

**LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY  
EXECUTIVE MEETING  
JANUARY 17, 2007  
LACOMBE COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**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 CONVENER** Sherri Straub x  
**SPONSORSHIP** Lori Hellofs a  
**FUNDRAISING** Sherri Straub x  
Greg Braat a

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

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

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Others in attendance were Sandy Jardine, Monica Shields, Tom Penstone, Michelle Underwood, Charlene Oakes, Mike Kozak, Sheri Krall, Leon Heck, Joanne Bilodeau, and Denny Pannenbecker

**1. WELCOME AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Michael welcomed everyone to the meeting. **Sandy Jardine moved that the minutes from the last executive meeting be approved as presented. Chad Kanngiesser seconded. Carried.**

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

- **Rebels Game** Michael was contacted by the Rebels management last week. They wanted to know if Lacombe Minor Hockey was interested in hosting a Rebels game next season. Michael said that it was considered a good fundraiser for 1 evening's work.

**Debbie Barron moved that LMH bring the Rebels back in September for the fundraiser. Sherri Straub seconded. 0 opposed Carried.**

- **Enmax / Rebels Event** Michael has received confirmation that this event will take place on February 20. Everything is good to go with the Atom age group attending. They may be split into 2 groups. One scrimmage and one skills. Discussion on whether it would be inside or out. Michael will check with the Rebels about the ODR. Tom to check with Ringette to consider a change in ice time to make this happen. Sandy suggested there might be more interaction if outside. Troy said maybe both rink and ODR could be used. Debbie said last time half the kids sat while the others skated. Michael to check options. The kids like this event as the Rebels mascot comes and the Rebels players sign autographs.
- **Zone 4 Meeting** Took place Jan. 3. There was a pre-draw meeting where information was presented. Match penalties are up in our zone. There have been reports of physical abuse of officials and people responsible are out for a year. LMH is good with no reports of official abuse. Please treat referees with respect.
- **Affiliation** The deadline for affiliation, Jan 10, has past. Players can play 5 games

with their affiliated team. Anything after the 5<sup>th</sup> game and said player has to stay up with that team. Please mark AP on the game sheet beside players' name.

- **Conflict Protocol** Proper protocol for conflicts is first using the 24 hour rule to cool off. The incident needs to be in written form to be presented. Take the issue first to the team manager, then coach, then to the division director if not resolved within the team. If no resolution after the director involvement it may be presented to the executive in writing. Be respectful of everyone. Hockey is an emotional game. Try to resolve matters within the team. Michael to put on the FAQ section of the Website. Don't phone Debbie Northcott directly, go through Michael.
- **Coaches Clinics** Thanks to the many coaches and individuals that attended the clinics. LMH hosted a clinic for Speak Out, Safety, and Checking. They went well with about 14 - 17 people attending each clinic. A few people from out of town attended as well. At the Zone 4 meeting they stressed the importance of Coach Certification. Coaches that are certified but have lost or misplaced their cards please contact Michael.
- **Coaching Grant** Rick Maclise had spoke to Michael about a grant for Coaching development. To get form in February. Will pass on information that might be beneficial to LMH to Michael. Sandy Jardine had spoken to a lady from Millet that had good fundraising info. Their association had sold 50/50 at an Oilers' game. About 60 people were needed and the evening netted them about \$25,000. Deb Salmon suggested the fundraising people check into this.
- **Coach Evaluations / Newsletter** Last year evaluations were done in March. This is too late in the season. The Spring newsletter should be out in March. The Coach Evaluation forms are on the LMH Website for anyone to access. It stays confidential. Discussion followed.
  - Tom questioned if the forms are ever shared with the coaches. It could be used as a tool to help get better coaches and help coaches get better. Some parents wonder if anything becomes of this info.
  - Mike Kozak said a number need to be returned for this to be useful. Maybe all info could be compiled to share the good and the bad with the coaches. Tom said its up to the manager to get the info out to all parents about the evaluation form and stress that everyone fill it out.
  - Michael suggested that the coaches be evaluated halfway through the season. Any feedback is good. Deb Salmon said not everyone reads the LMH Website. Maybe put Newsletter out midseason. Tom said most people have email and managers could send info straight to each player and parent.
  - Other discussion was about the possibility of accessing all divisions game schedules on the Web without going to each individual team site. Could there be a master schedule with all games somewhere on the web? Some people want to attend other teams games without the fuss of looking up each one. Monica asked if a link could be set up so each managers info entered goes to the individual teams site as well as the whole.

Lori McCrea questioned if a motion was needed to apply for the grant.

**Deb Salmon moved for LMH to apply for the Coaching Grant. Debbie Barron seconded the motion. 0 opposed Carried.**

Everyone was reminded to turn in receipts from clinics and courses for reimbursement.

- **Awards Night** Each year LMH holds an Awards Night with players from Atom to

Midget attending. Last season it was held on April 5 at The Lacombe Junior High School Gym as the LMC is still under renovation. This season it will be held on April 4 possibly at the LJHS gym again.

### **3. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

TREASURER - Debbie Barron Nothing to report. Lori McCrea brought the report. Discussion followed on the job of the treasurer. Deb Salmon asked why the treasurer never had anything to report. As there is a job description for that position, Deb Salmon was wondering why Debbie Barron had nothing to do. Lori McCrea replied that the responsibilities of the treasurer changed when LMH decided to hire a paid bookkeeper. No one on the LMH executive can hold a paid position. Lori was hired as bookkeeper but LMH still retained a treasurer in name only. Deb Salmon suggested that a meeting be held to discuss a new job description for the treasurer. Maybe some of the responsibility can be moved back to the treasurer to alleviate some of the bookkeeper's workload. More discussion on updating some policies. Lori McCrea reported that LMH was down a little in revenue. In higher levels the player numbers are down. In lower levels the player numbers are up.

Sherri said there are still lottery books to sell. Last year 240 books were ordered. This season 300 books were ordered. LMH will have to pay out about \$15000 if the remainder of these books are not sold. Books are sold and returned in Feb. so it gives the cheques time to clear. Sherri said to get the word out that there are still books to sell.

REGISTRAR - Tracey Tetreau absent Michael reported that the player cards will be coming soon. Lori said there is a delay and teams need to take a photocopy of the cards when they go to play their playoff games.

ICE CONVENER - Tom Fisher Tom reported that there is only 16 hours of unused ice to date. He thanked Deb Salmon and Peewee coaches and managers in helping to fill empty ice slots. Michael said LMH is charged the Minor Hockey rate per hour for the first 50 hours of unused ice. After 50 LMH has to pay the full adult rate of \$112 per hour. Discussion followed. Please check the LMH website frequently for available ice.

EQUIPMENT MANAGER - Chad Kanngiesser Chad had recently attended an auction. He got lots of equipment to be used for next year. Chad reported that LMH has lost 1000 pucks this season. Kids aren't returning pucks but keeping them as the concession no longer gives candy for their return. Discussion followed on options to fix this. It was suggested that the puck freezer be moved up to the locker room. Sherri said in the past each player had to bring their own pucks to practice. Chad said LMH should go back to giving out candy for puck returns. Chad to look after the move of the puck freezer and the removal of the no candy sign. Troy asked Chad if Initiation and Novice could get pucks as they have never been given any for the season. Chad also reported that some Members of the County Office talked to Members of the Town Office and the town will now be flooding the ODR. LMH does not have to purchase a zamboni.

COACH MENTOR - Barry Mackenzie absent

SPONSORSHIP - Lori Hellofs absent

CONCESSION - Sherri Straub Sherri thanked the Initiation and Novice parents that worked in the concession during their recent tournament. Michael asked how the revenue is. Sherri said can't really tell till closer to the end of the season. Things good.

GAME AND CONDUCT - Ken Fordyce No problems

REFEREE IN CHIEF - Darryl Krakowka absent Michael reported that there was nothing pressing. Are getting some feedback. Are having monthly meetings to voice

problems. Tom asked if refs do coach evaluations. Michael said there are a few minor problems. It's a respect issue. Michael said they are working with the younger refs. The numbers are up a bit. More refs are needed, the door is always open for anyone. Lacombe refs are traveling to Sylvan and Stettler to work at games. Mike Kozak said the younger refs are doing well when they ref for his team.

TOURNAMENT CHAIR - Lori McCrea Lori reported that all the tournaments are done for the season. Money has come in from two teams. Initiation and Novice money still to come in. Michael said the Tournament of Champions is moved up a week. There was discussion on Playoffs for Tiers 3 to 5 going to tournament format. Some players will be gone and teams can't attend playoffs due to short numbers. It is ridiculous that teams have to pay to attend playoffs. Michael said it was originally to be a pilot trial for some divisions and somehow got spread across the board. It will be on the North Central Meeting agenda for the January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

FUNDRAISING - Sherri Straub/ Greg Braat Already addressed earlier.

#### **4. DIRECTOR REPORTS**

INITIATION - Mark Beierback absent Troy reported that they had their tourney. Made lots of money. Lots of positive comments.

NOVICE - Darin Gill absent Michael reported that they were winless.

ATOM - Gord McLennan Gord reported that three teams are making a run at Provincials. Doing well.

PEEWEE - Sheldon Kuhn/ Deb Salmon There are some new players.

Denny reported that in Tier 1 they are very competitive. 11-13- 7 Won own tourney. 1 player out with a broken leg. Congratulations go out to Myles Peck and Freark DeVries for qualifying in the Skills Challenge Final in Calgary.

Leon reported that Tier 2 is fairly decent. 13-11-1 First overall.

Leon had some beefs that he wanted known. Some involve safety issues. Leon will submit all issues to Michael and he will go to the Town to address them. Discussion followed. The C team finally had a goalie coach come out to help. Moving along, having fun. Tier 4 is very competitive.

BANTAM - Al McKinstry absent B team lost coach. Michael reported that there was an unfortunate turn of events for the team. They were scheduled to play in Camrose for the Hockey Day in Canada. The game was to be filmed and televised. Somehow both Peewees and Bantams got booked for the same slot. The decision went to the Peewees to retain the slot.

MIDGET - Tim Timmons absent Tim sent a report for Michael to read at the meeting. Low numbers in the division with injuries were further reduced. Movement between teams allow play. All 3 teams are going into playoffs. An issue of 1 front practice all year continues to be a concern for all three teams.

A team Tier 1 Somewhat challenging 5w 10l Many close games. Have brought up 2 players on a permanent basis.

B team Tom Penstone reported that the team is in the middle of league. 7-5-1 in league 8-2-0 in exhibition. Having fun.

C team moved to Tier 4 Having an exceptional season 9w 2l

FEMALE - Greg Braat absent

Peewees half the league is strong, other half weak. Issues out of town are refs too young. Have had good exhibition games. Good chance at Provincials.

Midgets play Red Deer for Provincials. Go to Invermere in January for tourney. Good.

#### **5. PROVINCIAL PLAYDOWNS** All teams not involved left at 9:00 pm.

Michael read through the guidelines. It was important that each team know. Everyone

worked together with Tom and each other to pick and swap game slots, so that each team involved had two reasonable game slots to offer to the opposing teams.

**6. NEXT MEETING** The next meeting is set for Wednesday Feb. 21 7:00 pm.

**7. ADJOURNMENT** Michael adjourned the meeting at 9:24 pm.