

**LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY
OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2008 – 7:00PM
ARENA UPPER LOBBY**

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

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

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

Troy Rider called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Others in attendance were: Leon Heck, DeeDee Penner, Shawna Kachnic, Shelley Bolze, Graham Parsons, Sam Atsinger.

1. **WELCOME AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Troy welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. **Sherri Straub moved that the minutes from the last meeting be approved as presented. Lin Luymes seconded. Carried.**
2. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Troy Rider**
 - **Lower Referee Assigner** - Troy welcomed and thanked Linda Willetts for taking on the position of Lower Referee Assigner. Her help will be much appreciated.
 - **Returning ice, available ice, ref. scheduling** – It is critical this time of year as there are many schedule changes. Contact Tom/Diane and Rick with all your practice and game changes. Please review all schedules and be sure they are correct.
 - **ENMAX Pond Hockey** – This will take place on January 22. The front ice has been booked for this. Members of the Red Deer Rebels will be attending. There will be on-ice activities for 1.5 hours, followed by an autograph session. Hot dogs will be donated, Troy asked if LMH can donate pop and hot chocolate. The cost may be about \$100 - \$150. Discussion.
Lisa Otto moved to spend money to purchase buns and beverages for the Atom players during the ENMAX Event. Linda Willetts seconded the motion. Carried. 0 opposed.
 - **Provincial Draw Meeting** – Troy and Lin attended the meeting. For each team wanting to enter competition, a \$100 fee has to be put up. Sandi asked who would be paying this fee. Discussion.

Shelley Bolze moved that the teams are made to pay the \$100 competition fee for entering into Provincials. Lin Luymes seconded the motion. Carried. 0 opposed.

Round 1 completion dates:

1. Atom A and Atom C2 January 27
 2. Peewee A and Peewee B January 27
 3. Bantam AA January 27
 4. Midget A and Midget B January 27
Midget C has a bye in the 1st round, 2nd round February 10
 5. Female Bantam B and Midget B January 27/ 28
- Coach Certification- Coach certification is needed for Provincial Playdowns. Someone on the bench needs to have it.
 - Team with venue gets to pick the game slot.
 - The winning team gets the white copy of the game sheet. Fax the game sheet and referee report to Sherry Haarstad and send in as well.
 - Lin has all required documents. Get them from her.
 - Troy has copies of all coaches certification if needed.
- **Play Smart Jamboree** – Clive is interested in hosting. There will be on-ice activities, parents booth etc. It is run by Hockey Alberta. Information will be passed on when Troy receives more.
 - **Peewee Denver Game** - Lacombe Peewee A will play the Denver Peewee AA team. This will be in Blackfalds on January 18 at 3:15 pm. Come out and cheer the teams on. Discussion on no advance notice. The Flying Fathers will also be playing on the front ice on Friday January 18.
 - **Peewee A advance to Winter Games** – The Peewee A team has advanced to compete in the Winter Games. Leon Heck sent a proposal that LMH give a \$1000 donation to this team to help with costs. Discussion followed.
Sheldon Kuhn moved that each team that qualifies for the Provincial Tournament or Alberta Winter Games, will receive a maximum donation of \$1000 from the Association. Rick Plante seconded the motion. Carried. 0 opposed.
 - **Outdoor Rink** – Troy met with the Town in November to settle the maintenance issue of the ODR. The Town has taken over full responsibility for maintenance of the ODR. LMH is to pay \$2000 a year for insurance fees. More shovels are needed. Any issues or problems are to be directed to the Town and not to LMH.
 - **Coaches Clinics** – Safety and Checking clinics were cancelled because of low registration numbers. We need people to register early and follow through with attending. Will try again next year, maybe hold clinics every other year. It is important to attend clinics. Someone on the bench needs all certification (Coach, Safety, Speakout, Checking) This can be the same person or different people, but each course must be represented on the bench at all games.
 - **Team Pictures** – A revised schedule was sent out today. There are a few changes to it. February 4 is an open day for teams needing to reschedule.

Troy has left it up to the teams if wanting jerseys/jeans or full equipment. Sponsor pictures are in the concession. They need to be picked up and distributed. There are only 3 teams pictures that need to be redone because of poor quality. Managers are to get lists of team names and numbers together ready for Jodi.

- **Hockey Alberta Meeting** – There will be some changes to goaltender equipment coming. There will be a 2 year grace period for all equipment to be changed over.
 - When suspensions longer than 1 month are given to players they will be suspended from all hockey activities. They cannot ref as well.
- **Casino Night** – Shoppers Drug Mart will be having their Christmas Party on Saturday night. They are wanting 5-6 volunteers to help with working the tables as well as bartending. Anyone interested please contact Lin Luymes.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER – Sherri Straub - Are still waiting for Atom Tournament Cheque to come in. Have also received a \$4500 donation from Encana. Troy had sent a letter asking for a monetary donation. Troy will put a thank you ad in the paper as well as sending them a letter of thanks for their generous donation.

- Troy reported that there will be no summer ice this year. There are ice problems that have to be dealt with.
- The Town has said the ice will be in place for the Rebels game on September 12.
- Following drilling and coring a consulting firm may be brought in to gain information. They may be in the brainstorming stage as to extend the facility or build a new one.
- Lisa asked about securing ice somewhere else for tryouts. Tom will start getting info on what is available out there.
- Troy said there will be no back ice as well as the surfaces can't be run separately.
- Sherri said people are still needed to work in the concession. Please talk to Carol if interested and she will set you up with some days.

Sherri Straub moved to approve the Income Statement as presented. Linda Willetts seconded. Carried. 0 opposed.

REGISTRAR – Lin Luymes – Lin has all paperwork needed for Provincials. She has one set per team. Do not lose them. Players still need to sign backs of game sheets as everything may be checked.

ICE CONVENER – Tom Fisher – Is still waiting to hear back from one team about Provincials. Check the weekly schedule for any changes.

- Gord spoke on the Ice return policy. Had talked to Red Deer for guidelines. Some associations charge full rate for unused ice, some charge double. Stettler is charging some visiting teams as well. Discussion.
- There are 19 unused hours to date. The policy has been on the books for 2 years. More discussion.

Gord McLennan moved to accept the amendment to the ice return policy as noted, effective January 18, 2008. Darin Gill seconded. Carried. 1 abstained.

EQUIPMENT MANAGER – Sheldon Kuhn - Nothing new.

- Had ordered 9 sets of jerseys this season. Lots of pucks.
- Will be working closer with Barry about equipment changes to come.
- LMH has lots of unusable, old equipment to give away for road hockey.
- Sherri questioned the Atoms and Peewees needing new jerseys and not getting them. Sheldon said teams that came forward were give new jerseys. He did not hear from the Atoms or Peewees.
- Troy reported that Shawn is in the process of revamping the Sponsorship Program. He will approach sponsors at the end of the season and then do a follow-up in the fall. Looking to elevate the amount of money donated. Wanting to go with Gold, Silver and Bronze sponsor levels. Teams could have new jerseys every year. This is still in the working stage.
- Sheldon questioned logo changes, colors, jerseys. Will the sponsor get to pick any of this? Feedback is needed before any changes are made.

COACH MENTOR – Barry Mackenzie – Nothing to report

SPONSORSHIP – Shawn Leggett – absent Already covered earlier in the meeting.

CONCESSION – Sam Atsinger – Sam reported that a new supervisor has been hired. All is well except during the Bantam tournament, parents working in concession were not following procedures. Rick said Carol needs to know when practice nights become game nights, so she can book staff accordingly.

REFEREE IN CHIEF – Rick Plante – Rick reported that it has been very busy. Other communities have been asking for referees and Rick will let them go elsewhere to work.

TOURNAMENT CHAIR – Debbie Salmon – absent

The profits from tournament are as follows:

Peewees \$3000 profit, each team got \$800, LMH got \$600
Atoms \$4500 profit, each team maybe \$900
Bantams \$3600 profit, each team got \$900, LMH got \$730

The Initiation/ Novice tournament is scheduled for February. There will be 325 kids attending.

- Discussion on profits, returns to teams.
- Rick asked about a mandate on what to return to LMH and teams. Should there be so much profit.
- Linda said Atom tournament fees charged just covered the refs and ice fees. They had a lot of stuff donated to them. Bruce said other teams like to come to Lacombe tourneys because they are well run.

FUNDRAISING – Lin Luymes – All raffle tickets need to be returned by February 1st. All tickets must be sold. If you are having trouble selling your tickets, someone else on your teams may be able to help you out. Tickets to be turned in, with preferably 1 cheque per team.

Players will be suspended until all fees are paid. Managers, contact Troy if there are individuals that don't want to sell their tickets. He will take care of it.

4. DIRECTOR REPORTS

INITIATION – Mark Beierbach – absent

NOVICE – Darin Gill – All is good. Getting ready for the tourney.

ATOM – Bruce Willetts – 2 teams to Provincial playdowns.

PEEWEE – Gord McLennan – Pretty Good

A team in Prov. Playdowns, B team in Prov. Playdowns, C team going to Alberta Winter Games.

BANTAM – Lisa Otto All is good. AA team in Provincial contention.

At home tourney: AA team won A final. A team won A final. B had a tough go.

Discussion followed on why the top team was pushed to play AA because Bentley has a team registered as Bantam but playing Peewee Tier 3. Lin said LMH had many discussions with Deb Northcott and tried to appeal the AA category. The decision was made by Hockey Alberta.

MIDGET – Larry Riep – absent

A team is doing well. Will be going to Maple Ridge for a competitive tournament. C team is good. Could use a few more players.

FEMALE – Sandi Gouchie All going well.

DeeDee reported that the Bantams are fairly equal. They struggled last year at Peewee. There are 5 Peewees on the team.

Midget – Are doing good. Want a 3 man system for Provincial games. Rick said it is now a mandate for a 3 man system, but will only have 2 man this weekend, short refs. Rick also said co-operation is needed from the coaches on game day, let the refs work.

- 5. NEW BUSINESS** Shelley brought up tournament issues. The town should be approached after the spring meeting about LMH gaining more ice slots for tournaments ie. Midget. Discussion on tournaments.
- 6. NEXT MEETING** The next meeting is set for February 20, in the Arena Upper Lobby at 7:00 pm
- 7. ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 pm.