

**LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY
EXECUTIVE MEETING
NOVEMBER 22, 2006
ARENA UPPER LOBBY**

PRESIDENT Michael Kartusch x
VICE - PRESIDENT Troy Rider x
PAST PRESIDENT Shelley Bolze xl
TREASURER Debbie Barron a
REGISTRAR Tracey Tetreau x
SECRETARY Susan Sargeant x
BOOKKEEPER Lori McCrea x
EQUIPMENT MANAGER Chad Kanngiesser x
Kevin Frank a
TOURNAMENT CHAIR Lori McCrea x
ICE CONVENER Tom Fisher x
CONCESSION CONVENER Sherri Straub x
SPONSORSHIP Lori Hellofs x
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 a
LOWER ASSIGNER Sheila Beierback a
UPPER ASSIGNER Darryl Krakowka a
INITIATION Mark Beierback a
NOVICE Darin Gill x
ATOM Gord McLennan x
PEEWEE Sheldon Kuhn x
Deb Salmon a
BANTAM Allan McKinstry xl
MIDGET Tim Timmons a
FEMALE Greg Braat a

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

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. Others in attendance were Graham Parsons and Michelle Underwood.

1. WELCOME AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES Michael welcomed everyone to the meeting. Chad moved that the minutes from the last executive meeting be approved as presented. Sherri Straub seconded. Carried.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Michael Kartusch

- **REBELS ENMAX EVENT** - This event was done a couple times 2 to 3 years ago. 6 Rebel players came and did skills and played a game with some Atom players. Michael asked if this was something LMH wanted to take part in again. There was some discussion the outcome being that Atom was the appropriate age to do this. The kids were thrilled to be playing with the Rebels and also by the autographs. Michael would contact Jennifer to get details. Shelley said that in the past Darryl supplied hotdogs and hot chocolate and maybe would again.

Sheldon said his experience with this was chaotic with 60 kids on the back ice. He said it was a

“gong show” and not very enjoyable. Tom said he could try to make it work for the front ice. Lori McCrea said the original intent was for it to be pond hockey, maybe the ODR could be used instead of inside the arena.

Shelley said 2 years ago the weather was a factor as the ice was too soft and slushy, that's why the change to inside. Shelley said Jennifer should decide inside or out and LMH should get the details from her. Michael will report back with the information.

- **AVAILABLE ICE / RETURNING ICE** - Troy spoke briefly on the reclaim policy for ice. He will have the info emailed to directors and in turn they will direct it to the team managers. As February and March are the problem times all teams should make sure the policy is understood and followed.

Sherri asked about 2 teams not playing their final games in the recent tournament. She was wondering what happens with the cost of the unused ice. Michael replied that it would probably come out of the tournament funds. The ice and refs have to be paid. Hockey Alberta (HAB) should have guidelines to follow and info on this.

Ken Fordyce said HAB should be contacted and will have a policy on how to handle this situation. The 2 teams were getting blown out at every game, packed up and left. Shelley suggested contacting Sherry Haarstad or Murray Berezowski about the issue. Information will be distributed when received from HAB.

Troy reminded everyone to contact and /or cancel refs when changing scheduled games. Lori McCrea asked about a game and tournament at the same time. The team was already in a tournament before getting the schedule late from North Central. She questioned who was responsible for the unused ice. Tom has emailed out to teams and is awaiting a reply. Michael reminded teams again to return ice and cancel refs if attending a tournament. Take care of own business in town. Troy reminded teams to get Travel Permits if attending a non-scheduled game out of town. (ie. exhibition, tournaments) This can be set up well ahead.

The arena is closed to LMH during Christmas. It is open for the D&M tourney or special groups. To rent ice privately contact Calvin. Sherri said there would be no concession open for this period. Michael to confirm info with Calvin.

- **LINES OF COMMUNICATION: LMHA & HAB** - Copies of Minor Hockey Support Structure were passed around. Policy to follow with issues is first waiting 24 hours before acting. Issues are brought first to the manager, then coach, to director and then to executive if not resolved within team. Deb Northcott from North Central emailed this out to all associations. Do not contact Deb or Nick Taylor directly. Go through Michael for issues or Tom for ice issues. This info will be on the website. The Zone Manager is willing to talk to a parent if LMHA can't rectify the issue.
- **COACHES CLINICS: COACH LEVEL & CHECKING SKILLS** -There is a Coach Level I clinic scheduled for this weekend. Saturday November 25 9:00 am at the LJHS. There are 25 people signed up for this course. Tracey asked about whether this course was for other provinces. (BC, Sask. Man) Michael said that it was just for Alberta coaches. Coaches have to attend a course and get their Coach Level I certification before Dec 31, 2006. A person with this is needed on the bench at all times.

A checking clinic will take place on Dec 16. Kids are needed to help with this clinic. Please let coaches know as the clinic is mandatory for Peewee division, but everyone throughout LMH could and should attend a course. Michael to send info to all coaches. The first 2 clinics went well with 14 people attending Speak Out and 17 for Safety.

- **TIMEKEEPER SEMINAR** - Michael has not set this up yet. He will talk to Darryl and set it up for a date in December.
- **OUTDOOR RINK** - The town will be flooding The ODR maybe this weekend. LMH is looking for someone to flood regularly. Sandy Jardine is looking into the acquisition of an ice resurfacing machine. The town could supply a tractor. Boyd would maybe store it at Big Splash. Lori suggested finding a company willing to purchase if their company name is put on it. Empire Auto is looking to contribute to LMHA in some manner. Michael suggested using the Radio Station and the paper to get info out to the public asking for support. Shelley asked if a motion was needed to purchase this machine. Al suggested to get a quick meeting together later to vote on spending if and when money comes in.

Al McKinstry moved that LMH be authorize to spend up to \$2000 on an ice resurfacing machine for the Outdoor Rink. Tracey Tetreau seconded. Tom Fisher seconded.

Discussion followed on how to maintain the machine and making sure it is operable before purchase. Al suggested a committee be formed to look into this. Could be chaired by Chad with Boyd and Sandy to help. **Vote 0 opposed Carried.**

- **HOCKEY ALBERTA DEADLINES** January 10 is the deadline for player registration, carding and affiliation.
- **REFUND REQUEST** - Parents of an injured LMH player registered him not knowing if he could play or not. The player went for one skate and was still hurting. Dad is requesting a refund.
Shelley said a refund would be issued. The carding fee would be kept but issue the rest back. Al questioned on how to receive a refund. Players requesting a refund must only send a letter to Michael. This is not an executive issue. Tracey suggested getting a doctor's report, stating player is ok to play, if player is wanting to return at a later date.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER - Debbie Barron - absent Lori McCrea reported that a few people have not paid in full. There are 5 players that should not be on the ice until fees are paid. Lori has already talked to them. Michael is to contact these people again with issue of non-payment. Shelley said if they have been warned already the players should not be on the ice now. Also there are NSF cheques. These are 2 more players that should not be on the ice until fees are paid in full. Must be paid by Cash or Money order.

Another issue is one person charging LMH fees on a credit card through Big Splash and refusing to pay the bill. Big Splash was stuck with the bill and needs to be paid.

REGISTRAR - Tracey Tetreau - Reported that everything was good to go. Everything done.

ICE CONVENER - Tom Fisher - Tom reported that there were few problems but a couple unused hours this week. Another schedule revision to come. Will affect the Bantams this weekend. There has only been 12 hours of unused ice to date. These directly related to North Central not having the schedule out and teams scheduling their own games. Michael is to handle one group with a few problems. Some ice came back only 3 days prior. Was able to fill some of it.

EQUIPMENT MANAGER - Chad Kanngiesser / Kevin Frank - Chad reported that there is 1 set of jerseys to come. He also questioned changing the color of LMH jerseys. Some companies are asking to have their crests on front. Lori Hellofs suggested Website survey on subject. Discussion on sponsorship. Some associations get more money from their sponsors. Lori and Chad will look into some of these matters.

COACH MENTOR - Barry Mackenzie absent

SPONSORSHIP - Lori Hellofs - Everybody has paid. All is good.

CONCESSION - Sherri Straub - Supervisor is back at work. A few concerns with tourneys. Items such as Gatorade and chips are being put in goody bags. Maybe non-competing products could be used instead, such as juice boxes and power bars.

Concession supervisor fell and hurt herself. Was off for three weeks. Is asking for paid sick leave. Discussion followed. Suggestions were to file through EI. Contact WCB to get info and check out other options.

Parents are needed to work in concession. Students and parents are paid \$7.50 /hr. Contact Carol if wanting to work. Suggestions were made on how to get more parent workers in. Issue to be addressed at Spring General Meeting. Get information out to all parents.

A Ringette mom had signed up to work in concession not knowing it was for LMH parents only. She worked a few hours and was told she could not work more. There is an issue of non-payment for this woman. She needs to be paid. A note should be sent with her cheque apologizing for the misunderstanding.

GAME AND CONDUCT - Ken Fordyce - All is quiet. Sheldon asked about the 2 teams that left the tournament early. Wanting to know if Ken is to deal with this. Shelley said that if it was brought forth as a conflict to us then Ken would be involved. Michael is to take care of this issue. Ken said these teams should be penalized in some way. Maybe pay for ice and refs at tournament.

REFEREE IN CHIEF - Darryl Krakowka absent. Michael reported for Darryl. Suggestion box in ref room was vandalized. Clocks in the ref rooms are missing. Michael to take care of replacement clocks. Darryl appreciated the way the refs were taken care of at the recent tourney. Lori brought forth issue of new linesmen working with a new referee. Michael is trying to work on this. Shelley said there is a shortage of refs. Final ref clinic to be held in Red Deer. Go to HAB website for more info.

TOURNAMENT CHAIR - Lori McCrea - Lori reported that Peewee tourney was done. Initiation/Novice have started plans. Atom plans are well underway.

There is an issue of an out of town business to sell merchandise in the lobby at the Atom tournament. Said business came to them, they did not approach him. Discussion followed on pros and cons of this concept. It was deemed the issue would be left to the directors and tournament committee to deal with. Michael said this might be addressed as a policy item.

Michael asked Al if there was interest from the Bantams in hosting a tournament. The dates of Feb 16-17 were available. Shelley suggested approaching the Midgets. Talk to Tim about this. Michael will contact Tim.

FUNDRAISING - Sherri Straub / Greg Braat - Sherri reported that all the tickets are out. There are lots of extra books to sell. Sherri will leave these in concession for people if wanting to sell more. Lori said maybe some could be sold at the Mall during Moonlight Madness. Nov 30.

4. DIRECTOR REPORTS

INITIATION - Mark Beierback - absent Troy reported everything going good.

NOVICE - Darin Gill - All good. No problems. Teams are improving.

ATOM - Gord McLennan - 3 out of 4 teams are doing good. Tier 5 team is having problems. Has received a few letters from a core group of parents with issues. Some are asking why 2 equal teams were not made at bottom. Discussion followed. Shelley said in the past equal teams were made at Atom level. There were many problems between the 2 teams playing against each other in the same tier. A lot of animosity at school and out. It was decided at that time that tiering would be done from top to bottom. Michael said maybe look into this policy again.

PEEWEE - Sheldon Kuhn A team is 500. B team is 500. C team is in tough. Successful tournament. No count yet but went well.

BANTAM - Al McKinstry - Tier 2 A team doing well with 13 players. Tier 4 B team has injuries.

Had 14, 1 quit. Peewees are supporting us.

MIDGET - Tim Timmons - absent Things going relatively well. B and C team OK. A team in tough in Tier 1. Shelley reported that manager and coach for the A team were wanting more ice time for the Midgets. Discussion on lack of ice/ more slots. Maybe will buy elsewhere if no more in Lacombe. Troy reminded everyone if buying ice elsewhere a Special Events permit is required.

FEMALE - Greg Braat - absent Michelle reported that the Atom/Pewee team were finding the year challenging as there is not a lot of competition for them. Most games are blowouts with them winning. Only Olds is competitive with them. Had new goalie, not much of a workout for her. Going to tourney in Lloydminster, may be more competition. Only have 6 Pewee players for next year. May be a problem.

Michelle also reported that 8 people were not happy with the pictures. The Novice were happy with theirs. Troy send out email to get feedback. Cheryl will redo pictures if people not happy. Revisit picture issue at Spring General meeting.

Midget female are doing good.

5. NEW BUSINESS Nothing at this time

6. NEXT MEETING Set for January 17, 2007.

7. ADJOURNMENT Michael adjourned the meeting at 9:26 pm.