

**LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY
EXECUTIVE MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2006 7:00PM
ARENA UPPER LOBBY**

PRESIDENT Michael Kartusch x
VICE - PRESIDENT Troy Rider x
PAST PRESIDENT Shelley Bolze a
TREASURER Debbie Barron x
REGISTRAR Tracey Tetreau a
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 CONVENOR Sherri Straub x
SPONSORSHIP Lori Hellofs a
FUNDRAISING Sherri Straub x
Greg Braat x

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

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

Others present for the meeting were Trevor Masko and Dean Otto.

1. WELCOME AND APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

Michael welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Sherri Straub moved that the minutes from the last meeting be approved as presented.
Lori McCrea seconded. Carried.**

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Michael Kartusch

- **NORTH CENTRAL MEETING** - Michael reported that North Central has games scheduled for Tiers 1 and 2. Tiers 3, 4 and 5 are to schedule their own games. Tier 5 and Females have schedules as well. If The North Central schedule is out and different than the teams' it is the teams' responsibility to fix this. Thanks so much to the directors who have done a great job getting things straightened out so far. Will have to find out from North Central to see what caused the mix-up.
Some game books were given out at the Coaches meeting. Mick put some in the lockers for Bantam and Midget.
Pre-season for Tiers 1 and 2 end October 23, and regular season starts October 27.
Pre-season for Tier 3 plus Female ends October 30, and regular season starts November 3.
All information will be put on the LMH website.
- **PICTURES** - In the past LMH has paid for a memory mate (1 team and 1 individual picture) for all players. These have cost about \$8.00. Cost for the memory mate this year will be \$15.00. LMH will contribute \$8.00 per player towards pictures for all players. Parents will be responsible for any additional fees. Michael will write a letter to put out to directors and then get this info to the parents. Deb suggested putting this on the website. If there is a financial problem for anyone wanting pictures please contact Michael.
- **AVAILABLE ICE** - Troy spoke on available and unused ice. A new policy has been drawn up on reclaiming ice to try to keep unused ice hours down. Discussion followed. Tom Fisher will manage, change and reclaim ice. LMH is wanting to get unneeded ice returned at least 10 days prior, so it can be given away for other teams use. LMH is charged the adult rate of \$112/hour after 50 hours of unused ice. There were 74 hours of unused ice last season.

Lacombe Minor Hockey Ice Slot Return/Claim Process

The thought process is, as ice comes available: (Our goal is to minimize LMH's unused ice time)

Returning/Claiming Ice:

- Returning ice must be done 10 days prior to ice time, return via e-mail to Ice Convener **Tom Fisher (e-mail: difisher@telus.net)**
- Ice Convener will e-mail all team rep ice contacts, stating date and time ice is available.
 - The group the ice is from (Initiation, Novice, Atom, PeeWee, etc) will have first chance at claiming the ice time slot (36hrs to claim)
 - Priority will be given to teams requiring make-up league games, provincials, or playoff play.
 - A balancing process will be used for the additional ice times claimed between the groups. (e.g. last to have or highest ice times claimed will have last priority to claim)
 - Reset additional ice claims each month (easier to manage and does not penalize teams for taking up available ice early in the year)
 - Game and practice ice slots are considered the same for claims, each equal one claim.
 - Available ice not claimed within the group, within 36 hrs, ice will be allocated to another groups/team interested.
 - Balancing process still in effect.
 - When ice slot is available and your team is interested in the extra ice, reply to available ice time slot ASAP (within the 36hr claim period). Even if your team is not in the group the ice is available from.
 - If there are no interested teams for the returned ice, the Ice Convener can return ice to the town at no charge to LMH or team returning the ice.
 - All ice will be allocated to team awarded ice within 48hrs of available ice time posting from the Ice Convener.

Unused/Non-returned ice:

- Returning ice after the one week (7day) cut off time, cannot return ice to the Town of Lacombe.
 - It is up to the team who owns the ice slot to find a user for the ice slot, preferable within the own group, but does not have to be.
 - If no ice time user found for the ice slot, the ice slot remains the team's responsibility.
 - Look into finding alternate user for ice (can we sell to other team outside of LMH? Such men's team, etc.)
- If an ice slot goes unused and was not returned to the town prior to 1 week, the team owning the ice slot can be charged ice time fees, payable from the team owning the ice slot.

Understanding the 10 day look ahead is ideal and this will not always be the case, as schedules do change. Each team should try to follow the set process. In cases, in which ice goes unused and is not returned for claiming or to the Town of Lacombe, the Lacombe Minor Hockey President, Vice President, group Director and Ice Convener shall meet to discuss who is liable for the ice time fees (LMH or the team owning the ice slot).

- **WEBSITE** - Michael sent out user names and passwords to team managers to access the

website. All teams are encouraged to use the website for schedules and other team information. It is a good tool in helping teams get out information to players and parents. If there are any problems please contact Michael for help as he is the Webmaster.

- DB Bobcat Ad is now on the Website. LMH has also got a few new Web Sponsors.
- **PROVINCIALS** - If any teams are interested in hosting Provincials they need to get a bid application in soon. The deadline for this is November 14.
- **COACHES CLINICS** - LMH has applied to Hockey Alberta to host Safety and Speak Out courses. Also a Checking Clinic will be set up after getting available ice. Information on these clinics will be posted on the Web as soon as dates are set. Instructors will be contacted and courses will be at the Junior High. Stay tuned to Website for information.
- **TIMEKEEPERS SEMINAR** - Because of new rule changes this season many more penalties are expected. If anyone is interested Michael will set up a mini class on setting and running the clock. A cheat sheet could be drawn up and laminated to be kept in the penalty box to help anyone unfamiliar with setting multiple penalties. Information to follow as soon as this is set up.
- **DRESSING ROOM CLEANUP** - There has been an incident of chewing tobacco use in dressing rooms. Tim has addressed this with the Midget Coaches. A \$50 cleanup fee will be passed on to the team responsible for the mess. If there is repetition of this problem no change room will be assigned to that team. Discussion followed on other associations teams being charged, Calvin sending out letter to offending team, a warning first and then a bill. Chad said there is a sign in each room about spitting. The fine will be sent directly to the offending team, LMH will not cover the charge.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER - Debbie Barron

Lori McCrea reported on the profit from the Rebels game. Profit was broken down into several categories: advance sales, front door sales, 50/50, programs, and concession. Total profit from the game was \$5712.50. LMH income is up from last season.

REGISTRAR - Tracey Tetreau - absent

Michael reported that LMH has 313 total players registered. 77 for Initiation/ Novice, 190 from Atom to Midget male, 46 Female players. LMH is sitting at the "A" level for next season.

EQUIPMENT MANAGER - Chad Kanngiesser / Kevin Frank

Chad reported that most of the equipment has been given out. There are still pinnies unreturned from tryouts. Hopefully coaches are putting these to good use. 400 pucks were lost or stolen during tryouts. These have to be brought upstairs after each session not left unattended. Pylons are also missing. Improvement is needed on this for next year.

COACH MENTOR - Barry Mackenzie

LMH has a DVD of the new rules. There are also copies of this. The original works well, the copies don't play well. Barry suggested leaving one in the DVD player for anyone to use. LMH acquired a new DVD player for the locker room last year. Please make use of this. It can be used as a tool for the players to view themselves.

SPONSORSHIP - Lori Hellofs - absent

Darin Gill reported that the majority of money is in. A few sponsors have been changed. Some have left and new ones are replacements. 3 new web sponsors. Tim Hortons sweaters will arrive next week. Player Of The Week forms for the Globe can be filled out by the parents and returned. Clicking on the DB Bobcat Ad will take you directly to their website.

GAME AND CONDUCT - Ken Fordyce

Only problem was tobacco in dressing rooms. Halos have no tarnish yet. Everything good.

CONCESSION - Sherri Straub

There has already been 1 parent not show up to work tonight. Hopefully we can get new students to work. Michael said that people new to town are not aware that they can work. Sherri said Carol put up a sign asking for all interested in working to contact her. The concession phone number is 782-9933. Michael said that after the regular season schedule is out please contact the concession of any changes as this will help with staff scheduling in the concession. Sherri said that Carol was surprised and happy for her raise in pay. There was a problem with the fan in the kitchen, something happened to the floor. Michael said the town will take care of repairs after hockey season is over. Otherwise everything is good.

REFEREE IN CHIEF - Darryl Krakowka - absent

Chad reported that there will be lots of penalties this season. Please be prepared. There are lots of game sheets. Michael said it has been tough to get refs with the schedule mess as it is. Please give plenty of advance notice to get refs for your games.

TOURNAMENT CHAIR - Lori McCrea

Lori reported that planning is underway for the Pee wee Tournament. Atoms are to start their tournament planning on Sunday. The Initiation and Novice should probably start their planning soon. Michael asked Al McKinstry if the Bantams were interested in hosting a tournament this season. It is their turn this season as they alternate with the Females from year to year. Al said probably no interest as the Division is small with only two small teams this year. Discussion followed. The spot to be filled is mid-February. This time could possibly be filled with something else, also slots for makeup games may be needed. Lori asked for the posting of the female tournament be pulled from the Website as she is receiving many calls.

FUNDRAISING - Sherri Straub / Greg Braat

Get team lists to Greg this weekend. Sherri said the tickets are ready to be distributed. Please get team contact information to Sherri or Greg. Can be emailed to Greg. Contact him for his email address. There are 300 books to sell, 1 book per family. There are 60 extras to sell if any one can sell more. If there is more than one player per family, the tickets will be distributed to the youngest player through their team.

4. DIRECTOR REPORTS

INITIATION - Mark Beierback - Everything going good. Needs keys for some of his coaches. Lori said that if anyone was wanting the LMH Easton coats, they are backordered from the factory until January. There are Kewl track suits available from High 5 for \$60.

NOVICE - Darin Gill - Everything good. Lots of interest in tourney. Entrance fee was raised this season to \$500.

ATOM - Gord McLennan - Smooth. Kids seem to be benefiting after division going from 3 teams to 4.

PEEWEE - Sheldon Kuhn/ Deb Salmon - Doing OK. All 3 teams are loaded. 1 appeal to be dealt with. Tournament planning going well. A few kids have quit and are looking for refunds.

BANTAM - Al McKinstry - We have 2 small teams of 13 and 14. The top team carded 2 players down so both teams can use them. Having trouble finding head coach for second team. Al in the process of taking over as head coach.

MIDGET - Tim Timmons - Have 3 teams. Had problems getting coaches for second team. 1 player did appeal, it was denied. Have carded some players down from A to B, and B to C. Small teams carded this way so if teams are lacking players these can go down to play. Coaches are now in place, could be a good season. Michael said it was suggested that there be 2 people to take on the role of Midget Director. Maybe next year.

FEMALE - Greg Braat - Peewees are 0 and 2. 16 players. Coaches are in place. Bantams are 1 and 1. 1 overage player who is goalie. May have problems for Provincials. Midgets are 2 and 0. Have a good coach. Described as drill sergeant, girls are responding well to her. Had a seminar on new rules, 70 people showed up at the Junior High.

Lori McCrea asked that all players fees are paid in full or players will not be allowed on the ice. This goes for NSF cheques as well.

5. NEW BUSINESS No new business at this time

6. NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be set for November 22, 2006
7:00 pm in the Arena upper Lobby

7. ADJOURNMENT Michael adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.