

**LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY  
OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2007 – 7:00PM  
ARENA UPPER LOBBY**

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

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

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

Michael called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

1. **WELCOME AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Michael welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. **Tom Fisher moved that the minutes from the last meeting be approved as presented. Kevin Frank seconded. Carried.**
2. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Michael Kartusch**
  - **General Meeting** The Fall General Meeting will be held on October 11, 2007. This will be Mick's last meeting as President. We will be electing a new President at this time. Anyone interested in this position can put their name forth and attend the meeting.
  - **Rebels Game** The Rebels game held as a fundraiser on September 14, was once again successful. Revenue was a little less than last year. Thanks was given to everyone who helped out with this project. We now have a To-do list for future use and are good to go for next year.
  - **Pictures** Photograph sessions will be getting organized next week. Mick will be talking to photographers next week. All families are responsible for payment of their own photos.
  - **North Central** Troy reported information from the meeting. Troy presented timelines for all tiers. Ice times for divisions have to be in to North Central by September 25. LMH teams for the season will be:  
4 Atom in Tiers 1,3,5,5            Atom/Peewee Female  
3 Peewee in Tiers 1, 3, 5        Bantam Female  
3 Bantam in Tiers 1,3,5        Midget Female  
3 Midget in Tiers 1,3,5  
LMH will still be A category for this season.
  - **Clive / Bentley / Blackfalds** All these associations have small numbers in the Midget divisions as well as Lacombe.

- These associations are all doing their own thing. Discussions should take place to see where the situation will go in the future.
  - These associations are against dissolving their associations. Solutions have to be found.
  - A meeting date will be set for associations to discuss future plans.
  - Each association should form a committee of 3-4 people to meet to discuss an overall vision and plan for the future of Minor Hockey in Lacombe County.
  - This will be a slow process as Clive is not sure.
  - Blackfalds is all ready to discuss and move forward.
  - Solutions can be found to keep all players playing and to utilize all rinks in the most efficient way.
  - This will be a big undertaking to implement. It could take 2-3 years.
- Discussion followed. Items discussed were kids not playing because of no team, wasted ice. Blackfalds is happy with their Bantams and Midgets coming to Lacombe and are certainly willing to move forward.

Bentley will attend the Zone 4 meeting on Tues. Hockey Alberta feels that they need to support Bentley in re-establishing their association. A discussion will happen which will impact our teams as some of our current players live within the Bentley boundary.

- **Coach Meeting / Manager Meeting** Barry will set up a Coach meeting for the first week in October. Meetings went well last year. A Manager meeting will be set up in the first half of October. It will be a quick meeting to make sure all managers are up on policies, permits, cash lottery. Some are first time managers and others have been before so this meeting is just to insure that everyone is on the same page.
- **Travel Permits / Special Events Permits** Permits are needed for out of zone games, tournaments, bottle drives, etc. Go through Troy to get your permits for the time being, but this may change later.

### 3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

**TREASURER** – Sherri Straub This year LMH will be taking care in keeping track of payments and pledge sheets. Rules for non-payment have to be enforced. Directors are to make sure kids are removed from the ice if they have not paid. There was discussion on a player in a situation where they cannot pay. Maybe the Kinsmen can be contacted to help them out.

**REGISTRAR** – Lin Luymes Nothing has changed too much. The Bentley situation might send 20 players back to Bentley. 2 Bantams went to AAA. 1 Midget went to 15 year old. There are lots of Midgets back this season. There are about 195 players registered. It is a quicker process with it being done online. Lin needs team lists when all teams are made.

**EQUIPMENT MANAGER** – Sheldon Kuhn / Kevin Frank Kevin reported that some pinneys have been lost or not returned. There are combination locks on lockers for now. The locks are being re-keyed. There will be 3 keys given to each team. A cheque for \$500 is to be received from each team as deposit on the keys.

There are 4 sets of jerseys on order. Pucks, first-aid kits and clipboards will be handed out.

High 5Sports had donated pucks to use for the Rebels game. We will use these now for LMH game pucks.

We went through 1400 pucks last season.

There are a couple of players with the wrong size equipment that will have to be re-sized. There will be some equipment that we will have to get rid of. Mick suggested that items for sale may be posted on the Website.

COACH MENTOR – Barry Mackenzie Barry has talked to all directors and about ¾ of the coaches. LMH is encouraging everyone to fill out the coach evaluation forms. On short notice there is a coaching day in Calgary this weekend. All interested can sign up.

SPONSORSHIP – Shawn Leggett All letters are out to sponsors. There is a name change of IGA to Sobeys. Subway is wanting to sponsor. 6 new sponsors were found for the sponsor boards on the Outdoor Rink.

CONCESSION – This position is still open and needs to be filled. Lori reported on Labour Board Standards that have to be followed by workers of the concession. Sherri said there was one person that might be interested in the Assistant Supervisor position. There was discussion on an oven for the concession, donations, sponsorship, and food items in the concession.

GAME / CONDUCT - Chad Kanngiesser Chad has been working on the policy manual. A copy will be given to all managers. Discussion on coaches pledge form, swearing, and inappropriate behaviour. Troy said the executive should be contacted right away if there are any incidents.

ICE CONVENER – Tom Fisher Tom is waiting on ice times that Blackfalds can offer us. Ice will be very tight this season. Discussion followed on returned ice, rescheduling, unused ice. The ice return policy should be strictly enforced this season.

REFEREE IN CHIEF – Rick Plante Rick is our new Ref in Chief. He has been in town for 7 years. He got back into reffing the last 2 years. He is looking forward to the season and looking for lots of support. He has about 6 younger refs interested. Mick said it is time to look at incentives to get younger kids interested in reffing. Rick spoke more on lack of refs. Discussion followed on the costs incurred for young refs to start out and not seeing a big return after reffing some games. More discussion on waiving fees, meals, ref jerseys.

**Rick Plante moved that Lacombe Minor Hockey cover the clinic cost and zone registration cost for junior officials aged 12 – 17 to be reimbursed after reffing 5 games. Chad Kanngiesser seconded.**

More discussion followed. Rick is to keep track of the 5 games for everyone. Discussion on offering jerseys for sale at the clinic. **0 opposed. Carried.** More discussion on sponsors for refs, shadowing program.

TOURNAMENT CHAIR - Deb Salmon Deb tried to apply for sanction but the Website was down. Wanting to do some switching of dates of two tournaments. The Bantam date currently falls on Teachers Convention and Provincial playoffs are starting then as well. It is a bad time for a Bantam tournament and Deb would like to switch dates with Initiation/Novice.

**Deb Salmon moved that Lacombe Minor Hockey switch tournament dates between Initiation/Novice and Bantam. Lisa Otto seconded.**  
**0 opposed. Carried.**

FUNDRAISING - Lin Luymes Lin reported that Sherri had sent in the form for the Cash Lottery.

**4. DIRECTOR REPORTS**

INITIATION – Mark Beierbach absent

NOVICE – Darin Gill absent Debbie reported that Novice had a free skate

ATOM – Bruce Willets/Debbie Barron A and B are picked and there are coaches in place for both. Bruce will recruit a coach for the C team. Everything moving right along. We will be staying with 4 teams at Atom.

PEEWEE – Gord McLennan absent Mick reported that all is going well. A team is picked and coaches are mostly in place.

BANTAM – Lisa Otto Have had 2 skates. Will have 3 teams. There is nothing official on coaches but there is interest. Have 5 ice times next week.

MIDGET – Larry Riep absent Mick reported that LMH has had talks with Clive about their kids coming to town to help fill our teams. We may have 3 small teams but they will be good teams.

FEMALE – Sandi Gouchie There are some issues to figure out. Short in Atom/Pee wee/Bantam numbers. There is a Bantam age girl wanting to move to Midget. Pee wee and Bantam might have to make one team.

**5. NEW BUSINESS** None at this time

**6. NEXT MEETING** The next meeting will be the Fall General Meeting to be held on October 11 at 7:00pm in the Arena Upper Lobby.

Gord popped in to report on the Pee wee selections. The A team will be done tonight, the B team this week and the C team will be finalized next week.

**7. ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.