

**LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY  
EXECUTIVE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2006 7:00PM  
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  
**BOOKKEEPER** Lori McCrea x  
**EQUIPMENT MANAGER** Chad Kanngiesser x  
Kevin Frank x  
**TOURNAMENT CHAIR** Lori McCrea x  
**ICE CONVENER** Tom Fisher a  
**CONCESSION CONVENER** Sherri Straub x  
**SPONSORSHIP** Lori Hellofs x  
**FUNDRAISING** Sherri Straub x  
Greg Braat x

**COACH MENTOR** Barry Mackenzie x  
**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 a  
**NOVICE** Darin Gill x  
**ATOM** Gord McLennan a  
**PEEWEE** Sheldon Kuhn x  
Deb Salmon x  
**BANTAM** Allan McKinstry  
**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 7:05 pm.

### **1. BANTAM IMPORTS**

LMH has an Import issue at the Bantam level. There is a lack of players at this level. LMH has lost some to Bantam AAA teams in Red Deer and Stettler. As well some others have quit playing hockey. There are some imports trying out, but can only stay with LMH if they make the top team.

Michael reported that he did not have enough information at the last meeting to follow through on the import issue. Since then he and Troy have attended a meeting in Caroline and got more information. This season if imports are taken at the Bantam level it will affect the Bantam division only. There are currently 191 tiered players registered this year including 2 imports. Next season LMH would stay at the A level based on this seasons numbers. If taking imports at Bantam level this season, it would push the top team to AA.

The Bantam division is lacking in numbers this season. There are currently 2 Clive players trying out for the top team. LMH has already sent import goaltenders home. Troy has information on paper for anyone wanting to read. It states numbers this season affect next seasons category. If the Bantams keep the 2 Clive imports it will be communicated to the coaches of that team that they will be AA level. Boyd said the coaches are well aware of this and are just looking for bodies to fill the teams, and so far only one of the Clive players had made the top team. Michael has put word out that LMH is looking for more players at the Bantam level.

Discussion followed. Tim asked the number of skaters. Tracey replied 26 without imports. Boyd asked if the second import could stay if no team in Clive. Boyd suggested the Clive team could be registered out of Bashaw or Blackfalds so the second import could stay in Lacombe.

Shelley said taking even 1 import would better the whole team. The By-laws state LMH can accept imports on the top teams only. 3 for Bantam and 5 for Midget. The rule was changed about 3-4 years ago. Past minutes will have to be read to find the amendment. Tim said if the coaches and director had no problems it is a non issue. Shelley said LMH could not open it up and take all imports. It would take away from other associations leaving them with a lack of players and/or teams.

Chad said LMH should open up and accept any and all imports. Take anyone that wants to come.

Shelley said most have gone to Red Deer to try for AAA. There would be a lack of ice if taking too many. Boyd said tell players if coming to Lacombe, they have to bring ice time with them.

Tim asked if it was feasible to obtain the second import. Do we need a General meeting to decide or change this. Shelley said the only way would be to call another General meeting to decide this. Boyd said in order for the top teams to be competitive in Bantam and Midget they have to take imports. Since all other imports have already gone home Tim conceded that it would be a tough season for the Bantams and Midgets.

Ken interjected that teams should forget about Provincials and concentrate on League play. A provincial championship is really not that meaningful. Tim questioned if this should go to another meeting or leave it as is if there are enough for teams. After much discussion it was decided that things would be left as is and could not be changed without taking it to a General meeting.

## **2. ATOM TEAMS**

Other issue is numbers at Atom. Atom teams are picked. There are presently 3 teams of 17, 17 and 20. As some executive is new, directors didn't know teams could only be filled to 19. Some people have questioned why not go to 4 teams and give players more playing time. A repercussion of this is upsetting parents and kids if teams were to be adjusted. Some players on the top team would be shifted down to B. Then in turn some B's to C, and so on.

Discussion on pros and cons of this. Shelley said years ago there were 2 equal lower teams. This did not work as there was too much competition causing problems on the school grounds. It was then decided by motion that LMH would tier from top to bottom. More discussion on how complete smaller teams would be, smaller teams would allow more playing time for kids,

Shelley suggested a letter be drafted and an Atom meeting be called to help this situation. Explain to the parents that it was an oversight on the executive part as many are new and this is a learning year for some.

Lori McCrea brought up Novice kids playing on the Atom team. Should a request have been sent to the executive in writing. Michael said that players can try out as underage and if good enough to make the team can stay on the top team. This would have been an executive decision to allow underage players to tryout. Lori questioned if Atom numbers were already high why did LMH allow underage players to tryout. Shelley said these players were in the top 6 or 7 while being evaluated and deserve to be on the team. If there is available ice and coaches for 4 teams LMH should go with this.

**Chad Kanngiesser moved that LMH make 4 teams instead of 3 at the Atom level for the 2006 - 2007 season. Tim Timmons seconded.**

Discussion followed . Troy had met with the coaches directly and got their support in the matter. Ken Fordyce was wondering what discussion was going on behind the scenes as he had not heard anything of this issue. Deb Salmon said a few Atom parents attending the General meeting had issues but did not come forth to speak. Troy said in the end smaller teams will be better for more playing time. Deb suggested that Troy help Gord through this process.

**Vote 15 in favour 0 opposed 2 abstained** (Lori McCrea, Sherri Straub)

## **3. PEEWEE TEAM**

There are 2 Clive kids registered in Peewee. Deb has asked Clive Minor Hockey if having a team. She has yet to receive a reply. The teams are picked and consist of

A 17 and 2 goalies  
B 16 and 1 goalie  
C 17 and 2 goalies.

Teams were done this way because of affiliation. If the 2 kids were sent home Clive might have a

team. A letter has to come from the President from Clive stating that they will have a Peewee team.

Michael said there is also a player living in Blackfalds but will be moving to Lacombe Jan 31. He is wanting to play in Lacombe. He cannot play here unless he lives in town. Sheldon has been in contact with his family and he may be moving to Lacombe in October now. Shelley said he has to play in Blackfalds until he moves to Lacombe. The Clive and Blackfalds players are currently on the A team.

Sheldon said the kid played in Red Deer last year and was released because he was moving to Lacombe. Shelley said the Blackfalds player has to go back to Blackfalds until he is a resident of Lacombe. LMH needs a parent declaration signed stating that he has moved. Michael will call the parents on this issue. We will have to just wait and see if Clive has a team.

**4. ADJOURNMENT** Michael adjourned the meeting at 8:42 pm.