

**LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY
OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 23, 2008 – 7:00 PM
ARENA UPPER LOBBY**

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

COACH MENTOR OPEN
GAME AND CONDUCT Chad Kanngiesser xl
REFEREE IN CHIEF Rick Plante x
LOWER ASSIGNER OPEN
UPPER ASSIGNER Rick Plante x
INITIATION Sam Atsinger a
NOVICE OPEN
ATOM Darin Gill x
Dwayne West a
PEEWEE OPEN
BANTAM OPEN
MIDGET OPEN
FEMALE OPEN

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

Troy started the meeting at 7:09 pm. Others in attendance were Herb Woltjer, Lisa Otto, Gord McLennan, and Sandi Gouchie.

1. **WELCOME AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Troy welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. **Gord McLennan moved that the minutes from the past meeting be approved as presented. Tom Fisher seconded. Carried.**
2. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Troy Rider**

Vacant Positions – There are still quite a few positions still vacant. All positions need to be filled to have a successful season.

Sheldon will tentatively stay on as Equipment Manager. He said it works well to have two people to share a position. There are still some jerseys missing. LMH was \$1500 under budget this season. With the new sponsorship program underway things should go good. Troy will send out notes on returning keys and jerseys. Kevin said Troy should ask teams what equipment they will need for next season.

Red Deer Rebels Game – The game is set for September 12th. Organizers and helpers are needed. LMH has a full plan package with a to do list. A first planning meeting will be scheduled for August. The town has assured us that the ice will be in for this game. Sherri asked about the tailgate party. Shawn is to get an outline plan from Stettler on how they run theirs and we'll go from there.

Lacombe Parade Float – LMH entered a float in the Lacombe Days Parade a couple years ago. The kids had a blast. The parade is set for Canada Day Weekend. Anyone interested in organizing and entering a float can do so.

Early Registration – Early registration starts May 1st. Troy to get information on the Website. Fees can be paid with three post-dated cheques. Registration

cheques need to be dated and will be cashed on June 30th, September 1st and October 15th. Lin said the online form needs to be revamped a bit.

Provincial Categorization Change – They want to break it down by division. Are a little off by numbers. They need to change numbers so all kids can play. It will probably be passed at all levels in June at the Hockey Alberta meeting.

Hockey Alberta Meeting – Provincial Banners are not provided by the Host. Teams attending Provincials have to supply their own banner.

- Lin and Troy to attend a Registration meeting in the fall.
- Zone 4 towns need to step up to host Provincials. Our zone has one of the lowest numbers for hosting. Hosting Provincials takes a lot of planning and volunteers. It will be a whole association project. LMH will secure a weekend in hopes that someone will want to host.
- Peewee Skills Competition will take place December 7th, in Rocky.
- Atom 4on 4 is scheduled for November 8th. Maybe in Sylvan.
- Troy was contacted for the Chevy Jamboree. Needs to be in November – December timeframe.
- Novice Jamboree will take place, maybe in Clive this year.

LMHA Special Events – Troy will be asking the Town for more tournament ice for the upcoming season. It is the Female's turn to host as they alternate year to year with Bantams. A weekend will be set aside for someone to host Provincials and The Initiation/Novice tournament could be split, as it is a huge tournament.

Picture Coordinator – LMH is wanting someone to take this on. If anyone interested please contact Troy. Jody has interest in doing photos again. If using her, she needs to be booked now and will not schedule any other work for this time. All this needs to be set up as soon as teams are picked.

Association Boundary Update (Bentley) – Byron failed to show for a meeting to discuss boundaries.

- Bentley is not willing to change the boundaries. LMH would like the hockey boundaries realigned with the school boundaries.
- Hockey Alberta is taking the stance that there will be no boundary change unless both associations are in agreement.
- There are 12 players from Initiation through Midget that could be affected. LMH wants all kids to play, not be turned off. Players need to be looked at on a case to case basis to be put at an appropriate caliber. Deb Northcott is working with us to help with these issues.
- Sheldon asked about Clive issues. Troy said LMH did everything possible to help the kids play. We did not want to see the kids not play.
- Blackfalds is willing to work with us, Clive and Bentley not so much.
- Troy was approached by Blackfalds about changing boundaries. Troy said it will have to be looked at to see how it impacts us before committing.

Female Hockey Program – Sandi did a presentation for the board. We need the program to grow to be successful.

- One problem is cost. Ringette has lower fees. Players go for the lower fees and then stay in Ringette.

- Discussion followed on pros and cons of Ringette versus Female Hockey. Ringette has lower fees and good ice times. Once we get the players to hockey and do it right, we will keep them.
- Discussion on ice allocation, reduction in fees for younger ages as well as first time skaters. Troy had talked to Rocky, who has initiated a plan that is going well. More discussion on budget and fees, bylaws and constitution.
- Sherri said fees were voted in at General meeting and can't be changed now.
- A Registration session will take place June 18th from 6:00 – 8:00pm.

Alberta Cup – Lacombe has been selected as a potential host site for the 2009 Bantam Tournament. This would take place the last week in April. Lots of planning people would be needed.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER – Sherri Straub Nothing to report.

REGISTRAR – Lin Luymes Nothing to report.

ICE CONVENER – Tom Fisher Troy asked Tom to break down ice usage per division. Everybody should get fair and equal ice. Troy had some teams demanding ice and had this report to show that all had a fair share of ice. This report can be used for next year.

EQUIPMENT MANAGER – Sheldon Kuhn Troy is to get note out about return of keys and jerseys.

COACH MENTOR – OPEN Nothing to report

SPONSORSHIP – Shawn Leggett absent Nothing to report.

CONCESSION – Sam Atsinger Nothing to report.

GAME AND CONDUCT – Chad Kanngiesser Nothing to report.

REFEREE IN CHIEF – Rick Plante Nothing to report.

TOURNAMENT CHAIR – OPEN

FUNDRAISING – OPEN

UPPER REFEREE ASSIGNER – OPEN

LOWER REFEREE ASSIGNER – OPEN

4. DIRECTOR REPORTS

INITIATION – Sam Atsinger Nothing to report.

NOVICE – OPEN

ATOM – Darin Gill/ Dwayne West Nothing to report.

PEEWEE – OPEN

BANTAM – Herb Woltjer volunteered to take position. Herb to talk to Lisa about position.

MIDGET – OPEN Lisa Otto asked about the status of tryout ice. The reply was no ice anywhere else but will have both ice surfaces in Lacombe.

FEMALE – Sandi Gouchie Sandi asked about hanging pictures in the lobby.

5. **NEW BUSINESS** There was a proposal brought forth about acquiring a laptop for the registrar to assist with her job. **Gord McLennan moved that Lacombe Minor Hockey Association spend up to \$1000 for a laptop computer for Lacombe Minor Hockey use. Seconded by Shawn Leggett. Carried.**

6. **NEXT MEETING** This will be set for sometime in August

7. **ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

