

**LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY
OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 22, 2007 – 7:00PM
ARENA UPPER LOBBY**

PRESIDENT Troy Rider x
VICE PRESIDENT Gord McLennan x
PAST PRESIDENT Michael Kartusch x
TREASURER Sherri Straub x
REGISTRAR Lin Luymes x
SECRETARY Susan Sargeant x
BOOKKEEPER Lori McCrea a
EQUIPMENT MANAGER Sheldon Kuhn a
Kevin Frank a
TOURNAMENT CHAIR Deb Salmon a
ICE CONVENER Tom/ Diane Fisher x
CONCESSION CONVENER OPEN
SPONSORSHIP Shawn Leggett a
FUNDRAISING Lin Luymes a

COACH MENTOR Barry Mackenzie x
GAME AND CONDUCT Chad Kanngiesser x
REFEREE IN CHIEF Rick Plante x
LOWER ASSIGNER OPEN
UPPER ASSIGNER Rick Plante x
INITIATION Mark Beierbach x
NOVICE Darin Gill a
ATOM Bruce Willetts a
Debbie Barron a
PEEWEE OPEN Gord McLennan x
BANTAM Lisa Otto a
MIDGET Larry Riep a
FEMALE Sandi Gouchie x

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

Troy called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Others in attendance were Robin Weltz, Sam Atsinger, Michelle Underwood and Trevor Underwood.

1. WELCOME AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES Troy welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. **Gord McLennan moved that the minutes from the last meeting be approved as presented. Mick Kartusch seconded. Carried.**

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Troy Rider

- **Lower referee Assigner** This position is still open. If anyone is interested in this post please contact Troy.
- **Ice Return Policy** Please review the return policy to be sure it is understood. Copies were handed out at the Manager's meeting. Ice is valuable and we cannot afford to waste it. Be sure to turn back ice that is not needed.
- **Referee Scheduling** When teams pickup or cancel games the referee assigner needs to be contacted so they can schedule or cancel refs. Tom needs to be contacted also so he can reschedule ice. Teams must review their schedules and email Tom/Diane on Mondays.
- **Bentley/ Clive Update** Clive has no Bantam or Midget teams this season. LMH gave players an opportunity to come to Lacombe to play and they chose not to.
 - Bentley is fielding Initiation, Atom and Bantam teams.
 - The Initiation is all Initiation age.
 - The Atom team is Novice/ Atom split and are registered in the Red Deer House League as an Atom team.

- The Bantam team is Peewee/ Bantam split and are registered with North Central in the Tier 3 Peewee League.
- Our top Bantam team is registered as “AA” level as they have an import player from Bentley. This does not affect any other division. They all remain at “A” level.
- Category is reviewed on a year to year basis.
- The executive met to approve another Bentley player to remain on the second Bantam team. He has played here for 8 years and wanted to stay this season.
- **Gaps in Schedule** Some schedules are posted. Many are not. There are some problems. Tom had to leave for a short time. Prior to going he approved all schedules. Everything was reviewed and sent to Nick. Nick neglected to take care of this.
 - Problems will delay schedules for most Tiers. There are lots of problems that keep compounding.
 - Tom said it is essential for managers to review your weekly schedule to be sure it is correct. Teams that have no schedule yet, should contact their governors and put some pressure on them.
 - Troy said teams need to compare three different sites to get the complete information, North Central, Lacombe Minor Hockey and Governor. Please continue to communicate with Tom.
- **Female Numbers** Player numbers are down for Atoms. There were not enough to field an Atom Female team. Some Atoms went to Blackfalds or Ponoka. The rest went back to boys’ hockey. Peewees went up to fill the Bantam team. LMH is looking for ideas on how to energize and entice girls back to hockey. We would like to see lots of kids out to play. Next season maybe to have a Female Hockey Day to generate new members.
- **Monthly Meeting with Town** Troy will set up a monthly meeting with the town to address complaints or issues needing attention. Some items that could be discussed:
 - Flooding after all practices
 - Rink improvements
 - Female dressing room – this is a Hockey Alberta and Hockey Canada mandate
 - Timekeeper bench
 - Handicapped parking stall for back ice
 Please email Troy with problems and concerns that need addressing.

Discussion followed on defibrillators and first aid courses.

Troy had met with Calvin to discuss safety concerns after an incident and a letter in the Globe. There should be basic first aid supplies (ie. First aid kits, blankets) available for both front and back ice surfaces.

- Rink attendants only have basic first aid training.

- Team manager or coach is responsible to make the call on what action should be taken, if an injury should occur.
- If a neck or back injury is suspected, Do Not Move, but wait for ambulance attendants.
- Make person more comfortable until help comes.
- Responsibility falls on the Coach to look after the players.
- The Coach is the on-scene commander until he delegates authority to someone else.
- Rink staff is to take direction from the Coach only.
- Walkie talkies are used for communication, one rink attendant is to remain on the ice surface, the other becomes the runner for supplies, to direct ambulance attendants if needed, etc.
- If an ambulance is needed, the Coach or manager is to call, not the rink attendant.
- Directors and managers need to get information out to coaches.
- **Outdoor Rink** Several people have been donating time to get the rink ready. They have been fixing screws. Someone questioned who is responsible for maintenance. Mick said we need the original agreement on how it was set up to handle the situation. DB Bobcat donated the clean off time to clear the snow. The rink should be up and running in a few weeks.
- **Ice Helpers** All assistant coaches on the bench or ice must be registered and carded with the team. Each team can card 5 team officials per team, free of charge. Any above the five is the responsibility of the team to pay the \$20 fee each, to have the additional persons carded. (ie trainer, stickboy, waterboy.)
 - For kids under 18 – This is fully supported and LMH wants this, but they again need to be registered and carded to that team and must be in full hockey gear on the ice.
 - Make sure after filling out registration on-line; have coach contact Lin or Troy to fully register the person.
 - Neck guards are mandatory for all players.
- **Coaches Clinics** LMH hosted a Speak Out clinic on November 17th. It was attended by only 8 persons, as confirmation date came late. Troy attended and said the instructor was great. He had been a Police Chief in Valleyview and had 22 years of experience. He was a wealth of information. He is actively encouraging all parents to attend a clinic to gain information.
 - The Safety Clinic was cancelled due to low numbers.
 - There must be someone from each team that has Safety and Speak Out on the bench at every game. This can be the same person or 2 different people.
 - Coaches of Peewee must have Checking Clinic Certification as well. This is a onetime clinic in Lacombe. If missing this session coaches must find one elsewhere to attend.

- Novice and higher coaches need certification. Information will be posted on the web.
- Checking Skills clinic will be held on Dec 15 and will be a full day.
- **Hockey Alberta Deadlines** Lin is taking care of carding this week. Affiliation has to be done by Dec 15th.
 - Before Jan 10th, players can play as many games up with their affiliated team, as they are available for.
 - After January 10th, games played up will be counted and they can only play 5 games up and still return to their own team. After playing more than 5, the player must stay up with the affiliated team.
 - Coach Certification must be done by December 31. There will be no clinics offered anywhere, after this date.
 - Registration and release deadline in January 10th.
- **Team Pictures** Team pictures will be done this week for Sponsors. They will be saved by photographer for memorymates in the New Year. Individuals will be taken in January upstairs in a controlled environment. Please keep eyes and ears open for following dates.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER – Sherri Straub Sherri reported that Lori has Income Tax receipts to hand out. Signing authority needs to be changed at the bank.

REGISTRAR – Lin Luymes Nothing to report. Lin was thanked for all her hard work in getting us up and running.

ICE CONVENER – Tom Fisher Tom reported that there is already 13.5 hours of unused ice. This is a little trend coming with Midget. He is booking open ice until January. November and December are already filled.

- When booking, priority will be given to Alberta Winter Games playoffs, then League games, and then Provincial games.
- Tom cautioned to be careful when cancelling games, as it will be tough to reschedule them.
- A fee should be identified to be charged for unused ice. The adult rate is \$120 which is enforced after 50 hours.
- Sherri said there needs to be a drastic repercussion for teams not paying for unused ice, traced back to them.
- Troy said we should look at getting a proposal together on this.
- There was discussion on solutions.
- Sherri said there was a rumour about free ice available for someone to host Provincials. Tom said there may be.
- At the Spring General meeting, a request could be put in with the Town, for ice to host Provincials. Maybe every other year.
- Because of ice repairs, there will be no ice in August. With no ice, this means no Hockey Camp in Lacombe this summer. The directors of the camp were approached by Blackfalds. LMH may lose the camp to Blackfalds, as there may be a contract signed for 2-3 years.

- The Town is saying there will be no ice until mid-September for the Rebels game. Tom will continue to follow up on these issues.

EQUIPMENT MANAGER – Sheldon Kuhn/ Kevin Frank absent

COACH MENTOR - Barry Mackenzie absent

SPONSORSHIP - Shawn Leggett absent LMH received a cheque from Fountain Tire.

CONCESSION – Sam Atsinger Sam reported for Carol. 2 people have been hired.

- The best price she found for a back window cash register is \$600.
- The concession was slow during the tournament. She tried new menu items for the tournament and will be keeping some.
- There are some problems with one of the student workers, missing money, hands on hair while serving, refusal of service to some players, use of teeth to open some items. It was decided to let this student go.
- The executive gave the OK to purchase the cash register.

GAME AND CONDUCT – Chad Kanneisser absent Not too many issues

REFEREE IN CHIEF – Rick Plante Rick has recruited 40 plus officials, with 12 adults. There are 6 Level II officials, and 4 Level I officials. There are also 19 Level I officials that are aged 12, 13 and 14. Rick is quite excited with the positive numbers, the challenge now being to get them all working.

- Support has been great from local teams. Respect level is down from visiting teams.
- Officials will still get paid if there is no game that they have been assigned to. Please get information back to assigners if cancelling games.
- Discussion followed on penalizing teams not cancelling refs, or no shows. More discussion on fees, policies.
- At the Peewee tournament, the ref rooms were being taken over by female players needing a dressing room. This problem of no female room needs to be rectified.
- A lower ref assigner is still needed to help out.

TOURNAMENT CHAIR – Deb Salmon absent

FUNDRAISING – Lin Luymes Lin reported that we are still waiting for approval to go through for the cash lottery.

Troy had been approached by someone with a fundraising proposal. Some teams will be doing this as a pilot project this season. There was discussion on draw tables, tournament guidelines, tournament receipts.

4. DIRECTOR REPORTS

INITIATION – Mark Beierbach All is well. No complaints yet.

NOVICE – Darin Gill absent Doing well. Really even with many ties. Very competitive.

ATOM – Bruce Willetts/ Debbie Barron absent Mark reported that the Tier 4 team attended a tourney and got beat badly.

PEEWEE – Vacant (Gord McLennan) Everything pretty good. A few to out of town tourneys. Very successful home tourney. Had good feedback from tourney. Having fun.

A team in contention for Winter Games against Red Deer.

Were given guidelines to follow at tournament planning. Deb will pass on these when other divisions are planning their tourneys.

The Pee wee Director position is still vacant, Gord is just filling in until someone new is found.

BANTAM – Lisa Otto absent The top team is “AA” category this season.

They win some and lose some. The Bantam tourney will be in January.

MIDGET – Larry Riep absent A team is doing well. B and C are doing well also.

FEMALE – Sandi Gouchie It is very disheartening to disband the Atoms and Pee wees. There is someone from Red Deer College wanting to promote girls hockey and may be wanting to set up a workshop. Maybe do bring a buddy to generate interest. Sandi gave thanks for finally getting a 3-man system at the Midget Level. This is a good move.

5. **NEW BUSINESS** No new business
6. **NEXT MEETING** The next meeting will be set for January 10, 2008.
7. **ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.