



**LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

LACOMBE SPORTS AND LEISURE COMPLEX
5210 - 54 AVENUE
LACOMBE, ALBERTA

December 3, 2012 at 7:00 PM

Trevor Jevne called the meeting to order @ 7:09 PM

PRESENT:

Jacki Talsma

Kari Pilote

Lin Luymes

Jacqui Rider

Josh Smith

Dave Davidson

Trevor Jevne

Kathy Pallister

Natalie Broderson

Les Richardson

Cam Penstone

Jeff Heindel

Becky Ramsay

Darin Gill

Thalia Hibbs

Troy Rider

CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY

Trevor Jevne occupied the Chair and Jacki Talsma acted as Secretary of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Reviewed last meeting minutes from the October 1st, 2012 meeting. Josh Smith made a **motion to accept** the minutes as presented. Troy Rider **seconded** the motion. **Motion carried.**

BUSINESS

Initiation Director

- The former Initiation Director was asked to leave the meeting while discussing Item 3.1 on the agenda. When she questioned why she had to leave the meeting she was told because the discussion was regarding her but was welcome to return after the discussion.
- Trevor informed the Operating Committee that the former Initiation Director was asked to step down as Initiation Director recently. Some of the reasoning was because the evaluation process was not carried out correctly as per LMH Evaluation Process. There were a total of nine evaluations to be done during the process and only two were handed in at the end of evaluations. As well, the players were identified by name on the evaluation sheet when they should have been non identifying. Team selections were also not done properly. There were no team selections with the head coaches. The teams were divided and posted on the website and then the coaches were contacted afterwards. As well, we believe that the teams are not divided equally according to their skills as there is one team that has more 2nd year players on it than any other team. There were also other issues with the ice allocation between teams where there is inefficient use of ice for the initiation level as they are using one practice per team for full ice practices.
- The Executive called a parent meeting with the initiation parents to explain what was happening and this was not well received by a group of the parents. It was a very hostile meeting.
- Thalia Hibbs raised some questions in regards to the process of letting a Director go of their duties. The entire Executive was involved in the decision minus Jason Bessette, but he was invited to the meetings. There were attempts made to discuss with the former Initiation Director beforehand but after some communication by email, she informed the Executive that she would not be able to attend the meeting.

- Hockey Alberta has been contacted by a group of Initiation parents. A letter writing campaign to Hockey Alberta has been started by this group of parents.
- Currently Trevor has been overseeing the Initiation Director roll. One other parent stepped forward and offered to oversee the duties if no one else volunteered. Thalia Hibbs has said she would take over the duties of Initiation Director for the remainder of the season.
- **Motion made** by Trevor Jevne that Thalia Hibbs step in as Initiation Director for the remainder of the 2012-2013 season. **Seconded** by Les Richardson. **Voted and all in favor.**

Lacombe Recreation Board

- Not known if anyone applied for the position on the Lacombe Recreation Board. There will be a selection made at their December meeting. We will leave item on the agenda for further discussion in 2013.

Midget Incident

- Trevor to discuss with Les after the meeting.

Apparel

- All apparel has been placed in team lockers. Ball caps are still to be coming and should receive shortly. If there is loose stitching, items may be dropped off at Classic Stitches and they will redo the item.
- Pictures have arrived this week and will be distributed. Sponsor pictures will be arriving and are to be hand delivered to your sponsor. LMH would like a picture taken of it being delivered to the sponsor.
- We have a bunch of old apparel that Trevor will send out a list to everyone on what the item is and the sizes. We would like to give these items out to some deserving families or players. If you know of anyone, please respond to Trevor's email.

New Players/Late Registrations

- LMH is in need of putting together a process or policy for new players starting the season after tryouts have been completed. There is no process for how to place a player if they come to our association if they have moved to town or if they are being released from their home association. We need a process to follow in the policies and guidelines.
- How do we accept new players? Who makes the decisions to accept new players? What happens when teams are full? Where are they placed on teams?

Goalie Clinics

- LMH has been approached by Scott Gelenza to run goalie clinics and training for our association. Gelenza had been involved with Red Deer Minor Hockey and Thrive Hockey School. He is offering his services for \$75/hour plus a \$25 travelling fee. Trevor discussing if LMH would cover all or ½ of these costs for our goalies.
- Les discussed that this is a good idea for goalie mentoring. As a coach, it is hard to have practice plans for goalies when most coaches have never been a goalie. So how do we develop our goalies if coaches have no idea how to coach a goalie.
- Directors to contact the goalies in their division to see how much interest there would be. We would like to see a coach/parent attend the clinics as well so they could see the drills and skills for the goalies. Looking at having Gelenza attend once or twice a month for the next few months. Jacqui Rider has been contacted for ice times available.

- **Motion made** by Dave Davidson for LMH to cover costs of goalie clinic up to twice a month for the duration of the 2012-2013 season. Cam Penstone **seconded** the motion. **Voted. All in favor.**

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

PRESIDENT – Trevor Jevne

- Trevor to inform us of the outcome of his meeting with Hockey Alberta concerning the dismissal of the former Initiation Director as the Initiation Director.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Jason Bessette - Absent

REGISTRAR – Lin Luymes

- All teams have been approved. LMH is the only association in our zone that is all approved! Good work Lin!
- Lin encourages teams to use their affiliated players.
- By December 15th need to decide for provincial qualifying. If you decide to be in provincials there may be fines if you withdraw your name after the draw. Association will be banned for next year.

SECRETARY – Jacki Talsma

- Nothing to report

TREASURER – Kari Pilote

- Nothing to report

PAST-PRESIDENT – Jeff Heindel

- Nothing to report

DIRECTORS REPORT

INITIATION – Thalia Hibbs

- Tournament invites have been done.

NOVICE – Thalia Hibbs

- All good. Tournament is full.

ATOM – Kathy Pallister

- Atom has welcomed 2 new players.
- C Team is full. B Team welcomed both new players.
- A Team went from Tier 1 to Tier 2 and is well matched in Tier 2.
- Atom A has a bid to host provincials.

PEEWEE – Dave Davidson

- Tournament on January 4th to 6th is ready to go.
- Feel teams are tiered correctly and team are doing well.

BANTAM - Darin Gill

- Both teams in tough tiers but competing well.

MIDGETS – Les Richardson

- There have been couple disciplinary issues.

FEMALE – Tom Fisher – Absent

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUNDRAISING CONVENER – Natalie Broderson

- Everything running smoothly. Received Co-op gift cards.

SPONSORSHIP – Justin Grabo – Absent

REFEREE IN CHIEF – Josh Smith

- 68 officials available
- Using 3 men per game for Novice and up but have allot of officials in that level.

- Changed up for assignors and dark days. Three days to accept. Turn back – float fined \$2.
- Official made a Gross Misconduct call on a coach for questionable and profane language. There was an incident in the alley way to the dressing room for the ref.

TOURNAMENT CHAIR – Deanna Zunti - Absent

ICE CONVENOR – Jacqui Rider

- Unused ice available during tournament.
- Rink is closed over Christmas. Only open on December 29th for a tournament. Closed from December 24th to January 1st.

UPPER REFEREE ASSIGNER – Anita Brown - Absent

LOWER REFEREE ASSIGNER – Cam Penstone

- Atom Tournament this coming weekend. Still finding officials for open spots.

GAME AND CONDUCT – Mike Kozac - Absent

COACH MENTOR – Jason Petrie – Absent

SOUTH CENTRAL MINOR HOCKEY LAEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE – Troy Rider

- Reviewed the No Shaking Hands Policy – Shaking of hands is not permitted with players or the referee officials. \$500 fines will be given plus a coach suspension if there is proof that this is not being followed.
- Game sheets must be filled out correctly and submitted by 9 a.m. the next day or fines will also be given.
- Question brought forward as to how a 4 minute head contact penalty is to be entered. Is it to be entered as two 2 minute penalties or like other 4 minute penalties. Troy will clarify with South Central so all division are entering correctly.
- Selections for All Stars are to be in by this coming weekend.

NEW BUSINESS

- None to report

ADJOURNMENT

Josh Smith made motion to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Cam Penstone. Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM.

TREVOR JEVNE, PRESIDENT

EXECUTIVE MEMBER

(Please indicate position and print name)

Next meeting to be held Monday, January 7th, 2013 at 7:00 pm
at the Lacombe Sports and Leisure Complex.