

**LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY
EXECUTIVE MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2007
ARENA UPPER LOBBY**

PRESIDENT Michael Kartusch x
VICE - PRESIDENT Troy Rider x
PAST PRESIDENT Shelley Bolze x
TREASURER Debbie Barron a
REGISTRAR Tracey Tetreau a
SECRETARY Susan Sargeant x
BOOKKEEPER Lori McCrea x
EQUIPMENT MANAGER Chad Kanngiesser a
Kevin Frank x
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 l
CASINO Sandi Gouchie a
REF IN CHIEF Darryl Krakowka x
LOWER ASSIGNER Sheila Beierback a
UPPER ASSIGNER Darryl Krakowka x
INITIATION Mark Beierback x
NOVICE Darin Gill x
ATOM Gord McLennan a
PEEWEE Sheldon Kuhn a
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 7:10 pm.

1. WELCOME AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES Michael welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. **Darryl Krakowka moved to accept the minutes from the last executive meeting as presented. Lori McCrea seconded. Carried.**

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Michael Kartusch

- **Awards Night** The Lacombe Upper Elementary Gym has been booked for the evening of April 4. Last year it was held at the Lacombe Junior High Gym, but it is being used this year for Parent/Teacher Interviews. Shelley Bolze stated that maybe the date should be changed as there could be a conflict of players wanting to attend awards night, but having to attend interviews. Michael would look into changing the date. Maybe for the 11th of April. Information will be pasted on. Troy is to look after getting the information for the trophies.
- **Rebels Game** This has been set for Friday September 14 at 7:30 pm. Not sure of the opposing team. It could be Calgary again. Edmonton has also shown an interest in playing the Rebels.
- **Provincial Fee** Teams going to Provincials are to pay a \$200 fee to Hockey Alberta. Last year three teams did not pay so LMH put up the cash. After a team qualifies to go LMH cuts a cheque for \$1000 for that team. The Provincial fee is to come out of this money. This money should be presented when the team signs cards at Provincials. Shelley said all teams receive information on this when they receive their Provincial package. Lori said it must be made clear that the fee is to come out of the \$1000. Mick will be on top of this to be sure it gets done.
- **Coach Evaluation** Tom suggested getting information out to the coaches. Mick said forms will be put on the website for people to fill out. There will be a hard copy circulated as well. Information gathered could be summarized in a data base for the coaches to learn from. This info is also used to help with Coach selection. Discussion

followed. Tim asked how long the forms were kept. Mick replied that he had 4 years worth. They were used by the directors for coach selection. Troy asked if 5 years were enough to keep this info. Mick said once a data base is up and running it will be easy to keep track of. Shelley suggested the information should be shared with the coaches at the end of the season. It was also suggested to do an evaluation at midseason. Tim asked if the Coach Mentor will review these forms. Mick replied that the info will be forwarded to the Mentors after they are reviewed. Troy is to take care of this.

- **North Central Meeting** Mick and Troy attended this meeting on January 27. A lengthy discussion of 4 hours was held on the comparison of Tournament Playoff Format vs. Regular Format at that time. It was to be a test pilot this season with 2 or 3 divisions going with tournament style playoffs. Midget Tier 4 is hosting a tournament format. It is up to the division governor to figure out what format to go with for playoffs.

With a few more incidents this year, fan problems were also discussed at this meeting. Troy said it was stressed at the meeting that it is up to each Association to deal with unruly fans to

Associations were asked to take a poll on tiering. A preseason tiering tournament could be organized to get tiering done in a timely manner. Shelley said this was suggested several times in the past. It is a good idea but has never done before. Troy said this approach could have pros and cons. One disadvantage being placed in the wrong tier and being slaughtered every game. Shelley asked Mick how much movement of teams this season after tiering. Mick replied that it was quiet, with not a lot of movement. Overall it was a good meeting.

- **General Meeting** The next meeting for LMH is the Annual Spring Meeting. Date of this meeting is **March 21, 2007**. Elections for board positions will take place. Anyone wishing to volunteer for a position or to nominate someone, please attend. This will be in the newsletter as LMH needs to fill positions for next season. Please submit any issues to be discussed to Michael. They will be added to the agenda.
- **Newsletter** Mick will be getting this together. He will be sending out an email to every address he has. It can also be viewed on the website.
- **LA Summer Hockey Camp** Tom Bast has been hosting this camp for several years. He is "gung ho" to do it again. Kids like the camp. Mick has registration forms and will be putting up posters right away. This camp takes minimal effort on our part. Registration is taken care of by Tom, as well as filling spots that are still available. It takes place the 4th week in August. This is a good camp to attend and LMH also receives money back from Tom Bast.
- **Referees** Darryl Krakowka talked on the referee issue. Referee numbers are down already, with more refs to quit or move on. Darryl spoke of one association that is lacking refs and has a \$65000 budget to bring in refs from surrounding areas. Discussion followed.
 - Some of our refs could decide to work there instead of for LMH. LMH is lacking in Senior and Midget refs. Mick is wanting a campaign to get and keep our refs.
 - Darryl said Midget refs are quitting because of Coaches yapping. Having an adult ref on the ice with these Midget aged refs makes a difference.
 - Mick is looking for ideas on how to recruit refs before LHM is in dire straits. Darryl is already getting calls from other associations wanting to employ our refs.More discussion on policy of zero tolerance, needing support of everyone involved with LMH, Coach Mentor being involved as well as Game and Conduct.

Shelley asked about the Alberta Development Model. Mick said draw zones were made with some people not liking the new zones. He was asked to make a decision on whether LMH would enter into this. Mick said it was too big a decision to be making on his own.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER - Debbie Barron - absent Lori McCrea reported that things are not looking good. Chad needs to get a bill from High 5 Sports, still to be paid. Blackfalds Ice Rental bill came in. Ice rentals are way over budget. Tom said there should be a credit from ice that was turned back from Blackfalds.

REGISTRAR - Tracey Tetreau All quiet on this end. Nothing to report.

ICE CONVENER - Tom Fisher There was unused ice Feb. 9,10,11. It was to be tournament ice for Female. They turned back earlier. This was 14 hours unused. It had been offered to the Bantams and Midgets but no one wanted it. Mick said it was asked if LMH could separate Initiation/Novice so each could have their own tournament. Discussion decided it was too much work for little money. Mick suggested a deadline should be implemented for the return of tournament ice.

EQUIPMENT MANAGER - Chad Kanngiesser/Kevin Frank Kevin asked that teams get their equipment back for the end of March, in a CLEAN AND ORDERLY manner.

COACH MENTOR - Barry Mackenzie - absent Nothing to report.

SPONSORSHIP - Lori Hellofs - absent Nothing to report.

CONCESSION - Sherri Straub Sherri reported that everything went well this year. There will be problems next season as Vanessa will be leaving her position as Assistant Supervisor. The concession needs to be open for Hockey camp. Carol has her regular summer employment and is not available for this. Shelley suggested to put it out to tender. Discussion followed with key points being:

- Mandatory parent hours as other associations do.
- Your team on ice, your parents in concession.
- No concession means a raise in fees.
- Putting concession out to tender.

The concession brought in \$5000, used to make \$10000. Lori said LMH rents the concession from the town and would need their input on tender. Mick said this would be a General Meeting item. Lori also reminded Mick that the budget for next season would need to be set before the GM. A meeting would be set up to discuss this.

GAME AND CONDUCT - Ken Fordyce Nothing to report.

REFEREE IN CHIEF - Darryl Krakowka Darryl reminded everyone to contact refs early with lots of notice for playoffs. Tom does not cancel refs when teams cancel ice. Teams have to cancel their own refs if not needed.

- There was only one game this season with a missing official, as compared to 5 last year. Any problems should be sent through the directors to the executive.
- North Central recommends that refs be 13 years old. LMH goes with 12 being the youngest. Lori asked how much older the refs need to be. Darryl replied refs should be 2 years older than the players, with linesmen being 1 year older. Should be 1 division higher.

TOURNAMENT CHAIR - Lori McCrea Tournaments all done. Monies are in.

FUNDRAISING - Sherri Straub/Greg Braat Three players had to be suspended this year for unsold tickets and non-payment of lottery funds. It is a nightmare to collect money, this year worse than last year. Troy said all responsibility should not be on the Fundraising Chair. It should be shared by the directors, managers and team reps.

Fees could raise up \$50 per player if LMH members are not selling Lottery tickets. Tim said this is another GM issue. Sherri reminded that there are still extra tickets to sell. Cash only.

4. DIRECTORS REPORTS

INITIATION - Mark Beierback All is well.

NOVICE - Darin Gill Going well. A little rougher this year. Everyone happy. No complaints.

ATOMS - Gord McLennan - absent All well. No real issues.

A team - 1 win away from going to Provincials.

Lori reported everything was fine with her team.

PEEWEE - Sheldon Kuhn/Deb Salmon - absent

A team - To play Wetaskiwin to go to Provincials.

B team - Playing Eckville.

BANTAM - Al McKinstry - absent All is good. Rough season.

MIDGET - Tim Timmons Good season overall.

Tier 1 - 10 16 season. 2 games to play. Won the first 2.

Tier 3 - 6th place out of 11. Out of Provincial contention.

Tier 4 - 2nd place out of 11. Bye in the first round. In second round.

Out of Provincial contention.

FEMALE - Greg Braat

Peewee - Not in Provincials. OK season.

Bantams - Have only 4 wins. With a rookie goalie, doing well.

Midgets - Will be going to Provincials in Lethbridge, March 16 - 18.

Midget manager Graham Parsons asked about the Red Deer Bantams and Midgets playing in the same division. He questioned why they do not play each other. Greg reported that the Red Deer Peewees and Bantams are doing the same thing. Mick said he would look into this and follow up.

5. NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be the General Meeting. Meeting date set for March 21, 2007.

6. ADJOURNMENT Mick adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm