**LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**

**OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Minutes**

**Gary Moe Auto Group Sportsplex Community Room**

LACOMBE, ALBERTA

**January 22, 2024**

**Call to Order: 19:06**

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   1. Approval of LMH Operating Committee Meeting from December 5, 2023. motion to approve by Stacy, seconded by Joanne, All approved, passed.
2. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**
   1. Additions to Unfinished Business.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
   1. Additions to New Business
   2. Approval of Agenda motion to approve by Alyssa, seconded by Jody, all approve, passed.
4. **EXECUTIVE REPORTS**
   1. President –Amy Richter
      1. Female hockey day - we received a grant from Hockey Alberta to put on the Female Hockey day on Albertas’ female hockey day.
         1. The girls will be split into two groups, half on the ice, half enjoying a free BBQ. Then switch.
         2. Looking at providing the attendees with a free t-shirt.
         3. up to 36 girls have registered to date.
         4. Stacy
         5. Motion to approve up to $200 for Lacombe minor hockeys’ female hockey day (January 27th) by Brandon, seconded by Casey, all in favor, approved.
      2. Central Alberta Warriors - Lacombe hub
         1. Ponoka and Bfalds asked us to run the hub. we countered requesting additional ice and will wait and see
         2. We are looking for two reps from each association
      3. Alumni game - great turnout and event. Lots of fun. need more security next year.
      4. CAS -
   2. Vice-President – Dave Saretsky
      1. Big thank you to our managers, directors and Alison for managing all of the recent game cancellations so effectively. I received a couple of questions from governors that weekend but no complaints.
      2. We sent a reminder about keeping the equipment room clean. This will be monitored more closely for the remainder of the season.
      3. CAHL meeting last week, a few items to note:
         1. Suspensions are up this year. Many code of conduct violations from players and coaches, also lots of managers submitted game information late.
            1. Teams facing issues should review the Hockey Alberta discipline handbook.
         2. CAHL has experienced an increase in verbal abuse to volunteers, nothing from LMHA but it might be worth reminding teams about the communication protocol.
            1. 0 tolerance for remainder of season, LMHA would most likely add to any suspensions.
         3. RAMP issues in U9 and U11 HADP are being reviewed.
         4. Confusion around U9 full ice initiative.
         5. Additional playoff information coming soon:
            1. 2 game total point, with option of best of 3 in finals.
            2. Possibility of split or alternative tiers for playoffs.
         6. Potential of expanding from 6 tiers next season.
         7. Vote on moratorium for adding new associations at the next meeting.
   3. Administration- Alison Stangeland/Kim Somerville Keehn
      1. Awards night - April 5th book with City at LMC
      2. AGM - May 30th
      3. Collecting quotes on jerseys for next season
      4. Helping collect past due registrations
      5. All but one of the canceled games from start of January have been rescheduled. The U13s were gracious enough to give up evening practices and took morning games.
      6. 8 new registrations over December/January (very abnormal).
      7. Dave puts forth a motion to spend $400 ($50/player) for graduating player from LMHA to receive a gift from the association, Casey, all in favor, approved.
   4. Secretary – Dylan Little
      1. New spreadsheet for tracking motions in Secretary drive
      2. Handbook has been updated and posted to the website
   5. Treasurer – Stacy Christensen
      1. Outstanding Registration +/-$4,000.00 Includes funding not yet received.
      2. Accounts- Do not include payments that have not cleared yet.
      3. Operating- $294,969.69
      4. Savings- $29,455.84
      5. Casino- $33,802.63
      6. Raffle- $3,3870.00 All but one team deposited, winners have cleared. Team kickback to be done by month end.
      7. Oilers 50/50- Motion to reimburse travel expenses (parking, fuel, ec)
         1. Stacy puts forth a motion to cover travel expenses of $75/vehicle and $50/volunteer credit towards their LMHA account. The expense will need to be put through the proper expense form. Seconded by Dave, all in favor, approved.
      8. Female Hockey
      9. Game Cancellations - Billable
         1. The city is giving us a break on the ice that was not used over the cold snap.
         2. We would like to still pay the refs for the canceled games.
      10. Starting to plan the budget for next season.
   6. Game & Conduct – Donna Miller
      1. Overall suspensions are on par to prior year
      2. Need to ensure that coaches ensure that “chirping is controlled”
      3. Comments from the bench needs to be kept to a min and respectful
   7. Past President – Lori
5. **DIRECTOR REPORTS**
   1. **Intro to Hockey (U5, U7 and Rocket Launchers) – Alyssa Dinter**
      1. U5
         1. Overall, going well, some players are starting to practice with U7 groups
         2. Mini festival in conjunction with U7 Festival on January 6 - Blackfalds, Bentley and Ponoka participated. Heard good feedback. Thanks Alison for organizing it!
      2. U7
         1. Overall, division going great
         2. Team updates (33 players total):
            1. Two players withdrew
            2. 5 new players since December - 4 Rocket Launcher transfers, one overage from U9C
         3. Tournament went great - had really positive feedback from teams; just finishing up financials
         4. All Head Coaches move up to U9 next year - will chat with Coach Mentors on coach development & recruitment strategy
      3. Rocket Launchers
         1. Continued to see new registrations right up until cut-off - appears many from word of mouth
         2. Sitting in low 20’s for number of participants
   2. **Novice U9 – Brandon Maier**
      1. Tournament planning wrapping up
         1. February 3
         2. 14 Teams
         3. 169 kids
      2. Some full ice exhibition games are starting to be scheduled
      3. Overage player process for the ones who should be moving to U11 next year?
   3. **Atom U11 – Brett Miller**
      1. tournament went well, teams are well into their season
   4. **Pee Wee U13 – Erin Fuller**
      1. U13 C traveled to Airdrie Jan 5-7, undefeated in 4 games to win gold
      2. U13B and A will attend Airdrie's Tournament in Feb.
      3. All games canceled due to weather are rescheduled, Thank You Alison.
      4. Affiliates working well. U13A needed a goalie while theirs was injured for several weeks.
      5. Coaches would like to look at a chechinking clinic for their teams towards the end of the season.
   5. **Bantam U15 – Angela Wymann-Richter**
      1. U15B is developing well, they have officially tied a game
      2. U15A team is playing competitive hockey
   6. **Midget U18 – Joanne Day**
      1. U18B is hosting a tier 3 tournament March 22-24
      2. U18A is traveling to Phoenix for the President’s Day Tournament in February
      3. Both teams are doing well in their tiers
   7. **Female director - Kevin Hendersen and Ami Rintoul**
      1. working on Female hockey day
6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
   1. **Referee in Chief – Jarritt Alexander**
      1. Nothing to report, everything going smoothly
   2. **Referee Assignor - Jody Blokland**
      1. Nothing to report.
   3. **Fundraising Convenor – Tara Worobetz**
      1. Cash raffle is complete
      2. completing the application for Casino
         1. the incentive was fantastic and the slots were filled in 24 hours
   4. **Sponsorship Chair – Betty Anne Schafer/ Jerilee Wilson**
      1. Sponsorship letter has been updated with changes that were approved last meeting, to reflect the reduced rate on 3 year platinum and added in the option of Platinum plus apparel.
      2. All Money has been collected now for the year. Managed to meet the goal.
      3. 17 Platinum Sponsors: $23,000 CASH - Sunny Media, BP’s Tournament
      4. 9 Gold Sponsors: 6 - $750, 2 - $1,000, 1 - in leu with development skates for U15 CAS
      5. 5 Friends and Family- $2,417 CASH
      6. TOTAL: $31,917 (Plus extra money in for those that paid in full for three years)
      7. I have also solidified a Sponsor for U18AA next year. Soapies would like to Sponsor again.
   5. **Safety Officer - Nicole Fauria**
      1. nothing to report
   6. **Social Media coordinator - Nicole Fauria**
      1. All seems to be going well, lots of traffic to our pages and increasing all the time. U11 Tournament information and Intro to Hockey Tournaments seemed to be popular posts. I am trying to tag our jersey sponsors with each team to continue getting them shout outs.
   7. **Development Coordinator- Vacant**
   8. **Coach Mentor – Rick Maclise/ Joe Bouvier / Casey Calihoo**
   9. **South Central League Representative – Troy Rider**
   10. **Central Alberta Selects Representative – Troy Rider**
   11. **Tournament Coordinator - Vacant**
   12. **Events Coordinator- Vacant**
   13. **Rockets Give Back coordinator - Vacant**
7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**
   1. Look at the affiliation process. Consider that all players will be affiliated before tiering based on evaluations and Grid the players accordingly. This eliminates ambiguity.
   2. develop a new “tournament email address” that can be posted to the HA website. We can then create a google form for teams to fill out that will be uploaded into excel.
   3. Need to look at a policy for players injured and or missed evaluations due to Elite stream cuts. Need something more concrete to solidify where players land after evaluations. What qualifies as a qualified skate?... practice with each team. Look at the policy from Olds.
   4. look into year end presents or honorarium or thank you present for the key positions in LMHA.
   5. Central Alberta Warriors
8. **NEW BUSINESS.**

8.1 Central Alberta Warriors

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**Adjourn 20:37. Next meeting date Feb 28th.**