

**LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY  
EXECUTIVE MEETING  
JUNE 22, 2006  
7:00 PM ARENA UPPER LOBBY**

Michael Kartusch called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm with the following in attendance: Ken Fordyce, Darin Gill, Susan Sargeant, Sandi Gouchie, Mark Beierback, Greg Braat, Troy Rider, Lori McCrea, Tracey Tetreau, Debbie Barron, Tim Timmons, Darryl Krakowka, Ted Jardine, Barry Mackenzie, Gordon McLennan, Shelley Bolze, Tom Fisher, Sheldon Kuhn, Chad Kanngiesser.

1. Introductions were made as there are a few new faces on the executive this season.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Tim moved that the minutes from the last meeting be accepted as printed. Daryl seconded. Carried.**

**3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Michael Kartusch**

- **EXECUTIVE POSITIONS** - There are still a few executive positions available. They are posted on the Website. They are Registrar, Coach Mentor, Lower Referee Assigner, Fundraising Coordinator, and Bantam Director. If anyone is interested or knows of anyone who is interested in these positions please let Michael know.
- **REBELS GAME** - LMH is once again hosting a game between the Red Deer Rebels and the Calgary Hitmen on Sept 15. Game time is 7:30pm. Dwight Baird will be spearheading the planning. A meeting date will be set.
- **WOMENS GAME** - LMH hosted a game last year between the Oval X-treme and the Chimos. Do we want to do this again? Some money was made and it was a good opportunity for people to see the Women's' teams play. Discussion followed. Heather Williams will be stepping down as Co-Female Director. Greg will be the only Female Director and will get the contact information from Heather on this matter.
- **NORTH CENTRAL MEETING** - Will be going with the same timelines. The season will be set up on the Website. Michael reported that LMH will stay with RAMP for the ongoing upkeep of the Website. A few changes are to be made to make the site is more functional and more efficient. There is an increase of \$1 per/player for the site.

A motion was passed at the NC meeting for the Performance Bond to remain at \$100 instead of \$500. There will be another NC meeting in the fall.

Michael reported that the problem with the Midget A team was resolved. The head coach will still be suspended from coaching within LMH. All other persons from LMH involved in this situation were exonerated. Nothing has changed for the persons from Ponoka. All Ponoka coaches involved with this situation are still suspended.

North Central is also looking to fill the position of Governor.

- **HOCKEY ALBERTA MEETING** -Hockey Alberta Board of Directors passed the Alberta Development Model which is designed to enable Alberta's top athletes to compete at the highest level in a fair and equitable manner This to include Bantam AAA, 15 year old Elite, and Midget AAA. It is to be implemented in a 2 year cycle. More information can be found on the Hockey Alberta Website under the News heading.  
Discussion followed, with many questions being asked. Tim wondered if there would be any benefits to our association. Michael said that top players from town could be represented in the zone. Troy added that there would be centralized zoning meaning less travel. Ted questioned if this would allow more LMH players to play at a higher level. Shelley said that these teams would use other towns players maybe more so than ours. More discussion followed.

Provincial category ( AA, A, B, C) will now be based on the present years registration numbers. Category used to be based on the previous years registration numbers. The same timeline will be used for preseason and season. Discussion followed about the pros and cons of this change.

Michael reported that there will be an increase in Referee fees. Also there is rumor that senior refs will get a 1 day clinic, instead of a 2 day clinic, possibly this year. New refs would still attend a 2 day clinic.

HAB will be following NHL rules that include no hooking. There will be set rules on what can be done and what not. They are also looking to reduce the size of goalie equipment in a few years. Also wanting to change the size/zones of all rinks to be equal.

- **LA SUMMER HOCKEY CAMP** - The camp is now full with divisions in Novice, Atom, and Peewee. There is a wait list, if more players are interested. Please contact Lance or Tom Bast to be placed on this list in case players drop out.
  - **15 year Old Elite** - Boyd's request for a 15 year old Midget team was denied. Shelley said that LMH needs to send a letter to North Central voicing disappointment as they are promoting towns to try for a 15 team and then are denied. They need to open the door for other associations.
  - **OUTDOOR RINK** - Michael will be sending a letter to the town asking them to take over the maintenance of the rink, as there are many users of the facility, not only hockey players. Shelley said that they should also be asked about the nets that were taken away. Why they were taken and when they would be returned.
  - **ICE** - Ice rates for LMH will be increased to \$77.50 an hour. The ice will be installed at the end of June. Ice times will be similar to last year.
- EVALUATORS** - Directors need to get started on lining up evaluators for the upcoming season. There will be a Directors meeting mid - late August to get things rolling. The weekend of August 28<sup>th</sup> was suggested as a meeting date.

#### 4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### TREASURER - Debbie Barron

Lori reported that financially LMH did not do as well as anticipated. Concession sales were down. There may be a need to raise prices in the concession, as our prices are lower than those at many other rinks. The ice bill was almost double from last year. There were too many unused slots.

LMH paid for some things for the ODR (outdoor rink) shovels, etc. at the end of the year. Tim questioned what looks like a \$14000 loss on the Income Statement. Lori explained that with the ODR development, the grant was given 1 year but used the next year changed things a bit. Also the budget and actual concession sales differed by quite a bit. Lori assured that LMH is still OK financially as there is \$10000 in the LMH General Account as well as extra in the concession account that could be brought over if needed.

Ringette gave back unneeded ice for Provincials, but it sat unused by LMH. LMH had not budgeted for ice that week, but had to pay.

Shelley interjected that Initiation and Novice needs to fill their ice slots till the end of March and not leave unused ice. Also LMH had 4 teams go to Provincials. ( Midget female, 2 Peewee, and 1 Atom) One of these teams did not pay the Provincial fee of \$200. Debbie needs to talk to the manager or coach of the teams to collect the monies from the negligent team.

Discussion followed about the budget. \$20000 had gone to the ODR and \$14000 to support last season. The registration fees were left for last season but needed to be increased this year. There is a \$15000 surplus, so there is no cause for alarm at this point. The casino that has profit of \$15-\$20000, is budgeted over 2 years.

**Debbie moved to accept the financial statement as printed. Shelley seconded. 0 opposed**

## **Carried.**

### REGISTRAR - Tracey Tetreau

Tracey reported that registration is going well. 170 players are registered so far. Some questioned if LMH were accepting imports this season. Shelley said each director needs to keep up with registration numbers in their division to decide if there is a need for imports. Ted explained to some why LMH accepts imports. With some Bantam and Midget players going to other centers to play on higher level teams it sometimes leaves LMH teams low on numbers to be competitive. Voids can be filled with imports.

Sandi questioned the need of forms to be filled out asking about other sports that players are involved in. Discussion followed. It was explained that players could be registered in Hockey or Ringette but not both, as there is a need for commitment to one team. If a player is on two teams, one team could be suffering for lack of said player. Questioned also was how Ringette differs from school sports in this aspect. It was determined that school sports do not last the entire hockey season, so there is a small amount of interference between teams. Ringette has the same timeline as hockey, which could mean more interference. Shelley said that Ringette had the same problems the whole year but did not want to raise the issue. There needs to be a commitment to one team or the other team is continually being let down.

### CASINO - Sandi Gouchie

The casino is this weekend. Volunteers are lined up and ready to go. Picture ID is needed. Volunteers can not drink or gamble while working. Sandi also needs cheques so she can pay.

### EQUIPMENT MANAGER - Chad Kanngiesser

There are some new goalie pads that need to be paid for. There was talk of an equipment swap. Maybe the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August. All leftover equipment could go to Kidsport.

### COACH MENTOR - Ted passed on his information to Barry Mackenzie.

### SPONSORSHIP - Lori Hellofs - absent

Michael reported that the target for sponsorship is \$12000. LMH needs a \$2000 sponsor for the Website. Each division needs sponsorship. If anyone is interested please contact Lori or Michael.

### CONCESSION - Sherri Straub - absent

Michael reported that the concession did not have a great year as discussed earlier.

### GAME AND CONDUCT - Gary Wiedmer

Gary will meet with Ken Fordyce to pass on info that he has. Shelley thinks that Irv Heide might have the original handbook for Game and Conduct. Maybe check with him. The Hockey Alberta Website will have some guidelines for Ken to follow.

### REFEREE IN CHIEF - Darryl Krakowka

There will be an increase in ref fees this season. There will be a 1 day clinic for senior refs. Thanks to LMH for money given for the refs to have a wrap up party. Watch for new rules this season as to what players can do or not. (ie. Hooking)

### TOURNAMENT CHAIR - Lori McCrea

Suggestion was made for LMH to move Initiation/Novice tournament to accommodate Provincial Playdowns.

FUNDRAISING - vacant - The application for the cash lottery needs to be in ASAP. Also a fundraising coordinator is needed.

#### **4. DIRECTORS REPORTS**

INITIATION - Mark Beierback - nothing to report

NOVICE - Darin Gill - Darin is new to the position. Help will be given to him.

ATOM - Gord McLennan - Gord to get in touch with the previous director to get info. It was suggested that 3-4 tournaments was enough for this age group.

PEEWEE - Sheldon Kuhn/Deb Salmon - Sheldon has 2 evaluators lined up already.

BANTAM - vacant

MIDGET - Tim Timmons - Tim asked the number of Midgets registered. There are 12 at this time. Tim asked also that coaches fill out applications ASAP. Michael said there were already 15 coaches applications received in several divisions. Question raised by someone on how coaches are picked. Response was that the President or Vice President along with the Coach Mentor/s and Director are responsible for picking coaches after having a meeting with each one. After this it up to the coach to pick his/her assistants. Teams are picked and then a coach is assigned to the team.

FEMALE - Greg Braat - Things are coming along.

#### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

- **SET ICE TIMES** Ted said that it would be beneficial if teams had set times for practices and game slots. Tom replied that was the intent last year, but didn't work out as planned. Tom will try for this season.
- New posters are needed about the Abuse of Officials.
- There were about 60 coaches evaluations received. A suggestion was made for this to be done at midpoint in the season as well as the end. Maybe less issues that could be resolved sooner.
- Greg was looking for more development of female players. Questioned a team at Atom level. How to go about this. Also asked about getting more ice times. Shelley replied that there was no Atom League for girls. The Atom females play in the Red Deer Rec. League. Troy replied that ice was not being used effectively. Maybe if we can show the Town that LMH is taking steps to fix this they may be forthcoming with more ice.
- Lori stated that the Website worked well for available ice. Her sons' team picked up some ice slots. LMH is trying to upgrade a system on the Website so more people will know about available ice.
- Tim suggested to set up a meeting with the Police to discuss security at games. Maybe their presence at games would deter bad behavior.
- Tim stated that LMH needs a policy in place for Resolutions and Motions made at meetings in place for reference. An original Policy and Procedure Manual is needed. Troy said that Policy and Procedures LMH follows has to be consistent with Hockey Alberta.
- Shelley said that Michael and Dwight will schedule a Rebels planning meeting.

**7. NEXT MEETING** The next Executive meeting will be scheduled for August 23, 2006. Evaluations will start Sept. 5.

**8. ADJOURNMENT** Michael adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.