

**LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY  
GENERAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 20,2006 7:00 PM  
ARENA UPPER LOBBY**

**PRESIDENT** Michael Kartusch x  
**VICE - PRESIDENT** Troy Rider x  
**PAST PRESIDENT** Shelley Bolze x  
**TREASURER** Debbie Barron a  
**REGISTRAR** Tracey Tetreau x  
**SECRETARY** Susan Sargeant x  
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 a  
**FUNDRAISING** Sherri Straub x  
Greg Braat x

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

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

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Others in attendance were: DeeDee Penner, Donna Williams, Edwin Woodrow, Fern Penstone, Graham Parsons, Cynthia Campbell, Ted Bennett, John A. Douglas, Lara Fodor, Nicole Phillips, Dave Webster, Michelle Underwood, Cameron Milne, Sandy Jardine.

**1. Welcome and approval of minutes.**

Tim Timmons wanted a mistake in the minutes amended. The mistake being Ken Fordyce named as Midget Director, when in fact Ken Shirreff holds this position.

**Tim Timmons moved that the minutes from the Spring General Meeting be approved after the amendment. Lara Fodor seconded. Carried.**

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

- **Rebels Game** The game was very well attended. Dollar figure not in yet. Both teams were pleased and will come again. Calgary being quite happy with the blowout. Thanks went to all the volunteers for all their help. Also to Dwight Baird for spearheading the project. All seemed to go smooth and easy. LMH plans to host the Rebels next season.
- **Outdoor Rink** Sandy Jardine and Michael met with the Lacombe Recreation and Culture Board to discuss snow removal. No plan of involvement in the snow removal was achieved at this time. LMH is wanting floods on Wednesdays and Fridays and just a minor patch job of the ice on Mondays. DB Bobcat could be asked again to do the job. In return LMH would put his logo on the website.

More corporate sponsors are needed if LMH were to purchase their own ice re-surfacing machine. The idea being the town would provide manpower and storage. The town took the position that there was no storage space available and LMH should talk to the CUC about sharing a machine. Sandy suggested approaching a private business for storage. Sandy might have a business lined up. Boyd has a lead on a used machine that might be purchased for \$4000. More sign board sponsors are needed. The initial cost is \$500 and \$250 every year after. LMH is

looking for support not money. This information was passed along to Town Council to discuss. Tim suggested contact with the NHLPA for funding. They are overextended at this time but LMH could be placed on a waiting list. Tim could monitor the progress of this and is wanting LMH approval to pursue.

**Al McKinstry moved that LMH allow Tim Timmons to investigate possible grant money from NHLPA. Sheldon Kuhn seconded. 0 opposed Carried.**

Further discussion.

**Tim Timmons moved to write a letter of thanks to DB Bobcat for his commitment to clearing of snow from the Outdoor Rink for the upcoming season. Alvin Peck seconded. 0 opposed Carried.**

Sandy said more shovels are needed for the outdoor rink. LMH went through 6 shovels last year. He will talk to the equipment manager.

- **Pictures** At the last executive meeting two local photographers made presentations. Both presentations were good and photo quality was quite good. Cheryl Law will not be charging LMH. Each family will receive an order form and will look after payment for their photos. Discussion followed. Topics discussed were increased price of Memorymate, onus on the parent for payment, monies budgeted for this, increases also in refs, North Central, Hockey Alberta. More discussion.

**Donna Williams moved to continue on with the pictures this season as already budgeted and re-negotiate the desision.**

Following more discussion a new motion was made.

**Shelley Bolze moved to pay Cheryl Law \$8 per player to make one team photo per player and the player to pay for any additional fees as long as Cheryl agrees, for this season. Fern Penstone seconded.**

Discussion again followed the motion, key points being past poor quality of photos, not all can afford, \$15 not unreasonable price, photos viewed online. Cheryl could receive \$2500 guaranteed up front. Fern volunteered to help set up teams for their photo-shoot. **Vote 20 in favor 6 opposed 7**

**abstained**

(Chad, Mark, Michelle Underwood, Tom, Darin, Ted Bennett, Darryl)

**Lori McCrea moved that we take the picture issue back to the Spring General Meeting to vote to see if we want the LMH Association to pay for team pictures. Edwin Woodrow seconded. 31 in favor 1 opposed (Susan Sargeant) 0 abstained Carried.**

- **North Central General Meeting** Michael and Troy attended last Saturday. Initial team placement for LMH teams are: Atom with 3 teams in Tiers 1 - 3 - 5  
Peewee with 3 teams in Tiers 1 - 3 - 5  
Bantam with 2 teams in Tiers 2 - 4  
Midget with 3 teams in Tiers 1 - 3 - 5

At the meeting a motion was approved for teams Atom to Midget in Tiers 3,4 and 5, to cease from playoff style and go to a tournament format. Female playoffs were not discussed at the North Central meeting. Contact North Central if wanting to host a playoff tournament. Discussion followed on pros and cons of the format: what if no host steps forward, maybe an issue as Tournament of Champions could be

same time.

Only Managers, Coaches, and Directors to fax Pre-season scores to Nick Taylor for movement of Tiers. Scoresheet to have tier number and team name on them. Information will be posted on website. A DVD was shown on the new rules for the season. All teams are to view this. Everyone should know the expectations. Everyone's support is needed. Troy said there will be Zero Tolerance for hit to the head and hit from behind. All updated rules to be posted on the LMH website.

- **Coaches Clinic** There were problems in the past of people not attending after signing up. Coaches need to attend. LMH will host a Hitting Clinic. Coaches pay up front and submit receipt to LMH for reimbursement. Michael to post info on web.
- **Timekeeper / Scorekeeper Clinic** With all the new rules this season, people working in the penalty box need to have sufficient knowledge. It could be a stressful year if people in the box are not familiar with the clock. Michael will be organizing clinics for Atom and up. Discussion on more penalties, longer games, scoresheets.
- **Travel Permits / Special Events Permits** Troy will be in charge of these permits this season. Travel permits are needed for tournaments outside of Zone 4. All scheduled North Central games outside of Zone 4 don't need permits. Special events permits are required for on-ice activities (ie. Parents and kids game, bring a buddy) and off-ice activities (ie. Conditioning, bottle drives) Please give Troy advance notice if needing a permit.
- **Christmas - Arena Closed** Arena will be closed to LMH from December 24 to January 1. It will reopen on January 2. Some ice may be available for private use during this time. Contact the Town on this.

### 3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER - Debbie Barron -absent -Final dollar amount of Rebels game money is in the works. Lori had no financial records ready at this time.

REGISTRAR - Tracey Tetreau - Numbers are up to 316 players. 195 are tiered.

Initiation - 33 + 1 coming

Midget - 53 47skaters 6goalies

Novice - 45

Atom/Peewee Female - 14

Atom - 53 47skaters 6goalies

Bantam Female - 10

Peewee - 56 50skaters 6goalies

Midget Female - 18

Bantam - 33 29 skaters 4goalies

Will be A category this season. Discussion followed on Imports. Key points being: is LMH taking imports, HAB looking at Provincial category by division instead of blanketing as now done, players not imports if no team in their town.

Lots of discussion. LMH has lost players to AAA hockey. Imports may be needed to fill our teams. Tim Timmons asked Is LMH being hypocritical if allowing our players to go elsewhere but not allowing others to come in. Sandy Jardine voiced is opinion that LMH should be trying to put a team in Tier 1 in every division. If LMH says no to imports the association could suffer. With 195 players now, taking imports could push LMH into AA. Not all divisions would be competitive in AA.

Years ago LMH already had 204 of own players so took imports because we were already AA. Fern said in the past parents were upset with bubble players getting bumped back because of imports, and this was not right.

**Sandy Jardine moved that we leave the import decision up to the**

**Executive once we get clarification from Hockey Alberta on numbers for next year. Donna Williams seconded.**

**0 opposed 3 abstained Carried.**

Abstained: Michelle Underwood, Lori McCrea, Alvin Peck

EQUIPMENT MANAGER - Chad Kanngiesser Chad reported that all is well. Locker keys will get out to coaches next week.

COACH MENTOR - Barry Mackenzie Barry reported that coaches may go to a clinic in Calgary on October 28. This is free to the coaches and is a good team building activity. Will get info out to the coaches on this.

SPONSORSHIP - Lori Hellofs absent Everything all right. Money is coming in. Michael said LMH is still looking for Web sponsors. There are 3 confirmed. Cost is \$750/year. They will have their name and/or logo on Website for the season. There are 8-9 confirmed team sponsors. Just down 1 team. Chad voiced his opinion on Tim Horton's sponsorship of Initiation jerseys. Maybe losing other sponsors that could have own name on jerseys and getting advertisement. Small discussion.

CONCESSION - Sherri Straub Sherri reported that the concession will be open during try outs. Sales up from last year. Potentially hiring 2 students. Fern said there was a concern with cold hot chocolate. Maybe go to urns next year to solve problem.

GAME / CONDUCT - Ken Fordyce Nothing to report. All is well.

REFEREE IN CHIEF - Darryl Krakowka Ref clinic to be held Sept 30 - Oct 1 Times will be posted on the web. Michael will get posters put up in the Junior and Composite High Schools. Also new official abuse posters will be put up in rink. Young referees must be 12 years by September 15. Thanks to Sheila Beierback for volunteering to take on position of Lower Referee Assigner. Darryl said Dave Webster has volunteered to come out and do any presentation for teams. In his opinion it will be a hard year for new officials with all the new rules this season. There is a video for coaches to see and then have meeting to discuss. A referee will attend. Refs are down 6% from last year. We are trying to retain refs for next season. Will do all we can to keep them.

TOURNAMENT CHAIR - Lori McCrea Michael will get dates to Lori so she can set up. The timeline will be same as last year with a few changes. Initiation / Novice tournament is moved up 1 week. Tournament dates will be posted on the web soon.

FUNDRAISING - Greg Braat License is in. Getting tickets soon. Ordered a few more books. May be asking businesses to sell tickets. There is no restriction on who can sell them.

#### **4. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

INITIATION - Mark Beierback Teams done on Monday. Just need coaches.

NOVICE - Darin Gill Started picking. All good for coaches.

ATOM - Gord McLennan absent All 3 teams done.

PEEWEE - Deb Salmon/Sheldon Kuhn Have 50 players. Will have 3 teams. 5 goalies Coaches lined up.

BANTAM - Al McKinstry Have 2 teams. Will be picked by this weekend. The A team has a head coach. B team still needs head coach.

MIDGET - Tim Timmons 53 players registered, 5 goalies. Have 5 players in Red Deer. One still in AAA tryouts. Are looking for more players and coaches.

FEMALE - Greg Braat Have 14 Atom/Peewee, 10 Bantams with maybe 2 more from Ponoka, 18 Midgets with maybe 1 more from Sylvan  
Females don't have any interest in hosting their own tournaments. Michelle Underwood said with no interest from the Bantams and Midgets, the Atoms/Peewee felt that they couldn't do it on their own. Once the tournament ice is turned back, the Females will not get it back. Lori asked if it would revert back to the Bantams as these two groups are to alternate from year to year. Al said there is no interest from the Bantams to host a tournament as they will have two small teams this year. Makes it hard. Tim said he could not commit to taking the ice for a Midget tournament until discussed with coaches.

**5. NEW BUSINESS** Donna suggested Finances could be approved at another General Meeting.

**6. NEXT MEETING** Michael to set up and get info out

**7. ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.