

**LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY
EXECUTIVE MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2006 7:00 PM
ARENA UPPER LOBBY**

PRESIDENT Michael Kartusch x
VICE - PRESIDENT Troy Rider x
PAST PRESIDENT Shelley Bolze e
TREASURER Debbie Barron x
REGISTRAR Tracey Tetreau a
SECRETARY Susan Sargeant x
BOOKKEEPER Lori McCrea a
EQUIPMENT MANAGER Chad Kanngiesser x
Kevin Frank a
TOURNAMENT CHAIR Lori McCrea a
ICE CONVENER Tom Fisher x
CONCESSION CONVENOR Sherri Straub x
SPONSORSHIP Lori Hellofs e
FUNDRAISING Sherri Straub x
Greg Braat a

COACH MENTOR Barry Mackenzie a
GAME AND CONDUCT Ken Fordyce x
CASINO Sandi Gouchie a
REF IN CHIEF Darryl Krakowka x
LOWER ASSIGNER Sheila Beierback a
UPPER ASSIGNER Darryl Krakowka x
INITIATION Mark Beierback x
NOVICE Darin Gill x
ATOM Gord McLennan
PEEWEE Sheldon Kuhn x
Deb Salmon x
BANTAM Allan McKinstry x
MIDGET Tim Timmons x
FEMALE Greg Braat a

X - present a - absent
e - left early l - came late

Michael Kartusch called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Michael made an amendment to the minutes from the last executive meeting. It was stated that the Provincial category (AA, A, B) would be based on this years registration numbers. Hockey Alberta was just looking into making the change, it had not actually been approved.

Darryl Krakowka moved to accept the minutes after the amendment. Chad Kanngiesser seconded. Carried.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Michael Kartusch

Michael reported that two prospective photographers would be attending the meeting to make presentations. The meeting would be interrupted for them to make their presentation when they arrived.

- **EXECUTIVE POSITIONS** - There are still two positions available. They are Coach Mentor and Lower Referee Assigner. Al McKinstry has offered to be the Bantam Director. Thanks was given to Al for filling this position. Question was raised if Dwight Baird would be returning as Coach Mentor. Dwight had not been approached so his return was unknown.
- **REBELS GAME** - There was one planning meeting already. Another on August 29. Things are coming together. \$1000 will be charged to LMH for the Special Event. The Rebels are wanting LMH to have someone tape the game for them. LMH is to get back to them with a reply. Posters are all out. The information on the radio announcements is wrong. It states that 12 and under free, they in fact will be charged.
- **OUTDOOR RINK** - LMH should approach the Town with a request that the Town take over the maintenance of the ODR. A committee could be formed to obtain information to be presented at a Council meeting with said request. Shelley said that all the background information was gotten and was a few years old. Several people were named that could be contacted for this information. Discussion followed.

Tim Timmons asked if LMH had a backup plan in place in case the Town denied the request. Michael said the sponsor boards were the backup plan. The Fire Department flooded the rink several times last season. DB Bobcat did some work free of charge. They could be approached for help again. Several other community members did some maintenance on their own free time. Tim suggested that DB Bobcat be approached to see if there was interest again. Also LMH could put up a sponsor board in exchange for the work done.

- **WEBSITE** - Michael is the Webmaster and maintains the website. He is constantly updating the information. He has added a Frequently Asked Question section. He hopes that people use the site for reference. RAMP could be asked to put a ticker on the site to count the users. Discussion on what might be lacking on the site or other comments. It was suggested that a forum could be added. Mike stated that a forum was not wanted and most questions were directed from new registrants. Troy said the user guide is easy to use and update. It should be stressed to the Directors and Managers to push use of the site. There is strong encouragement to put up as much information as possible. The site will help the ice convener manage availability and usage of ice. Michael said there would be discussion on this at the Directors meeting.
- **FALL ICE SCHEDULE** - Michael received the ice schedule on Monday. Will meet with Troy and Barry to decide on tryout ice times. Will focus on the Atoms and Peewees first and then Bantams and Midgets. The tryout schedule will be done by this week. Times will be Monday to Friday. No weekend ice until October. The first slot is September 5. Atom and Peewee will get earlier ice times, Bantam and Midget will get the later times. Discussion followed with key points being first skate just to get legs not to evaluate, late slot times, deadlines for picking teams. There are some available ice slots for private party use. Contact the Town for this if interested. Hockey Canada has guidelines for rink line markings. Michael has talked to the Town and the front ice already does conform to these. Just for information the Wranglers will be splitting home ice with Sylvan this season 50 - 50. They currently have Wednesday night practice in Lacombe. Shelley asked if they will have practices in Sylvan as well. Michael was unsure of this.
- **EVALUATORS & ON - ICE FACILITATORS** - Hopefully there are people being lined up for this. This will be discussed at the Directors meeting. Shelley said it would be good if all evaluators had a coach certificate.
- **PERMISSION TO TRY OUT FORMS** - Michael has been filling out quite a few for some Bantams and Midget players. Send an email to Michael if needing a permission to tryout form. This is posted on the website in **bold** red type so it is noticed.

Sherry asked if LMH would be hosting the Women's game again. Mike may try to get ice to host this, maybe a Friday night. But as it is the Women's league has gone through a few changes and things are up in the air.

7:46pm Cheryl Law arrived to make her photography presentation. She talked a bit on her past experience and wanting to please the parents as well as the players with better photos than in the past. Examples of her work were passed around. She would arrange a time with each coach. An order form would be given to each parent. A memory mate (1 individual and 1 team) photo would cost \$15. She could do several different styles of photography including 8x10, black and white, montage. All pictures will be posted on-line to choose from. She could also do personalized buttons, cards, cups, tags. She finished her presentation saying that LMH would not be charged, parents would be responsible for payment for all pictures.

Discussion followed with questions. Some being:

- Tim asked what LMH paid for pictures last season. Mike replied that LMH has budgeted \$8.50 per/player for pictures.
- Deb asked if there was a minimum order. Cheryl replied no, parents could order anything.
- Mike asked start date. She could start as early as Oct 1. Should be done taking all teams photos by Nov 2. All pictures should be out by Dec 1.
- Shelley asked how long to take pictures. Cheryl said 15 to 20 minutes per team.
- Deb asked that if LMH would pay a standard amount and parent to pay the rest would she take the order. Cheryl said it might be too hard to manage with payment coming from 2 sources.

Cheryl was thanked for her time and left.

More discussion. LMH paid \$2500 for pictures last season. Deb Salmon suggested that LMH

make a transition this season, pay \$8.50 as in the past and the parents pay the remainder. Then make clear for next year that each player be responsible for whole payment. Troy said the onus should be put on the parent to pay for own child's photo. Shelley said that it is not stated anywhere that LMH has to pay for any photo, this is just something they have done. She also suggested that this issue be handled at a General meeting. Tim asked if this could be handled at the executive level. More discussion.

8:10pm Jody Goetz arrived for her presentation. She is a new photographer and has done Red Deer Rustlers pictures in the past, They were quite pleased with them. Examples of her work were passed around. Her cost for a memory mate was \$15 as well. She offers 8x10, buttons, calendars. She lives in town and her turnaround for pictures was 1 week. Sponsor pictures would be ready for Dec. 1. The team picture would be taken on ice. Individual would be taken outside or another spot. On ice team pictures would take ½ an hour to 45 minutes per team.

Discussion followed this session as well.

- Michael asked how to order. Jody said by order form.
- Tim asked where she got her photos developed. Her reply was Costco in the past, she now goes with Technicare.
- Troy asked about setup. Jody has her own lights and backdrop to use for individuals.
- Deb asked about individuals on ice. Jody needs to take individuals off-ice with the background for the montage.

She also offers a team signed frame with pen for \$20. Nice gift for coaches. If anything is unsatisfactory she will come back to redo the picture. She has no other orders lined up and would like to concentrate on LMH. Jody does not have a Website to view proofs but it is in the making. Payment could be negotiated and all extras could be ordered by the parents later.

Jody was thanked for her time and left at 8:30pm.

More discussion on the pros and cons of each photographer. Sherri said viewing the pictures on line was a good thing. Shelley said the individual pics differed because Jody's were taken off-ice. Deb said Jody had more experience with hockey teams. Each photographer offered her own extras. (ie. Buttons, calendars) Shelley said she has had 8 years of listening to complaints of bad pictures and scams. She felt the issue should go back to the General Meeting. After discussion a motion was made.

**Al McKinstry moved that LMH pick a photographer tonight. Deb seconded.
0 opposed. Carried.**

Debbie Barron made a motion to accept Cheryl Law for team photographer for this season. Sherri Straub seconded. 10 in favour 6 opposed Carried.

Discussion followed on payment for the pictures.

**Chad Kanngiesser moved that LMH be responsible for sponsor picture cost only. Families are responsible for individual and team photo costs. Tim Timmons seconded.
0 opposed 0 abstained Carried.**

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER - Debbie Barron Nothing to report

REGISTRAR - Tracy Tetreau absent

Mike reported that there are 286 players registered. Maybe more to come on August 30th.

Initiation 30 Novice 39 Atom 49 Peewee 46 Bantam 39 Midget 42
6 goalies 4 goalies 6 goalies 5 goalies

EQUIPMENT MANAGER - Chad Kanngiesser Everything good so far.

COACH MENTOR - Barry MacKenzie absent Mike will meet with him for preparation of evaluations.

SPONSORSHIP - Lori Hellofs Letters were sent out. Money is coming in. Still wanting 4 web sponsors of \$750 each. People interested please contact Lori. Joey's Only may be interested. Deb will approach this business. Lacombe's radio station, Sunny 94, is very interested in working with us. Al suggested approaching hotels for web sponsors. Darin suggested putting DB Bobcat on website in exchange for work done on ODR. It would be ideal to have one web sponsor per team.

CONCESSION - Sherri Straub The breakdown from Lori is not good. LMH lost money at Ringette Camp. Is it worth having it open for LMH tryouts. Maybe one person for just fries, coffee, drinks. Maybe open 5-9. LMH ice is limited to 7:30 - 11:00pm. Tim asked if it would pay to open, Sherri didn't know as it was not open last year at tryouts. Sherri would keep track if open this year. Sheldon said maybe close early if not busy. Sherri reported that some prices will increase this season. Maybe open up hours to offer parents more work time. This was limited to 12 hrs per player in the past.

Discussion during Sherri's report. Suppliers are asking about payment. This should be rectified. Debbie asked about handling bills and cheques. The treasurer should have the cheque book, talk to Lori to get settled. There are 4 people who can sign cheques for LMH. They are President, Vice president, Treasurer and Secretary.

Discussion on restitution for trips to Costco for supplies. Keep track of mileage and turn in for reimbursement. Darryl asked why asking local businesses for sponsorship but shopping in Red Deer. Tim asked about price comparison between local businesses and others. Maybe need to talk to local and negotiate. Darryl said not much difference. Sherri to talk to Carol on this matter.

Sherri felt that the concession staff were deserving a raise. Maybe .50 to \$1 more. Tim asked about the parent wage. What impact if \$1 more. Sherri said prices would have to go up. There is lack of parent workers and part time staff. Tim asked what needed to be done to staff the concession. Are parents getting info for working the concession. Sherri has been advertising.

Sherri Straub moved to increase the Head Supervisor wage to \$13/hr and the Assistant Supervisor wage to \$11/hr. Student wage will start at \$7.50/hr and parent wage will increase to \$7.50/hr. Parents can work unlimited concession hours. Darryl seconded. 0 opposed Carried.

ICE CONVENER - Tom Fisher His intent is to update Website daily.

GAME AND CONDUCT - Ken Fordyce Nothing to report.

REFEREE IN CHIEF - Darryl Krakowka Darryl reported that ref fees will go up this season. They will be listed on the website. Deb asked who makes the increases. Darryl said the Referee Board sets the rates. Tim asked about increase in budget for refs. Discussion on budget followed. Budget last year was \$20500. Spent almost \$19000. Difference of \$1563.23. Discussion on some refs not returning.

Tim Timmons moved that LMH approve the 2006 - 2007 North Central Minor Hockey Referee rates for all levels excluding Initiation and Novice. Mark Beierback seconded. 0 opposed Darryl abstained. Carried.

Discussion on Initiation and Novice referee rates.

Darryl Krakowka moved that LMH increase the Initiation/Novice Referee rates to \$15/game from \$13.50/game. Discussion. Tom Fisher seconded. 13 in favour 0 opposed Darryl Krakowka abstained. Carried.

Referee clinics will run Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. This is for all Level 1 and 2 refs. There will be an ad in paper and on the radio. There will be a Level 3 clinic in Red Deer. Darryl to get referee abuse

signs from Hockey Alberta to put up in rink.

TOURNAMENT CHAIR - Lori McCrea absent

FUNDRAISING - Sherri Straub/ Greg Braat Nothing to report

4. DIRECTOR REPORTS

INITIATION - Mark Beierback Nothing to report

NOVICE - Darin Gill Nothing to report

ATOM - Gord McLennan absent Are wanting in numbers

PEEWEE - Sheldon Kuhn/ Deb Salmon Coaches are applying Troy said get applications in if wanting to coach. Michael said get the word out.

BANTAM - Allan McKinstry Asked if a decision was made on imports. Tim asked if this was based on numbers. Michael said will be a board decision and has to be looked at. Has to be a year to year decision. Discussion. Tabled until new rules come in.

MIDGET - Tim Timmons Discussion as above.

FEMALE - Greg Braat absent

5. NEW BUSINESS Hockey photo as discussed earlier in the meeting.

6. NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be the Fall General Meeting set for September 20 at 7:00 pm Arena Upper Lobby.

7. ADJOURNMENT Michael adjourned the meeting at 9:54 pm.