geertsma

Gwen started the meeting at 7:06pm. She brought forth the issue on whether or not we have a Bantam team this season.

DMH has 9 registered players-one may move and 4 have tryout releases. From a board's point of view Gwen mentioned that other board's are in the same situation as DMH. Gwen has spoken to Red Deer, Red Deer still cannot tell us how many players they can give us until tryouts are over. DMH would like to have a team at home.

Gwen opened the floor to discussion.

Ideas and questioned presented included;

- ➔ Some parents that have been in the association a while said they would like to have a team here, or have their child play up
- ➔ How many over agers can be put into PeeWee? Gwen thought that we were allowed a max of 3 over agers, but in Provincials and such they can't play

- ➔ Some in attendance voiced their opinion that 9 on a team for Bantam is ridiculous
- ➔ Gwen asked how many players is enough to have a team? How many does it take for the team to be do-able?
 - Gwen mentioned that it has been done with 10 and it has worked.
- ➔ Gwen read DMH's policy for releases in reference to tryouts
 - Tracey S mentioned that the players that are trying out for the AAA team tryout this weekend-if they do not make that team they will probably try out in Sylvan so that would make DMH wait even longer to find out numbers
- ➔ Some parents want their children to play competitive hockey so they would like to have the opportunity to go and find a place to play before it's too late.
- ➔ One parent who wants to have their child skate in Stettler needs and answer ASAP as Stettler starts their pre-skates next week and they are almost full.
 - Stettler will not let outside players on the ice without a full release letter
- ➔ Gwen set the benchmark that it needs to be the parent's decision, the board's standpoint has been let known
 - One parent said that they feel that there are 3 parents here that feel their child won't play, then

there are another 3 parents that want their kid to play “better” hockey

- ➔ It was mentioned that parents don’t want to risk not having a team and all these players not be able to play anywhere
- ➔ One parent said that if their son can’t play in Stettler, he probably won’t play at all
- ➔ Gwen asked do we want to make a decision tonight or after tryouts and find out Monday about players? We will know about AAA September 1, and AA the week after
 - Went to vote
 - 6 want to know tonight
 - 3 want to wait
 - We **will not have a Bantam team in Delburne** this year. As far as skaters that want to play elsewhere, but not in AA, or AAA centers the board will make the decision
 - Players that want to move down, Hockey Alberta will decide-Gwen will contact Hockey Alberta about Biggs and Chaffin about playing down
 - Gwen will double check if Southworth can play up
 - Gwen will sign a “no-team” release for all players that want to play elsewhere this year

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.