

**LACOMBE MINOR HOCKEY
GENERAL MEETING
MARCH 18, 2008 – 7:00 PM
ARENA UPPER LOBBY**

PRESIDENT Troy Rider x
VICE PRESIDENT Gord McLennan x
PAST PRESIDENT Michael Katusch x
TREASURER Sherri Straub x
REGISTRAR Lin Luymes x
SECRETARY Susan Sargeant x
BOOKKEEPER Lori McCrean x
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 OPEN

COACH MENTOR Barry Mackenzie a
GAME AND CONDUCT Chad Kanngiesser x
REFEREE IN CHIEF Rick Plante a
LOWER ASSIGNER Linda Willetts a
UPPER ASSIGNER Rick Plante a
INITIATION Mark Beierbach a
NOVICE Darin Gill x
ATOM Bruce Willetts a
Debbie Barron a
PEEWEE 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: Sam Atsinger, Darcy Arnold, Ron Atsinger, Herb Woltjer, Lori Hellofs, Rhonda Schreiber, Graham Parsons, Cam Sissons, Shawn Wager, and Shelley Bolze.

1. WELCOME AND APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

Troy welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Michael Kartusch moved to approve the minutes from the past meeting. Chad Kanngiesser seconded the motion. Carried.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Troy Rider

- Awards Night – This has been scheduled for April 8th at 7:30 in the gymnasium at the Lacombe Junior High School. Plans are finalized and all award recipient names are all in and trophies are being engraved. This is for all teams Atom to Midget. Please be sure all teams are in attendance for this evening.
- Rebels Game – LMHA will once again be hosting the Red Deer Rebels for a fundraising game. The night is Friday, September 12th. A small planning group is needed. The first planning meeting will be mid-July.
- Front ice status – Troy has talked to the town. They have hired an engineering firm to investigate problems caused by permafrost. The ice is to remain out until the long weekend in September. The hockey camp has been cancelled. Calvin is to keep Troy up to date on any changes and all information. Both rinks should be up and running for tryouts mid to late September. Bantam and Midget have no preseason and start with games right off
- LA Summer Hockey Camp – Without Lacombe ice the camp has been moved to the Collicutt Center. All information will be on a link on the Website.

- Online Coach Evaluation - This has been up and running for about two weeks. We have received quite a few in already. This is a good tool for helping with coach selection.
- Team Pictures – Pictures are all done and ready for pickup at Jodi's house. LMHA is looking to get out of handling the organization of team photographs. A volunteer is wanted to take on the job of organizing this. Discussion followed on picture quality, timelines, finding photographers.
- Cash Lottery – All lottery tickets were sold and draws were done. Once again a successful fundraiser. This brings in about \$12000 to the association. This has a direct impact on registration fees as it keeps them down. This is a proven fundraiser and if LMHA is going away from this, a new option is needed for raising substantial funds. Discussion followed on other fundraising options. Sherri and Lin talked briefly on Sobeys Grocery Cards. This could easily bring in \$25000. Can look at start up for next season.

Tom Fisher moved to continue with the Cash Lottery for the 2008-2009 hockey season. Gord McLennan seconded. 0 opposed. Carried.

- Ice Use for 2007/08 Season It has been stressed at every meeting to keep unused ice down. There are 36.5 hours of unused ice to date. This is half of what is was last year. A good job was done in managing the ice. To keep this up there must be good communication amongst all coaches, managers, and ice convener.

3. ELECTIONS 1ST ROUND

President – Tom Fisher nominated Troy Rider (name stands)

Vice President – No nominations at this time.

Treasurer – Sherri Straub volunteered to stay on (name stands)

Secretary – Susan Sargeant volunteered to stay on (name stands)

Registrar – Sandi Gouchie nominated Lin Luymes (name stands)

Equipment Manager – No nominations at this time.

Tournament Chair – Deb is not returning, no nominations at this time.

Ice Convener – Sandi Gouchie nominated Tom Fisher (name stands)

Concession Convener – Sherri Straub nominated Sam Atsinger (name stands)

Sponsorship – Shawn Leggett is interested in staying on (name stands)

Fundraising – Lin is not returning, no nominations at this time.

Coach Mentor – No nominations at this time.

Game/Conduct – Chad Kanngiesser volunteered to stay on (name stands)

Referee in Chief – Rick Plante volunteered to stay on (name stands)

Lower Assigner – No nominations at this time.

Upper Assigner – No nominations at this time.

Directors: Initiation – No nominations at this time.

Novice – Darin is not returning, no nominations at this time.

Atom – Darin Gill volunteered to take this position (name stands)

Dwayne West volunteered to help with this position

Peewee – No nominations at this time

Bantam – No nominations at this time

Midget – Larry is not returning, no nominations at this time.
Female – Graham nominated Sandi Gouchie (name stands)

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER – Sherri Straub - Sherri presented the Income Statement. Discussion followed on the income statement, staff wages, and concession prices.

- Lori does a breakdown of all sales. Profit comes after inventory and final sales numbers.
- The budget was done up a few weeks ago. Administration (ie. Referee assigner, ice convener) has typically paid roles in other associations. In doing the budget, money is set aside if needed to compensate these people for their services.

Sherri Straub moved to approve the 2008 – 2009 operating budget as presented. Sam Atsinger seconded. 0 opposed. Carried.

REGISTRAR – Lin Luymes – Nothing to report

EQUIPMENT MANAGER – Kevin Frank - absent

COACH MENTOR – Barry Mackenzie - absent

SPONSORSHIP – Shawn Leggett - absent Shawn has a new system in the works. More info is to come later.

CONCESSION – Sam Atsinger Sam reported that there have been a lot of problems with staff. The new cash register was a welcome addition to the concession. Some menu item prices should be increased for next year. Carol is looking forward to returning next season

GAME/CONDUCT – Chad Kanngiesser There were a few minor issues this season that are all resolved now.

REFEREE IN CHIEF – Rick Plante - absent Troy read a letter from Rick. It was a busy season with many games being played. He thanked all the officials for their hard work and a job well done. He complimented the Midget age refs. He said the standard of Lacombe refs was near the top in the zone. Fans were mostly well behaved overall. There is still the issue of no female change room that has to be addressed. The ref clinic has been booked for September 27 & 28.

TOURNAMENT CHAIR – Deb Salmon - absent Troy reported that the last LMH tournament had taken place and was a huge success. \$1500 was turned back to the association. All other LMH tournaments were quite successful.

Shelley Bolze asked if we were hosting tournaments at all levels for next season. It was suggested that we be proactive and ask the town to set ice aside for this. Troy will be attending a meeting in April. He will be booking ice for all tournaments. Ice can be returned later if it is not needed.

FUNDRAISING – Lin Luymes Lin reported on a couple of options we have for fundraising. We could go with Sobeys grocery cards.

- There is also coffee sales that individual teams could do. This is directed at schools and sports associations.
- One team sold calendars as a pilot project. They sold 50 calendars. They sold each for \$20 and got back \$10 per. There is information downstairs.

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5. ELECTIONS (2ND Round)

Vice President – No nominations.

Equipment Manager – No nominations.
Tournament Chair – No nominations.
Fundraising – No nominations.
Coach Mentor – No nominations.
Lower Assigner – No nominations.
Upper Assigner – No nominations.
Initiation – Sam Atsinger volunteered to take this position (name stands)
Novice – No nominations.
Peewee – No nominations.
Bantam – No nominations.
Midget – No nominations.

As there were no nominations the third round of elections was postponed.

Ron Atsinger moved to accept the executive positions as filled. Sandi Gouchie seconded. 0 opposed. Carried.

The Executive thus far for the 2008-2009 season is:

President – Troy Rider
Vice President – Vacant
Treasurer – Sherri Straub
Secretary – Susan Sargeant
Registrar – Lin Luymes
Equipment Manager – Vacant
Tournament Chair – Vacant
Ice Convener – Tom Fisher
Concession Convener – Sam Atsinger
Sponsorship – Shawn Leggett
Fundraising – Vacant
Coach Mentor – Vacant
Game/Conduct – Chad Kanngiesser
Referee in Chief – Rick Plante
Lower Assigner – Vacant
Upper Assigner – Vacant
Directors: Initiation – Sam Atsinger
 Novice – Vacant
 Atom – Darin Gill
 Peewee – Vacant
 Bantam – Vacant
 Midget – Vacant
 Female – Vacant

6. DIRECTOR REPORTS

INITIATION – Mark Beierbach – absent

NOVICE – Darin Gill – Good year. All 4 teams were competitive. All teams were even. All things went smoothly.

ATOM – Deb Barron/Bruce Willetts – absent

C team – playing Castor for League Championship.

B team – Won consolation round

A team – Won consolation as well. Lost Provincial draw to Wetaskiwin.

PEEWEE – Gord McLennan Good season. All teams are done.

A team – Got Silver Medals at Provincials in Peace River.

BANTAM – Lisa Otto – absent

MIDGET – Larry Riep – absent

C team – Done

B team – Lost in semis at Provincials in Wetaskiwin.

A team – Won gold at Provincials. Will be playing Ponoka in League finals.

Still have a last tourney in B.C.

FEMALE – Sandi Gouchie

Bantams - Are done. Had a fairly good season. Had a few younger girls.

Midgets – Received Silver Medals at Provincials. Little disappointed not to get Gold again, but had a great season.

Sandi, Sandy and Tom met to discuss promotion of the Female Program. There are enough players for an Initiation/Novice group. There is some interest in Pee wee as well. A side committee was formed to promote the Female Program. Initiation/Novice will play with the boys. They can play in the Red Deer Rec. League.

7. ELECTIONS (3RD Round) Postponed.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Tom said there was less ice as there were more teams. We have to be proactive on the ice return policy and unused ice. Blackfalds is on board for ice rental next season.

Rhonda needs to be reimbursed for a Clive practice.

Shelley asked if LMH was still billing teams at full rate for unused ice. The reply was yes. If teams had ice they were unable to use, get info to Tom and it can still be returned to the town. We have to use up all regular practice ice to the end of March.

Lori asked about the status of the Bentley Boundary Issue. Bentley wants to keep the boundary as is. Troy is to send out info to them. A resolution is needed soon. Discussion followed. This is a loss to the kids. They are the ones being cheated. Our goal is to get a better solution.

9. NEXT MEETING The next executive meeting is set for Tuesday, April 15.

10. ADJOURNMENT Troy adjourned the meeting at 9:00pm.

